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Demolition to pave way for new ag complex

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The "fat-steer barn," as it is known to UNL's East Campus faculty and students, will be razed soon to make way for a new \$20 million animal science complex to be constructed in February of 1985.

Elton Aberle, chairman of the UNL animal science department, said the 61-year-old landmark barn originally was used to house breeding herd, show cattle, experimental steers and livestock for classroom purposes. Today it houses the only livestock and teaching facilities on East Campus for livestock-oriented classes.

Since 1967, almost all beef, sheep, swine and dairy animals once housed on East Campus are at the NU Field Laboratory near Mead, virtually eliminating student access to the livestock.

The barn was built in 1923 at a cost of \$24,720 and through the years provided living quarters for many UNL students who served as barn caretakers.

Known as the "Hereford Hotel" and the "Angus Inn," the distinctive two-story structure, 132 feet by 38 feet, has a small

south wing for offices and sleeping quarters. Heat, light and water from the campus power plant make such conveniences modern for the time.

On the ground floor are offices, locker room and baths in the south wing, 14 box stalls, an enclosed calving room for cold weather, a wagon dump, an elevator and a grinding and mixing room.

Sleeping quarters for student caretakers are above the offices.

Aberle said the new animal science complex will connect Marvel Baker Hall and Loeffel Meat Lab and extend onto the east, providing modern livestock production facilities, improved classrooms and special laboratories for nutrition, physiology and meats research. Areas to house animals for teaching and short-term intensive research will be included.

"It gives us the opportunity to have one of the finest animal science facilities in the country," Aberle said. "It is important to the state of Nebraska because of the role that animal agriculture plays in the state."

He said livestock receipts accounted for \$3.7 billion of the state's total \$6.6 billion in agricultural receipts for 1982.



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Rob Pischel, a freshman in mechanical agriculture, tries to prompt a stubborn Holstein around the front of the East Campus "Beef Barn" Thursday.

Rapist still prowling Lincoln

By Barbara Comito
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College-age women have been the victims in seven of nine sexual assaults committed in the Near South neighborhood since August 1983, Lincoln Police Department Detective Jim Spanel said Wednesday.

One man, tagged the "Near South Rapist," is thought to have committed all nine assaults, said Spanel, who has been working on the case since the first assault.

Seven of the assaults were committed between mid-August 1983 and mid-January 1984. The subsequent lull, whether because of additional assaults going unreported or the suspect's inactivity, ended Aug. 11, when another assault, similar in detail to the others, was committed against a 22-year-old woman at her Near South residence. An attempted assault occurred in September, Spanel said, but the woman resisted and the man left.

The man, described by Spanel as "confident and quiet," is believed to be black, between 20 and 25 years old, 5-foot-7 to 5-foot-9 with a slim, muscular build, according to the police.

He is believed to have chosen his victims by prowling and window-peeping a few hours before actually entering the victims' residences through unlocked windows. He has been known to frequent

the area around G to South streets and 27th to 18th streets. The assaults all have occurred during early morning hours.

Although he has threatened his victims with a knife, the assailant has been described as "polite" by several of the women, and his actions have been "fairly passive," Spanel said. One woman received a surface wound from the suspect's knife, apparently when he panicked, Spanel said. There were no other incidents of beating or cutting, he said.

"He's not a nut," Spanel said. The indications are that he has a good educational and religious background, he said.

When questioned as to how a woman might keep from becoming a victim of the Near South Rapist, Spanel said, "Lock your windows." To date, the suspect has not "forced his entry" by breaking windows or locks, nor has he been indoors waiting when the victims came home.

According to Margie Rine, community educator for the Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center, one of the most essential steps a woman can take to prevent sexual assault is to be aware that she can be a victim. "That naive attitude, 'not me,' is dangerous," Rine said.

Detective Spanel said the majority of the assaulted women have been "substantially intelligent" women who did not frequent bars

and were either working or in school. There is no sign that the suspect knew his victims, Spanel said.

