

Haunted house to unearth ghoulish exhibits

By Vince Boucher

The large sign nailed to the porch railing reads "Haunted Mansion—Oct. 29-31." The dilapidated house, 331 N. 13th, its paint peeling around darkened windows, presents a foreboding appearance to students who rush by.

Lincoln Southeast High School senior Roy Mueller and several friends are constructing a series of ghoulish exhibits within the house at an estimated expense of \$500. The purpose is to provide a constructive activity for children and an amusing one for adults during Halloween, according to Mueller. Mueller said he doesn't think the house is haunted, though he said many of the squeaks in it are difficult to explain. "I don't like to work there alone at night," he said.

He first became interested in the project when he worked on a similar exhibit for a junior high school. Last year Mueller and some of his friends built a

"haunted house" on the second story of a downtown clothing store. Although publicity for the project consisted of only 30 posters, the group cleared \$300 to use for this year.

For his project, Mueller and others have constructed elaborate exhibits and made several complicated costumed figures. "The realism gives you a sense of self-satisfaction," he said.

Robert Carroll, manager of a dry-cleaning firm sponsoring the mansion, said the house was chosen because it is readily available.

"It wouldn't surprise me if it isn't about to come down," he said.

Stan Linnertz, manager of the property for Johnson Industries, said the house definitely would be torn down in the near future. Despite its condition, he said the community would regret the action later.

Linnertz said the house has been vacant since it

was sold by the Cotner School of Religion in 1971. The school used it for a boarding house for ministerial and foreign students. Offices for Nebraskans For Peace also were housed there between 1969 and 1970. Previous to the school's ownership, the house was a private boarding house for UNL students.

Linnertz also said he does not believe the house is haunted. According to him if it was haunted it might be the ghost of the class of 1926. If Nebraska Wesleyan can have a ghost, the University should be able to have one, he said.

Although everyone involved with the house was hesitant to say that it was haunted, none could seriously deny that possibility. Generations of UNL students have been associated with it, from the raccoon-coat era on. As Linnertz said, "It would sure be an interesting group of ghosts."

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Maybe not, but a computer installed last March by the Lancaster County Municipal Court may make UNL students think twice before ripping up or ignoring city parking tickets.

According to Ken Wade, Lancaster County Municipal Court clerk, the computer has cut the processing time for pick up lists from three weeks to about 20 min. and issues them monthly instead of twice a year.

Pick up lists are a compilation of license numbers of cars with more than five unpaid parking tickets.

Lincoln police are authorized to tow any car, if the fines aren't paid.

However, there is no way to serve warrants on students, because the computer is only programmed with names and addresses of in-county licenses, Wade said.

That's the reason for the pickup list, he said, which is about 90 per cent student-owned cars.

When pick up lists were issued every six months, it was difficult to tow students' cars, Wade said, because drivers were constantly coming and going.

Students would accumulate up to 30 tickets at one time, he said.

Slightly more than half of the cars on the pickup list were towed then. He said he expects this figure to increase.

He said he couldn't say how many students had been affected already by the system since it went into full swing this fall.

Correction...

There was an error in the Oct. 11 issue of the Daily Nebraskan concerning former Vice President Spiro Agnew's resignation. The sentence said:

Agnew's resignation places House Speaker Carl Albert (D-Okla.) as the potential successor to the vice presidency until President Richard Nixon appoints a replacement.

*It should have named Albert as the potential successor to the presidency.

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