

Love has different meaning for residence hall's members

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Love means never having to say you're sorry. Love is a many splendored thing, and love is blind. But for the 49 women who live in UNL's Love Memorial Cooperative Hall, Love is a residence hall with a home-like atmosphere.

The hall, on East Campus, was a gift from the late Don Love, former mayor of Lincoln, in remembrance of his wife, Julia.

The hall, a hybrid of residence hall and sorority living, aims to give women in the College of Home Economics and College of Agriculture a high quality place to live for a modest price.

Love Hall is divided into seven units, each equipped with its own kitchen and dining room. Six to eight women live in each unit, and each is assigned various duties which are rotated every two weeks.

Marybeth Prusa, hall president and a junior majoring in home economics, said the assigned duties have helped the residents

grow closer.

"You really have to learn cooperation around here," she said. "It's a team effort, everyone pitches in."

The cost of living in the hall is approximately half that of living in other UNL residence halls. Each room is contracted for a year and costs \$595. In addition, each individual pays \$55 a month to cover food, entertainment and maintenance.

Residents are selected each May by a committee. While financial need is considered, the applicants also are judged on scholarship, leadership and citizenship.

Prusa said most of the hall's residents enter as freshmen and stay through their junior year. Since the residents are home economics or agriculture majors, Prusa said getting academic help and advice is no problem.

"A lot of times we'll work together on our homework since we're in the same classes," Prusa said. "I think that Love Hall has made us a strong group. Someone's always there when you need

them."

The residents are in charge of their own safety, with each resident possessing a key to the hall. The cooperative also has an open treasure stand that residents can use to cash small checks. Prusa said the stand is symbolic of how the hall works.

"It is open to everyone and so far we have not lost any money from it," she said. "We base it on trust and it works."

"That's how we do things around here," she said.

Contraceptives...

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The pill is one of the most popular contraceptives. Many women choose the pill because of its 98 percent effectiveness rate when properly used and convenience, Lewis said. However, the pill does have risks, she said. Some of the risks include: blood clots, abdominal pain, chest pain, severe headaches, eye problems (blurred vision) or severe leg or arm cramps.

risers and light hits the plant, "the whole thing explodes."

Cell membranes are destroyed, water is lost and the plant dehydrates and dies.

Rebeiz and colleague Herbert Hopen, a herbicide specialist who heads the University of Illinois department of horticulture, stress that work so far has been limited to the laboratory. Field experiments and environmental tests must be conducted before the product can be made available to farmers.

Tests so far have shown that the amino acids kill some weeds, that soybeans are damaged but recover and that corn, wheat and oats are not affected, they said.

In addition, many conventional products act much more slowly than the "laser" herbicide, and "we don't have all the combinations to control a particular weed in a certain crop. This might fill one of those niches," Hopen said.

The scientists say the herbicide should be safe because the chemical is a naturally occurring one.

"It will be tested for its effect on fish and worms, and we predict that the effect will be negligible," Rebeiz said.

Though the new herbicide might sound promising, weed specialists are raising questions as to how safe the chemical is to humans.

Beth Swisher, an NU weed specialist, said many naturally-produced plants are considered safe to humans, but there are exceptions. She cited poison ivy as an example.

"These plants carry chemicals that are extremely toxic," she said.

"Swisher said it may be up to 10 years before the herbicide is available for agricultural use, during which testing and research will have to be done on the new substance.

'Promising' laser herbicide pulverizes unwanted weeds

By Gene Gentrup
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It may be some time before the new "laser herbicide" is available to farmers.

Scientists at the University of Illinois last week announced a new type of plant-killing substance called laser herbicides which set off chain reactions of internal destruction that makes weeds self-destruct.

In a Lincoln Star story last week, Constantin Rebeiz, a plant physiologist who led the research team on the project said the destruction process begins with the application of an amino acid, delta-aminolaevulinic acid, that makes unwanted plants produce light-sensitive chemicals, tetrapyroles, that normally form chlorophyll.

But in susceptible plants the process is disrupted and those chemicals accumulate during the night, Rebeiz said. When the sun

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Nebraska International 4-H Youth Exchange alumni and host families invite anyone interested in learning about foreign countries to attend a Host Family Weekend Friday through Sunday.

The event will be at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp near Halsey. Presentations by past exchange participants will highlight the Saturday and Sunday programs, while recreational activities will include canoeing and archery.

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