Rine said a woman needs to be aware of what are potentially dangerous situations and determine what can be done to make them safer.

"You need to really work through hypothetical situations," Rine said, likening the idea to school bomb drills.

"Chances are your reactions are going to be more effective" if you have thought through the possibilities, she said.

If you live alone, "create an image of not living alone," Rine said.

Her practical recommendations:

- multiple names on mailbox
- dog dishes on porch
- phone close to bed and phone jacks in various rooms
- lights on in various rooms at night
- metal grates over glass portions of doors
- outside lighting
- never open doors to strangers

Rine said she is amazed by the number of women who raise their hands when asked the following: "A man comes to your door and asks to use your phone because he's been in an accident. Would you let him in?"

Tell the man you'll make the phone call for him, Rine said.

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Police nab toy guns in kidnapping spoof

By Joan Hoffman
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Plastic weapons and army fatigues were part of a "kidnapping" prank that led to a misunderstanding between Lincoln police and UNL fraternity and sorority members Wednesday night.

Triangle fraternity members attempted to "kidnap" members of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority pledge class so they could walk together for a study break downtown. The group was stopped by Lincoln Police Department officers at 16th and O streets after the officers saw members of the group carrying what appeared to be real weapons.

Triangle members were wearing "fatigues" — black and olive camouflage clothing — and dark glasses. They also were carrying plastic Uzi guns, replicas of automatic weapons they bought at a store for \$4.99 each.

LPD officers Kent Woodhead and Mark Johnson stopped the group and collected their weapons and drivers licenses, then let the group go. Woodhead also warned them that they were disturbing the peace. The plastic Uzis were confiscated and taken to the police station. Sgt. Tom Casady said: "We all thought they were real until we picked them (the weapons) up."

Mike McCullie, Triangle song chairman who organized the study break, said he explained the situation to the officers.

Nancy Culek, pledge educator for Kappa Kappa Gamma, said she had been informed of the "kidnapping" plan last week.

"It was all done in fun," Culek said.

Pledge class members said they knew nothing of the plan. "We didn't know if it (the incident with the police) was planned until the cops drove away," said Marcia Smith, Kappa Kappa Gamma pledge class social director.

Fraternity members involved in the "kidnapping" went to the police station later Wednesday to reclaim their weapons.

Terry Cannon, a Lincoln attorney and associate of one of the fraternity members, said that in the future these types of incidents could be avoided if fraternity members contact the police before attempting pranks of this nature.

Foreign policy dominates candidates' debate

Reuters New Report

PHILADELPHIA — Democratic vice-presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro, the first woman candidate on a major party ticket to appear on a televised debate, sought to use the 90 minutes Thursday night to build the momentum gained from Walter Mondale's public opinion poll victory over President Reagan in the last debate.

Ferraro and Vice President George Bush traded angry charges about U.S. foreign policy as they squared off in their only face-to-face debate before the Nov. 6 election.

Ferraro said three suicide bomb attacks on U.S. facilities in Lebanon during the past 18 months amounted to a failure of leadership on the part of the Reagan administration.

Bush retorted: "I don't think

you can go assigning blame."

Ferraro reacted hotly to Bush's charge that Mondale and Ferraro had suggested that the Marines killed in Lebanon "died in shame."

"I resent Vice President Bush's patronizing attitude, that you have to teach me about foreign policy," she said. She also said that neither she nor Mondale had ever suggested that the Marines died in shame.

On the subject of U.S.-Soviet

relations, Bush said Reagan's White House meeting last month with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko would help bring the Soviet Union back to the nuclear bargaining table.

But Ferraro pointed out that "this is the first president in 40 years not to meet with his Soviet counterpart."

On Central America, Bush defended the administration's pol-

icies.

"Grenada was a proud moment," he said, referring to last year's U.S.-led invasion of the Caribbean island.

Ferraro charged that the Reagan administration is Americanizing a regional conflict.

"Instead of supporting the peace process, the administration, in Nicaragua, has been supporting a covert war to overthrow the Sandinista government."