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"Teens and young adults are certainly in a risk group for STDs," said Powers-Alexander. "They think, 'I have birth control, I'm protected.' We include in our patient information that it's a contraceptive and not an STD preventative."

With more teens becoming sexually active at an early age, the United States must expect that the epidemic of STDs will continue to escalate, Clarke said. She said that young people are at higher risk for STDs for several reasons, the biggest being that they are less likely to know the facts about STDs and are more likely to feel uncomfortable talking about and using personal protection during sexual activity.

The tragedy about not knowing the facts about STDs, is that most infections in young women show no symptoms, Clarke said.

"If STDs are undetected and untreated, they have severe long-term consequences including chronic pain, pelvic inflammatory disease, ectopic pregnancy and infertility," Clarke said.

Educating young adults on the facts about STDs and what symptoms to look for is very important in controlling the epidemic of STDs.

The University Health Center and Community Health do offer a contraceptive class and a STD-AIDS class.

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 Sexuality Education
 Coordinator
 UNL Health Center

The contraceptive class is offered on a regular basis to any UNL student. Any person who wishes to be prescribed birth control pills through the

UNL Health Center is required to take the class first, said Pat Tetreault, Sexuality Education Coordinator at the UNL Health Center.

The STD-AIDS class is not offered on a regular basis as of now, but they are hoping it will be in the fall, Tetreault said. This class is usually done by a request for a presentation in a residence hall or Greek house.

To sign up for the contraceptive class, students can call the health center, and for the AID-STDs class they should call Community Health.

"I think it is important for students to attend these classes because it provides them with accurate and current information," Tetreault said. "Many students think they know all about STDs, AIDS and HIV, but their knowledge is not always accurate. This class also acts as a reminder to students that this can happen to them."

Combating this, Clarke said, will take educating young people about the relationship between sexual behavior and STDs, teaching them how to protect themselves and how to seek appropriate health care.

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Residents remember neighborhood

By Sean Mc Carthy
 Staff Reporter

Trago Park, Malone Manor and the Malone Community Center now stand where an entire neighborhood once stood.

Residents of the neighborhood, located between 19th and 22nd Streets and Vine and S Streets, have dealt with nearly four decades of city intervention, according to records. In the 1960's up to 1980, the city planned to build an extension of 48th Street, which would run through the Malone and Clinton neighborhoods. By 1980, plans were scrapped due to the cost of relocating residents of the Malone neighborhood. However, by 1974, 80 percent of the property in the Malone neighborhood had been bought by the city.

In the late 1980's, plans were made to extend UNL's boundaries into the Malone area. As a result of this plan, Whittier Junior High School, a school that many Malone residents attended, was closed down. Students had to be bussed to other neighboring junior high schools.

"Anytime you upset a neighborhood you're uprooting close friends," said Holbert Bradley, Sr. "You're going to have a neighborhood where you don't know anyone, you're basically lost."

Bradley said that he occasionally lived in the Malone neighborhood during the city's plans to relocate residents. All of the neighbors that lived in the Malone area formed a close knit unit, said Bradley. During the expansion period, many people in Malone felt confused because the city did not fully disclose their intentions to the residents, said Bradley.

To try to compensate for the loss of the neighborhood, the city attempted to find adequate housing for some Malone residents. Some houses in the neighborhood were considered substandard, according to the city.

"I think that the city did (provide) most of the people in the area with better housing, which may have made better relationships between both black and white," said Marion Hall. Hall has lived in the Malone area for eight years.

Malone Manor, a building that housed elderly members of the Malone neighborhood was also established to compensate for

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the loss of the community.

"I'm not sure the relocation was adequate enough to some members of the community," Bradley said. "More could have been done to prevent some people from going into debt."

Trago park, named after Malone resident Trago McWilliams, was constructed by UNL to form a better alliance between Malone and campus residents. The park now connects bike paths along with other parks in the area.

"They put the park there for the purpose of expansion because you're cutting people out," said Bradley.

Along with the park addition, apartment complexes are now being constructed in the Malone area to house mainly students.

"I walk a lot, and I do run into students and we talk occasionally," said Hall. "I would say that there's a pretty good relationship between students and residents."

Malone Community Center and Malone Manor have been established as both a gathering place and an educational place.

"I think that Malone Manor has added a lot to the community," said Hall. "The Manor and the Community Center are well aware of the history of this area."

Despite the addition of the Malone Center and the park, residents are skeptical that more expansion will soon come along, making Malone a more populated area.

"We see a lot of traffic on Vine," said Hall. "There should be a stoplight between Vine and the Malone area so more people can get across."

"The push is still on to acquire more land for UNL," said Bradley.