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## Group home project breaks ground

By Mary Louise Knapp

Construction of 10 group homes for mentally retarded citizens in Lincoln officially began Thursday afternoon with a ground-breaking ceremony at the site of one home.

The group homes are a project of the Association for Retarded Citizens Housing Development Corporation of Lincoln. The project is funded by direct loans from the Department of Housing and Urban

Lincoln Mayor Roland Luedtke, one of the speakers at the ceremony at 39th and L streets, said the group home project exemplifies ideals he supports.

"The (mentally retarded) individual is not isolated, but active and integrated with society" as a result of the group home plans, he said.

"It is another example of public and private ownership," Luedtke said. He said the project is one of the largest of its kind in the country.

Rep. Douglas Bereuter of the 1st Congressional District also spoke at the ceremony. He said the group homes represent a "new community commitment" to Lincoln's mentlaly retarded citizens.

The homes will help the mentally retarded in their "personal realization of the American dream," Bereuter said.

Another elected official, Lt. Gov. Donald McGinley, said the need for homes other than institutions for the mentally retarded is beginning to be realized.

The group homes will be managed by the Lancaster Office of Mental Retardation. The LOMR office will determine who will live in each house and will maintain the homes. It also will hire, train and supervise staff and will work to develop good relations with neighbors.

Five people will live in each house with a house

parent or house parent couple. A fact sheet published by the ARC Housing Development Corporation of Lincoln said each house will have enough space for private bedrooms for each LOMR client and each resident house parent. Each house will have a kitchen, living room and family room and will be accessible for the handicapped.

Construction costs of each house will range from \$92,000 to \$103,000.

## **Police** Report

A person who is not a UNL student was arrested Wednesday by the UNL police after the thefts of two purses were reported in Abel and Sandoz residence halls. The following incidents were also reported to the UNL police between midnight Tuesday and 11 p.m. Wednesday:

Tuesday 12:43 a.m. — Emergency exit alarm reported sounding at Love Library. Alarm allegedly was set off by a library employee.

1:56 a.m. — Three arrests for criminal mischief were made on Schramm Hall's sixth floor. Four restroom stall partitions had been unscrewed from the walls.

12:23 p.m. — A license plate was reported stolen from a car in Parking Area 3 near Harper-Schramm-Smith residence hall complex. This was one of a

series of six plates reported stolen in one week. 12:33 p.m. - Parking permit reported lost or

12:36 p.m. — Parking permit reported stolen from an unlocked car in the Parking Area 15 near 13th and Q streets.

2:25 p.m. — Parking permit stolen from a locked vehicle in Parking Area 22 by 10th and Avery streets.

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3:06 p.m. - A burglar alarm in the Nebraska Union was reported accidentally set off by an

5:53 p.m. — Vacuum cleaner valued at \$215 was reported stolen from a closet at 1345 R St.

7:07 p.m. - Campus police followed up on a previous disturbance complaint in Harper Hall. A dispute between two people was straightened out. 8:04 p.m. — A file cabinet was reported missing

from the East Campus Physical-Plant. 11:14 p.m. — A driver was cited and jailed by UNL Police for DWI and for refusal to take a breath test.

Wednesday 9 a.m. — Parking permit reported stolen from car in Parking Area 10 between T and U streets.

11:25 a.m. — Bookbag, reported stolen from the Memorial Stadium sidelines.

12:04 p.m. — Checkbook reported lost or stolen near the Nebraska Union.

12:12 p.m. - Parking permit reported lost or stolen in an Parking Area 22.

12:18 p.m. — UNL police assisted the Lincoln police department with a motorist that needed help near 35th street and Cornhusker Highway.

2 p.m. - Bookbag reported stolen from the Nebraska Bookstore. 3:03 p.m. - Purse reported stolen from an

unlocked room in Abel residence hall. All items but \$34 cash and a drivers license were later recovered. 3:07 p.m. - Football ticket reported stolen by

deception from the UNL athletic department. 3:35 p.m. — Schwinn unicycle, worth about \$125, reported stolen from 1235 N. 16 St.

4:25 p.m. — A duffle bag with contents worth \$270 was reported stolen from a locker in the men's locker room of the Coliseum.

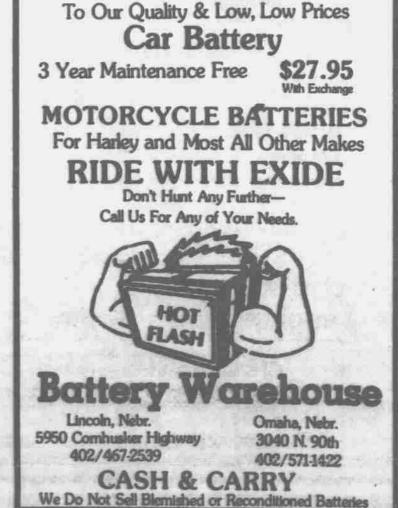
4:34 p.m. - Watch worth \$210 reported stolen from the shower area of a Mabel Lee Hall locker

7:14 p.m. — Officers investigated a disturbance complaint at Harper Hall.

7:31 p.m. - Purse and billfold reported stolen from an unlocked room in Sandoz Hall. Stolen items were later recovered minus \$20 in cash.

7:33 p.m. — As a result of investigations into the thefts of purses and their contents in Abel and Sandoz halls, UNL police arrested and jailed a person who is not a UNL student.

10:54 p.m. - Billfold reported stolen from an unlocked room in Sandoz Hall; an estimated \$42 was reported lost.



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