

Rape prevention tactics vary with situation

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Screaming is a very effective defense, and catches the rapist off guard, she said.

She noted that a woman may be able to turn ordinary objects such as an umbrella into weapons.

"I would definitely not advise carrying a knife or a gun," she said, "because these weapons can too easily be wrestled away from you and used against you."

She said, "We can't give you a format on what to follow."

It is important to remain calm and try to remember items about the rapist that could identify him later.

A rape victim needs immediate counseling, she said. The victim should call the police at once. Aitcheson noted that in Lincoln there is now a system whereby a policewoman meets the victim at the hospital if necessary, and she takes the whole report

from the victim. The policewoman is in effect the first counselor.

She emphasized that a woman shouldn't blame herself for a rape, and she need not fear public humiliation by reporting a rape because her name is never put in the newspapers.

She urged that legislation be passed to eliminate the humiliation a woman undergoes on the stands in court. Iowa is the only state in the country, she said, that has passed a law saying that a woman's past sexual history cannot be gone into on the stands.

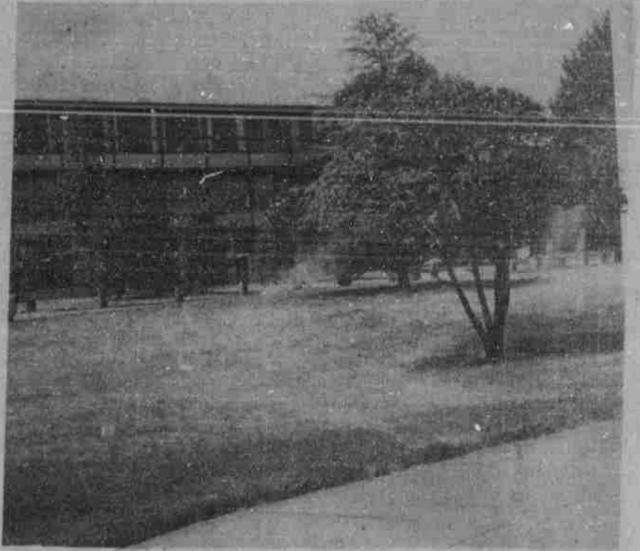
The added humiliation of being cross-examined about past sexual behavior is unfair and prevents women from testifying, said Aitcheson.

There are no more unfounded rapes reported, she said, than there are unfounded reports of other crimes.

In addition, she said that a defendant's past criminal history cannot be gone into on the stands and so it is unfair that a victim's past history be gone into court.

The Women's Resource Center and the Women Against Rape are setting up workshops for women on how to prevent rape. These workshops, she said, will last from 1-2 hours, and individuals or groups may request that a workshop be set up for them.

Aitcheson noted that interested men and women may contact her at the Women's Resource Center or may contact Hamilton at 46602387.



The drought has caught up with the Lincoln campus, causing the grass to burn up (lighter spots in picture) in patches. As in the rest of Lincoln, campus areas may be watered only every other day.

NU lawns burning up

Throughout the University patches of burned grass are

cropping up. Jay Thody, assistant grounds director for UN-L, said that the university "has been working with the city water department very closely."

There were problems at first, he said, because it is hard to put addresses on much of the campus, and so it was hard to determine which parts of campus should be watered on which days.

Lincoln has been in a water emergency for two weeks and residents are expected to water their lawns only on even-numbered days if their addresses are even-numbered, and on odd-numbered days if their addresses are odd-numbered. A fine of \$100 is ordered for those failing to comply with this ruling.

Thody noted that the university problem was worked out by dividing both the city and East campuses into different plots. Those plots are then watered on alternate days, he said.

He noted that the only problem with this system was with the agronomy and horticulture departments, because they didn't wish to stop watering their research plots.

This was settled, he said, because the city had explained that rationing the water was a matter of comfort and survival as far as fire prevention is concerned.

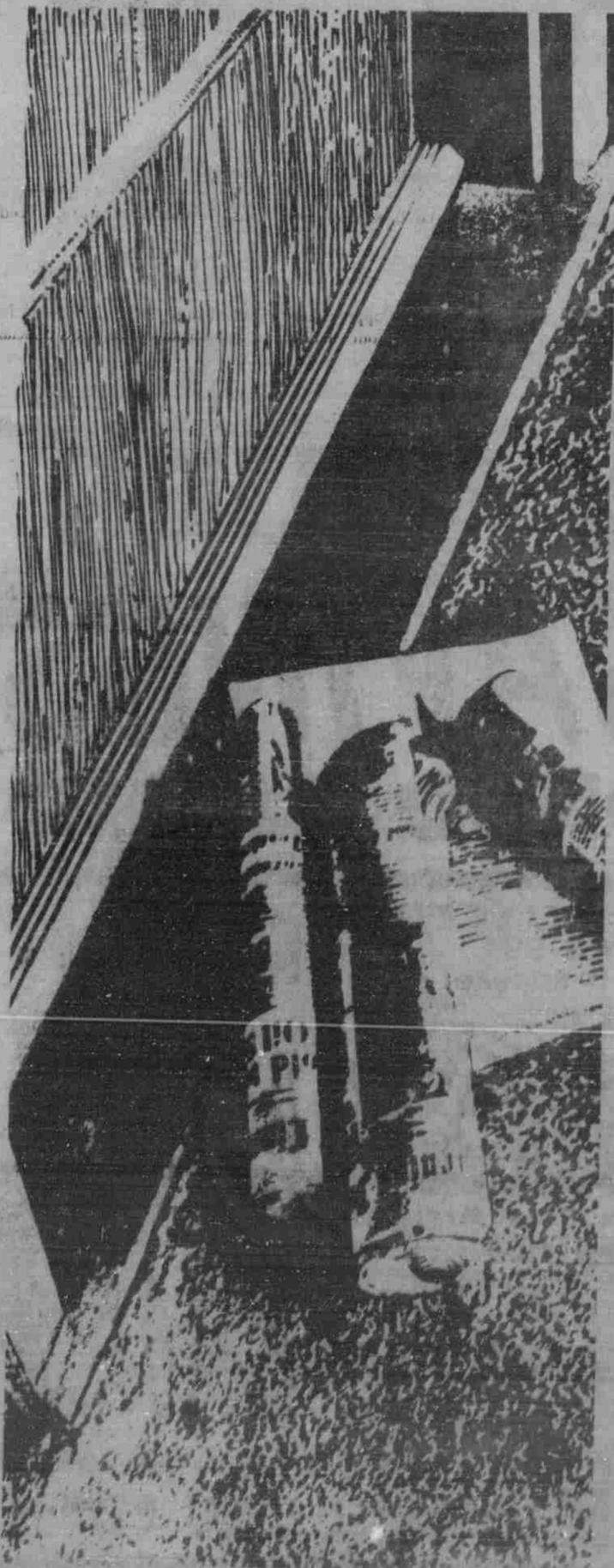
He noted that all the university is trying to do at this time is to maintain the root systems on the grass so that it will grow back when rain falls.

He acknowledged that the grass "looks pretty bad now," but said he didn't anticipate that the lack of water would cause significant damage to the turf.

He said that he was, however, worried about some of the major trees that had been planted on campus. He noted that these trees are expensive to replace, and there may be a small percentage of loss that would not have occurred if there had not been the drought. Five per cent of the new trees may be lost, he said.

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- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed while you're gone.
- Attach a light to an electric timer which will turn it on and off at fixed hours.
- Let your neighbors know you're gone and ask them to keep an eye on your house.
- Lock all doors and windows.

Take time to check crime.