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## Talk till your plant turns green

If you have a plant that won't grow, maybe it needs a little less water and a little more stimulating conversation. People who work with plants may have different opinions, but they do agree that plants are more than decorative inanimate objects.

Al Kammerer, who works at Sum of the Parts plant store, said he advises customers to realize that plants are living things.

"People have several senses," Kammerer said, "while plants have only one and respond to things by way of feelings." He said plants are sensitive to insults, which are hard on plants and affect growth.

Kammerer said plants can sense things such as loud noise or loud music. Kammerer does not advise his customers to talk to their plants.

Recently there has been work done by scientists who connect plants to lie detectors. The plants register discomfort when brine shrimp are dropped into boiling water, according to Eric Daves, UNL associate professor of botany.

Boiling shrimp emit a substance that is a

major plant hormone, and induces an electrical response, he said.

Daves said plants have no emotions but do perceive things.

"Plants have no nerves, muscles or brain," Daves said. "Light and dark, up and down, electricity and gases in the atmosphere are all things plants perceive," he said.

"Plants respond to sound by absorbing it," Daves said. He said talking to a plant is probably beneficial, not because of the talking itself, but because the plant can sense a human's presence.

"Anyone who cares enough about the plants to talk to them will do other things to take care of them," Daves said.

Chris Johnson would not agree with Daves. The Greenfingers employe said plants respond to attention and talking to plants helps. Johnson said she has seen instances where talking to a plant has helped it grow.

"I don't advise customers to talk to plants," she said. "Talking to plants is a personal thing. You show the plants how you feel by the way you take care of them," she said.

## Two booklets prepared to help students looking for apartments

By Lisa Brown

UNL students planning to rent an apartment or house may want to read two booklets, one prepared by the UNL Housing Office and the other by the Student Legal Services Center, about common problems students encounter and possible solutions.

The Student Legal Services bulletin, to be released next week, includes a copy of a new Nebraska law, the Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, and tips on leasing an apartment or house. Dave Rasmussen, Student Legal Services attorney, compiled the 13-page booklet.

Rasmussen said the new law, which applies to all leases entered into after July 1, 1975, defines many rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants, lists clauses that shouldn't be in a lease and provides penalties for certain landlord-tenant problems.

Up to now few Nebraska laws addressed these problems, he said, and the courts usually made the decisions in individual cases.

#### General information

Rasmussen said the booklet will provide general information to students who plan to rent or who are renting now, and is not meant to serve as legal advice. Students should still seek legal advice from the center if they have any problems, he said.

The Student Legal Services Center handles about 30 to 40 cases a month involving renting property. During April they had more than 40, he said.

To avoid personal problems and legal difficulties, Rasmussen suggested that students not rush into signing a lease, but should examine the apartment, and talk with neighbors and previous tenants to see what problems they may have had.

Students should shop around for an apartment and when they find one, "they can bring the lease into the Student Legal Services Center for us to read and see that he or she is

getting what he's bargaining for," Rasmussen said.

The tips for renting apartments and houses prepared by the Student Legal Services Center, facts about food budgeting, the average costs of Lincoln apartments and hidden costs in renting are included in a four-page housing booklet compiled by Marie Hansen, coordinator for residence hall programs. The booklet should be released next week.

#### Hidden costs

Information concerning the average cost of Lincoln apartments and hidden costs in renting was compiled by a housing task force earlier this year. It listed costs such as garbage removal, bed linen, cleaning supplies, ironing board and electrical appliances that students might have to purchase for apartment living.

The report lists the average costs of apartments, as randomly sampled on Feb. 23, 1975, as: two or more bedrooms, furnished, \$165; two or more bedrooms, unfurnished, \$175; a one bedroom (the majority of those sampled were furnished), \$130, and a one-room efficiency, \$100.

Most unfurnished apartments in the report were larger with more bedrooms, which accounts for them appearing more expensive than furnished apartments.

Hansen said the booklets will be distributed next week by residence hall student assistants to students moving out of the halls, and are available to anyone at the housing office.

Another service to students moving out of the halls is a list of off-campus housing, she said although none has been checked out by housing.

The Student Legal Services bulletin will be available at their office in the Nebraska Union, Rm 334, next week. The bulletin will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis until more copies can be printed during the summer, he said.