

Terrible Terry

The following questions and answers were included in the lead editorial in last Saturday's *Lincoln Journal*:

Question: State Sen. Terry Carpenter has scheduled three days of hearings in Omaha on, among other things, abortion. This is just a week before the primary election, in which he is running for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor. How did this come about?

Answer: Near the end of the 1974 Legislature, Carpenter helped introduce an interim study resolution. It could be interpreted in part as dealing with the subject of abortions performed by University of Nebraska Medical Center personnel. Then he had the resolution referred for action to the Legislative Council executive board, of which he happens to be chairman.

Q. Is there much concern about abortion in Omaha?

A. Oh, yes. Certainly as much as there are registered Democrats.

Q. Do the hearings have any connection with the election a week later?

A. Probably no more than there is a connection between a kite and its string.

Q. Has Carpenter done anything like this before?

A. Well, yes. Several years ago there was a legislative hearing called in Omaha before an election. It concerned an NU course on homosexual behavior. Two members of the Board of Regents were called as witnesses to defend the program. They were, curiously enough, running for re-election. Turned out they were publicly drawn, quartered, beheaded and burned at the stake. They also were defeated at the polls.

Q. I'm beginning to suspect Carpenter is trying to use his important legislative power to serve his own personal interests.

A. Tush, sir. No member of the Legislature would ever do such a thing.



"I won't mention 'Peace with Honor' if you don't!"

Thanks . . .
for the
memories
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In the last week of the last year of one's college tenure, you tend to get reflective—to take stock, to add up debts. For me, the total is very high.

Not being precisely the "natural student" type, like most people I need people to get me started. I've been fortunate enough to find teachers who could do that. It only takes a few really good ones to spark a lifetime interest in a subject, and I have run across enough of those. I sometimes feel schizophrenic. For that, I am grateful.

Those who take part in the government of this institution begin to see the administration of it very personally. But even those who don't are directly affected by it, and benefit when it works well. The tremendous improvement of the Love Library atmosphere is an example.

Another is the willingness of the administration to go to bat for a better quality of life in the residence halls in the last few years, even though the support was tentative, and the changes were slow in coming. (I could have told you four years ago that the real changes would go into effect the year I left. It always works out that way.)

Individually, I guess my Favorite Bureaucrat award has to go to Ken Bader, vice chancellor for student affairs. Since his arrival he has shown an ability to keep his door open which is nothing short of remarkable. From myself and from many others, I think, thanks are due to him for his flexibility and energy.

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But more than to administrators or to teachers, I owe thanks to the hundreds of fellow students with whom I have collided over the years, in class and out of it. Most of all there are those who stepped outside the requirements of their own studies to enrich the rest of us.

I count myself lucky to have known them—people who organized volunteer referrals, people who volunteered, RHA people, Nebraskan Union people, ASUN people, the person who so singlemindedly worked on the new East Union project until just before he graduated; only the finishing touches remained on the planning. There have been musical types, sports types, Model United Nations people—to name just a few—all kinds of people committed to all kinds of pet projects.

It is fashionable nowadays to wisecrack about allegedly low quality education at this University, but not especially thoughtful. If a University is for learning, then its most valuable asset is its people. Because of those people, the last four years have been immensely worth my while. To all those people, thanks.

to the
editor



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Dear editor,

I am writing to you in regards to discrimination in women's sports and to the Education Amendments Act of 1972 and its Title IX (*Daily Nebraskan*, Apr. 19).

This past school year I participated on the women's swim team and was exposed to sex discrimination in competitive athletics which I previously thought was something of the past; no so!

Title IX states that competitive athletic programs it shall be conducted without discrimination on the basis of sex and shall provide students of each sex an equal opportunity to participate therein; the whole season not once were scholarships ever discussed as a possible reality. Financial aid to our women athletes is nonexistent. I ask myself and others, how a competitive athletic program can grow without these things? Are people actually trying to say that our football team developed into what it is without some type of scholarship program or aid to encourage and allow good athletes to play? I feel the answer is clear enough.

Title IX also states there shall be no sex discrimination in the provisions of equipment or supplies, scheduling of games and practice times, travel and allowance, award of athletic scholarships, opportunity to receive coaching and instruction, provision of locker room and medical facilities and services (except as provided in §86.33) publicity or otherwise.

Again I ask why did we (the swim team members) have to share the warmup suits with the basketball team. The answer is because there is only one set of warmups which must be shared by seven intercollegiate women's teams. This is one minor instance of discrimination. I ask why did we swim in nine meets and only three of them were with teams outside Nebraska? And when we were allowed to go to Oklahoma, a full 2-day trip, why was I given only \$2 a day for food? Should I bother to compare this with the men's schedules or money allowed on away trips?

I think not. The point of all my complaints and feelings can be summed up, quite obviously as discrimination. I ask for action to be taken and things changed to give the fine athletes in men's and women's sports the same opportunities they both deserve equally.

Jann Martindale