

# Sculptor's independent study ends in reroute to city's jail

By Rex Henderson

The road to graduation is fraught with hazards for all UNL students. But Angelica Byorth ran into an unusual detour this summer.

While trying to complete an independent study in art, Byorth was rerouted—through the city jail.

Like many of the problems in student life, Byorth's was caused by a misunderstanding of university regulations.

Byorth came to campus Aug. 14, a Sunday, to work on an incomplete in a five-hour independent study in sculpting. She had (or thought she had) a valid 24 hour building pass that should have let her into Richards Hall studio.

Finding the door to Richards Hall locked, she called campus police. Byorth said an officer came to the building, examined her pass and let her into the build-

ing. But the door to the studio also was locked and Byorth did not have her key.

Byorth sat forlornly on the steps, wondering how she would complete the course before her Aug. 20 deadline.

Undaunted, she remembered that the window to the studio usually was left unlocked. The detour begins here.

She climbed in through the window and began sculpting, oblivious to approaching policeman, she said.

The same campus officer who had examined her pass just a few hours before, strolled by, noticed a light on in the building and arrested Byorth for trespassing on UNL property.

Unless UNL administrators ask the county attorney to drop charges against Byorth, she faces an arraignment hearing Sept. 21 in Lancaster County Court.

According to Capt. Robert Evans, head of the criminal division of Campus Security, the qualifications for a building pass are threefold.

A student must be enrolled in classes during the semester the building pass is issued for, must have a valid student ID and must clear the pass with campus security.

Since Byorth was working on an incomplete from spring semester and was not registered for summer classes, her pass was invalid, Capt. Evans said.

Byorth said she had been assured she still was considered a student when she asked for the building pass.

She said she never was informed that she must clear the building pass through Campus Security.

After her arrest, Byorth went to the county city jail for two hours until she was released on her own recognizance.

Ned Hedges, UNL assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs, said he decided not to recommend that the county attorney drop charges against Byorth.

Her attorney has since appealed to Chancellor Roy Young and NU President Ronald Roskens; but to date no action has been taken.

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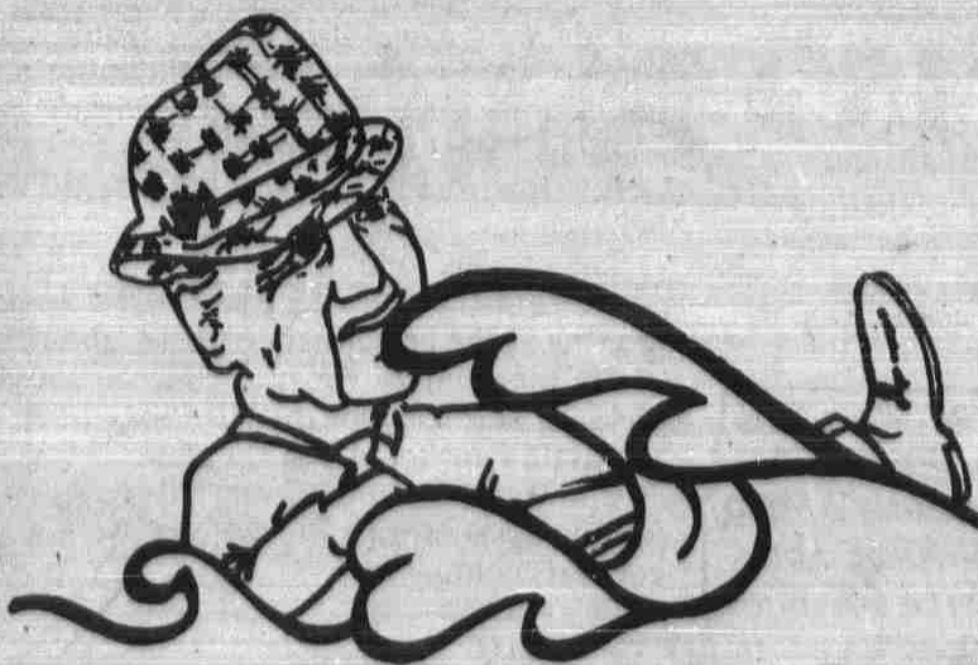


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