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When tornadoes strike a house, he said, the low pressure and high velocity of the funnel combined with the high pressure inside the house causes the roof to utterly lift off the house. Starace stressed however that it is not the funnel that lifts the roof, but rather the high pressure in the house that pushes the roof against the low pressure outside.

Another problem Bettis cited about the wind tunnels was that they're a nuisance.

"People worry about them," he said, "because they don't like to walk in them."

Both professors agreed that there isn't much that can be done to cure the wind tunnels besides not erecting buildings where the tunnels would occur.

One solution may be to stagger the location of the buildings, Bettis suggested.

-- **Lisa Donovan**

The three long glass houses between Bessey Hall and Burnett Hall hold a bounty of botanical beauty.

Glen Drohman, manager of the biological science greenhouse, said the plants grown in the greenhouse are used in research and classroom projects.

Plants such as tobacco, cotton and geraniums are grown in the greenhouse for research in cell biology and cell cultures, Drohman said. The tobacco is not grown to perfect the plant, he said, but because it grows rapidly and in abundance.

"It's the guinea pig of plant biology," he said.

Big blue stem, a type of grass which once grew in abundance in Nebraska, is grown in the greenhouse for ecology research, Drohman said.

Mustard is raised for ecology research involving insects, he said.

The greenhouse is used each semester by biology students who are doing classroom projects, Drohman said.

The greenhouse has a collection of cactus and tropical plants, he said, and there is even a tropical room in the greenhouse.

Just west of the greenhouse is the Harry Lloyd Weaver Native Garden. Drohman said the garden contains a wide range of wild flora native to Nebraska.

-- **Chris Allerheiligen**

Everyday students pass by that strange white thing in front of the museum. Many walk by oblivious to it, but some might ask the question -- why does the University of Nebraska-Lincoln have a spaceship on its campus?

Jack Dunn, coordinator of the Muellar Planetarium, said that NASA had so many space artifacts that it didn't have room for some of them, so NASA gave the artifacts away.

It was literally by accident, Dunn said, that the university found out about the space capsule. Once it was discovered that NASA was giving the space capsules away, the museum pursued obtaining one and were successful in that pursuit in the early 1970s, he said.

The university did not have to pay for the space capsule, but did have to pay for transporting it.

The space capsule was used to test the design and air worthiness of the design for future space travel, Dunn said.

He said the capsule did go up in space but did not make a complete orbit of the earth. The space capsule landed in the ocean and it took a week for NASA to find it.

-- **Chris Allerheiligen**

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