

Bill for abortion notification re-introduced

By Lisa Donovan
Senior Reporter

State Sen. Bernice Labeledz re-introduced legislation on Friday that would require women age 18 and younger to notify a parent or guardian before obtaining an abortion.

The Omaha senator said that LB425 is basically the same bill that was intro-



duced last session, but was halted by filibustering tactics.

Under the provisions of the bill, a physician or agent performing an abortion would have to notify the parent or guardian of a minor woman before an abortion could be performed.

The bill also states that if the woman chose not to notify a parent or guardian, she could ask for a judicial bypass in district or county court.

The judge would have to determine whether the young woman would be capable of informed consent, Labeledz said.

If it were determined that the young woman was mature enough to make the decision to have an abortion, the judge would decide if an abortion was in the young woman's best interests, she said.

The Legislature amended its permanent rules this year to include a procedure to end debate that allows senators to vote to end discussion on a bill with a cloture motion after eight hours of debate. A cloture motion only can be proposed by the sponsor of a bill and must receive a two-thirds vote, or 33 senators approval, to pass.

Now that a time limit has been set on filibustering, Labeledz said, it will be easier to push the bill through this session.

Labeledz said that there shouldn't be any problem closing debate because the bill has 30 sponsors and several other senators have expressed support for it.

Labeledz said that Sens. Ernie Chambers of Omaha and David Bernard-Stevens of North Platte, who provided the most opposition to the bill, have said that they will not use filibustering tactics.

Another big help, Labeledz said, is that Gov. Ben Nelson has pledged that "he would not veto pro-life or pro-choice bills, so hopefully we'll get it pushed through."

It's been a long battle, Labeledz said, and if the bill is not passed during this 90-day session, it will be held over for consideration next year.

Sen. LaVon Crosby of Lincoln introduced another abortion-related bill on Friday that would call for a study to obtain statistics on who is

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Recall prompted by fear of terrorism U.S. orders scientists' return

By Alan Phelps
Staff Reporter

Fear of terrorist attacks arising from the Persian Gulf war led the U.S. government to order 17 scientists, including two UNL faculty members, to leave research in Morocco and return home.

David Keith, a member of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Entomology, said the U.S. government first contacted the Morocco project members on Jan. 7.

"Then on the 11th we were told it (leaving) was mandatory," Keith, team leader of the Mid-America International Agricultural Consortium, a multi-university research team in Morocco, said.

By Jan. 15, six members of the team had arrived in Lincoln, where they were housed temporarily and

continue their research at UNL, Keith said.

He said another UNL faculty member ordered to return to the United States was Larry Bitney, an agricultural economics professor who was on sabbatical with the group in Morocco. UNL faculty member Rick Carter, part of the technical staff in Morocco, remains overseas.

"Rick was classified as 'essential personnel.' Moroccan authorities have assured us they will take care of him," Keith said.

The project on which he and his team are working concerns dry-land farming research, he said.

Keith said the consortium scientists have been working closely with scientists from the Moroccan department of agriculture since 1978 to help build and equip a research facility, which eventually will be staffed by

50 Moroccan scientists.

"We have two-and-a-half years left on the current phase of the project," Keith said. "We're anxious to get back and finish up."

Keith said the scientists hope to be able to return to Morocco in about a month.

"We wouldn't have left if we weren't ordered out. It was a big surprise to us," he said. "It's important to emphasize there were no problems. Everyone was really sad to see us leave and we were sad to leave."

Keith said that now that the team members are back in Nebraska they see the magnitude of events in the Middle East and appreciate the precautions the U.S. government has taken on their behalf.

"The impact of these events is hard for anyone to assess. We'll just have to wait and see, I guess," he said.

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POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Thursday, Jan. 17

- 10:57 a.m. — Camcorder stolen, Lee & Helene Sapp Recreation Facility, \$1,600.
- 12:29 p.m. — Follow-up, burglary.
- 2:11 p.m. — Man taken to detoxification, north side of Watson building.
- 2:20 p.m. — Stereo equipment stolen, Delta Tau Delta fraternity, 715 N. 16th St., \$350.
- 2:38 p.m. — Planter damaged, Memorial Stadium, \$50.
- 7:04 p.m. — Hit-and-run accident, Burr Residence Hall parking lot, \$400.

Beginning midnight Friday, Jan. 18

- 12:13 a.m. — Man trespassed, Pound Residence Hall.
- 8:13 a.m. — Man assaulted by another man, Theta Xi fraternity, 1535 R St.
- 11:15 a.m. — Car ransacked, 18th and R streets.
- 11:27 a.m. — Video cassette recorder stolen, Andrews Hall.

