

how there has been an increased need for these services, the lady's name is Ms. Schinker, "I think we're doing a good job", she said. "But a common occurrence at The Shelter that Ms. Schinker isn't as happy with is that more women and children are being turned away. On some nights there is no vacancy, she said. 'We have to scrounge for space and sometimes we just don't have it here. Fortunately, we're able to find beds for them somewhere else in Omaha.' The Shelter is one of 24 domestic violence and sexual assault crisis centers in Nebraska. Many, in both urban and rural areas, have been fielding more calls and offering their services to an increasing number of women and children, state and crisis center officials say. The greater demand for services has driven up costs for everything from meals to staff assistance, to utility bills, the officials say. Those increases prompted State Senator LaVon Crosby of Lincoln to appear before the Legislature's Appropriations Committee last week. And on behalf of the 24 domestic violence projects, Senator Crosby asked for \$100,000 that would be distributed to the shelters through the Nebraska Department of Social Services." Then there is another comment about the funds which currently were available had been woefully inadequate. "Senator Crosby said in a letter to Senator Jerome Warner, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, that there are 24 state-funded programs serving all 93 counties, 'without so much as a dollar raise in state funds.' She said, in a later interview, 'The people who would be served by this aren't the symphony-goers who can go out and raise money. They need our help.' Senator Crosby said studies indicate that somewhere in the United States a woman is battered every 18 seconds and that one household in six is the scene of domestic violence. In Nebraska, she said, about 30,000 women are injured annually by domestic violence or assaults. The Coordinated Intervention System for Domestic Abuse, a project based in Crete, with four full-time staffers and 65 volunteers, offer services to women and children in 10 counties. Executive Director Gloria Durman, "D-u-r-m-a-n, "said that in fiscal 1987-88, 345 women and children received services. That number swelled to 926 during the next fiscal year. 'Does that tell you we need some more assistance?' Ms. Durman asked. 'The staff is terribly overworked. Working 50 to 75 hours a week isn't uncommon.' Not only are the numbers increasing, Ms. Durman said, but the women and children are finding themselves in more extreme situations, too. 'We're talking about life and death situations, blatant child abuse and sexual assault,' she said. About 18 months ago, the Friendship Home in Lincoln was half full, with about