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Eyes for fashion ...

At right from top to bottom, Rita Muhlbach, Britta Wheeler and Jean Schroeder show their designer sweaters for this fall designed by UNL alumnus Marv Graff. Graff said each sweater costs bout \$400. At left is Lisa Hill just before show time. Graff is a free-lance designer in New York. He brought his fall sweater line to show at UNL's College of Home Economics annual dessert night. The models are members of the UNL design club.

Landlord responsible for gas heat; uninsured drivers face problems

By Shelley Stall Student Legal Services Lawyer

QUESTION: When my roommate and I woke up this morning, we could see our breath. It's colder inside our apartment than it is outside. We would like to take care of turning on the heat, but our lease says the landlord is responsible for the gas heating. "repair and deduct" approach I've called him twice in the last 10 when, contrary to the lease or the days and he says he'll have it Nebraska Residential Landlordturned on, but nothing gets done. Tenant Act, the landlord deliber-We can't stand it anymore. What ately or negligently fails to supply can we do? Signed, Freezing.

Nebraska Residential Landlord- accident since you ran a red light. notice.

situation, Section 76-1427 of the that you are responsible for the Tenant Act allows you to notify You will receive a form letter your landlord in writing of the from the DMV asking you to prove emergency, hire someone to turn "financial responsibility" by giving on the heat at your cost and them the name of your insurance deduct it from your rent. Make company. Since you don't have sure you keep a copy of the written auto liability insurance, you face the possibility of having your driver's license revoked. The DMV will give you about 90 days to obtain a release from the other driver's insurance company by paying for the damage.

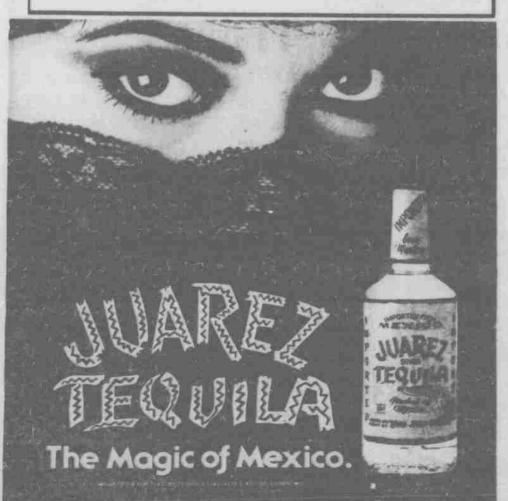
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There are a limited number of openings for SA positions for Spring Semester, 1985. Students wishing to apply must have a 2.0 accum., and must be at least Sophomore standing as of January 1985.

Applications will be available at 1102 Seaton Hall from October 29 thru November 2 between 8 a.m.noon and 1 p.m.-5 p.m. If you already have an application on file, please come into the office and fill out a new one.

Please call Sue at 472-3885 with any questions.



you may have here is a failure to the landlord. communicate.



your landlord to turn on the heat. If they have, find out the exact First check with your parents to day and time they plan to do it. find out if you might be covered Try to make sure the gas company under their policy. Then make an will have access to the furnace at appointment with an attorney. that time.

your landlord requesting that they turn on the gas, call your landlord and tell him. Be polite, but make you to turn in an accident report it clear that this is an emergency situation and the request has to be made TODAY. Give him Minnegasco's phone number and ask fault regarding the accident to him to call as soon as you hang anyone but your attorney. In the up. Minnegasco will not send someone out to turn on the heat unless the person whose name is you face: on the account (your landlord) authorizes it by phone or in . writing.

A tenant may only use the running water, hot water, heat or essential services and the tenant ANSWER: Dear Freezing: What gives written notice of the problem

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QUESTION: Last week I ran a Call Minnegasco and find out if red light and hit a woman driving they have received a request from a new Datsun. The police gave me a ticket for negligent driving and the other driver's insurance company wants \$1,500 for damages to her car. My 1971 Ford Fairlane is totaled. I don't have any car insurance. What should I do? Signed, Depressed.

ANSWER: Dear Depressed: Take copies of the police report, the accident reports and the letter If Minnegasco has no record of from the other driver's insurance company with you to the appointment. Nebraska law requires within 10 days. It's a good idea to have the attorney look at it before you send it in. Don't admit any meantime, here is some general information about the problems

Possible Revocation of Driver's License. The Department problem for this column, send of Motor Vehicles will process the your letter to Ask Your Attorney, If clearing up communication police and accident reports. It is c/o Shelley Stall, Nebraska Union problems does not solve the heat likely the DMV will determine 335, UNL, City Campus.

Since you don't have \$1,500, you and your attorney might try to negotiate a payment plan with the insurance company and obtain a release that is conditioned upon making monthly payments.

 Negligence Citation. You will have to go to court on the date and time noted on your citation. The charge of negligent driving will be read and you will have an opportunity to plead innocent, guilty or no contest. If your attorney thinks you probably would lose at trial on the negligence ticket, you probably will be advised to plead "no contest." A no contest plea, unlike a guilty plea, cannot be used in a civil suit as evidence of your responsibility for the accident. The judge can give you a fine of up to \$100 plus \$21 in court costs. You also will lose three points off your driver's license.

Depressed, you have learned the hard way. You should never drive a car without car insurance. If you had been insured at the time of the accident, most of these problems would be your insurance company's problems and your driver's license would not be in jeopardy.

If you have a legal question of