Beginning midnight Saturday, Jan. 19

- 12:01 p.m. — Someone being followed, Love Library.
- 2:46 p.m. — Two-vehicle, non-injury accident, parking lot west of Selleck Residence Hall, \$30.
- 10:48 p.m. — Obscene phone calls, Abel Residence Hall.

Beginning midnight Saturday, Jan. 19

- 12:50 a.m. — Hood ornament stolen, parking lot north of Abel Residence Hall, \$48.
- 8:12 a.m. — Window screens damaged, attempted burglary, Military and Naval Science Building, \$20.
- 10:22 a.m. — Hit-and-run auto accident, Harper/Schramm/Smith complex parking lot, \$350.
- 11:30 a.m. — Two-vehicle, non-injury accident, Bob Devaney Sports Center parking lot, \$50-\$100.
- 2:05 p.m. — Fuse box handle broken, Selleck Residence Hall, \$30.
- 8:04 p.m. — Trash can fire, Abel Residence Hall.
- 11:12 p.m. — No valid auto registration, 16th and Court streets.

Year-round hall policy successful

By Trish Spencer
Staff Reporter

Student response to the year-round housing policy implemented in Selleck Residence Hall last year was so strong that additional living space is being sought, the university housing director said.

Doug Zatechka said utility expenses and security problems make finding another hall difficult.

Fedde Residence Hall on East Campus is one option being considered, he said.

Zatechka said 450 students stayed in Selleck during the first five-week summer session last year, and 375 lived there during the second five-week session.

Selleck currently houses students from 37 countries and 31 states, Selleck Residence Hall Director Tracy Wiseman said, with about 420 total students in the complex.

The 12-month housing program mainly attracts international students and students from other states, she said.

"We didn't expect it to be as popular as it has been," Wiseman said.

Zatechka said there has been a waiting list for Selleck Hall since the year-round policy began.

Various housing contracts are available for students wanting to stay in Selleck during the summer. The different combinations make it possible for students to come and go during the four main sessions, Zatechka said.

Selleck is the only residence hall open for the summer sessions.

This summer, an additional \$20 will be added to the contracts of Selleck residents for food service, Zatechka said.

For students who pay an additional \$90 on their regular housing contracts, Selleck remains open every day from August to May, including vacations when the residence halls are regularly closed, Zatechka said.

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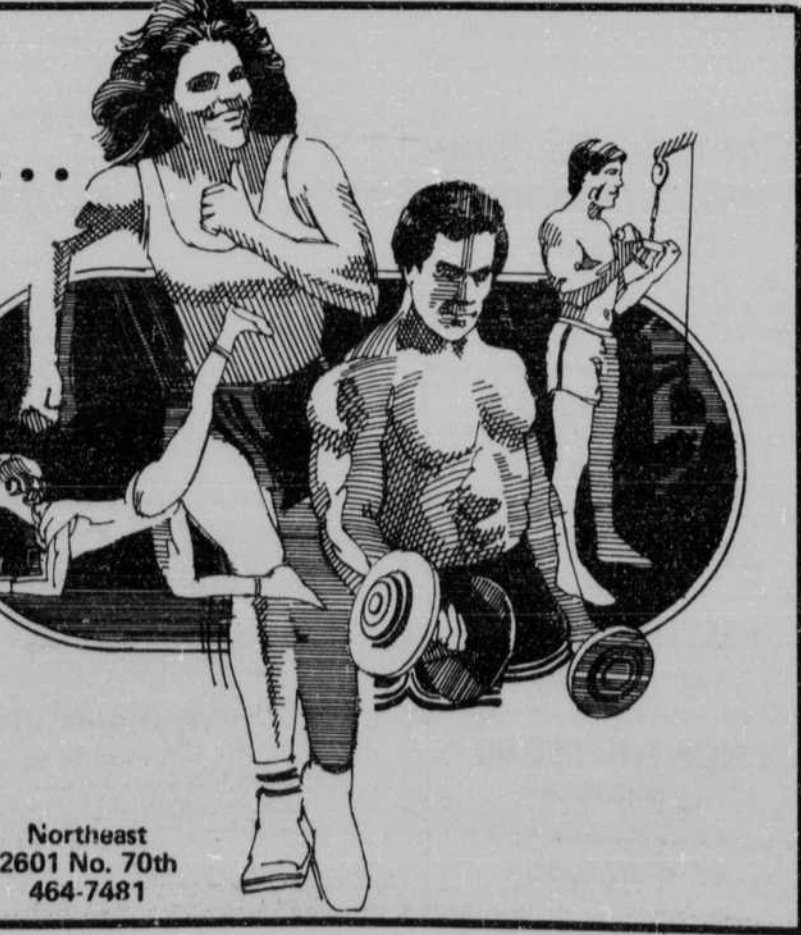
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