

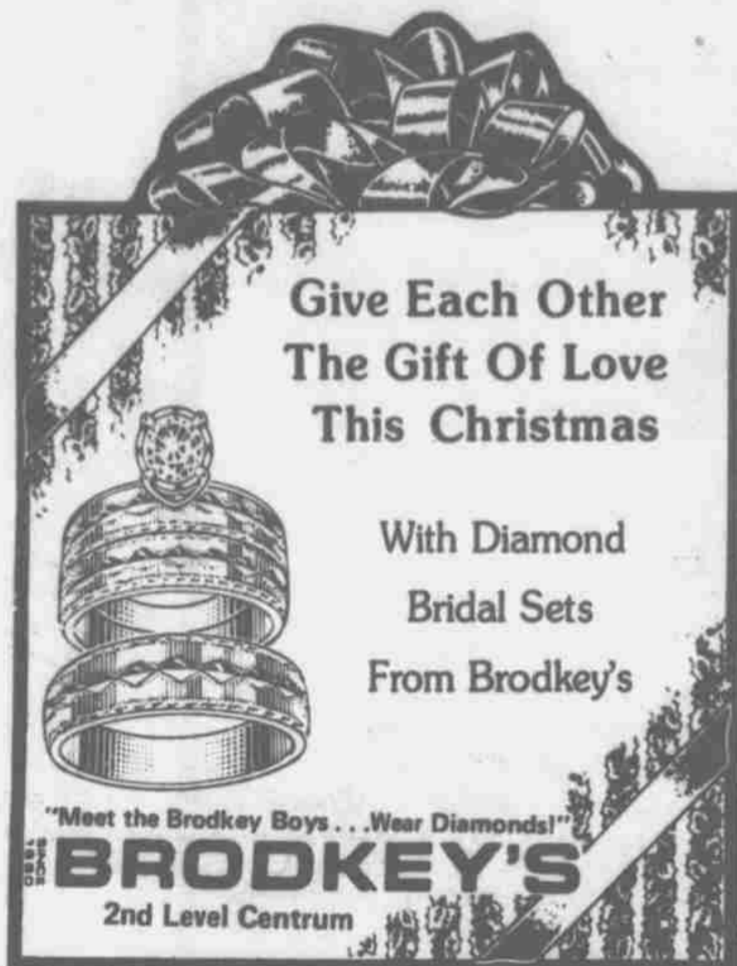
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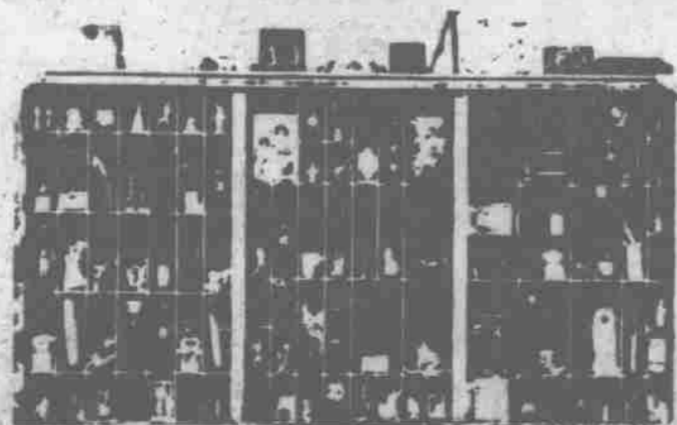
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Professor: Intelligent women need special help to overcome obstacles

Intelligent young women need help our society doesn't provide, UNL psychologist Barbara Kerr said.

Kerr, director of the country's only counseling program aimed at helping gifted women, said if creative women are to fully use their talents, three overwhelming problems must be overcome.

The worst may be underemployment in an economy "wasteful of brilliance," said Kerr, assistant professor of educational psychology and social foundations and director of the gifted children programs at UNL.

"We have the M.A. doing babysitting at home and the Ph.D. in business running the Quik Shop on the corner," she said. "Only 200 people in the country — that's one in a million — are making a living as a free-lance writers. And even the artist with a major talent goes undiscovered here without business savvy on the side."

The talented adult woman has other problems, the psychologist said.

"Because creative abilities are not valued in our society, she feels an undercurrent of rage and frustration at the way she is spending her life."

The woman's quest for perfectionism and feeling that nothing she does will be good enough for sights set incredibly high also is a major obstacle to happiness, Kerr said.

"When gifted children grow up without dealing with their tendencies toward perfection, they become adults who think their spouses are never good enough," she said.

In a recent speech to the National Association for Gifted Children in Philadelphia, Kerr called this cry for outside recognition the "precocious child syndrome: trying to be darling, to get awards and adulation from adults in the same ways they did as children."

She graduated from an all-gifted high school in South St. Louis, one of four such prototypes in the nation that was designed for children with high IQ test scores.

When she went back for a reunion four years ago, her classmates asked her to find out what went

wrong with their dreams.

"Back in the post-Sputnik era of the late '60s, they kept telling us we would be the scientists and leaders of tomorrow," she recalls. "We expected to be the ones to discover the secrets of a new world in space."

But soon after graduation, two of her classmates tried to commit suicide and one ended up in a mental institution, Kerr said. "And most of the rest of us were nurses or clinicians, not doctors and scientists."

She combined research on her St. Louis classmates with work done by Felice Kauffman of the University of New Orleans, who did a follow-up study of John F. Kennedy's Presidential Scholars of 1962.

"We discovered common problems," Kerr said. "The person with an IQ of 140 is as different from the average person as one who has a subnormal level of 60."

Yet too often counselors treat creative or highly intelligent adults like the "average client who comes into the office with a high degree of anxiety and strives to reduce that level so the person can love and work," she said.

"We don't want the talented adult to be too healthy. The creative person can't be too mellow and creative at the same time."

That doesn't mean all those legends about being "crazy" and creative go together, she said.

"Creativity is the tool by which the writer and artist control craziness. Feeling mentally blocked from expressing ideas on paper is real trauma. I see more pain," she adds. "A writer who has lost her writing voice has lost her best friend."

Kerr's goal in therapy is to free creative adults to use their talents. This means teaching them how to use tension and how to value abilities without having to depend on rewards of others, she said.

"We're still in a society where being too smart is not too smart. Too many talented people hide in camouflage, just wanting to be like everybody else, feeling guilty for intellectual or creative pursuits and a drive that isn't like their neighbors."

DWIs peak during holidays

By Lauri Hopple

If you could ask for anything you wanted for Christmas, what would you ask for?

During the National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness week, proclaimed last Friday by Gov. Bob Kerrey, state police and councils on alcoholism are asking people to avoid drinking and then driving over the holidays.

The week, sponsored by the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, came just in time for what Administrator Fred Zwonechek called probably the worst time of the year for driving while intoxicated offenses.

Along with the highway office, the Nebraska State Patrol and the Lincoln Council on Alcoholism and Drugs are trying to create more public awareness about the dangers of drinking while driving.

Lt. Harold LeGrande of the state patrol said the patrol's training center has made radio announcements about such dangers. He said 104 Nebraska stations air the radio spots.

Zwonechek said more DWI arrests and alcohol-related traffic accidents occur during the Christmas holidays. But the death rate in Nebraska during the 1982 holiday season was lower

than in recent years, he said.

He added, however, that arrests increased to an all-time high in Nebraska during that time.

Traffic fatalities in Nebraska total 248 so far this year, Zwonechek said. He said the number at this time last year was 251.

Although state traffic fatalities are down, the number of such deaths that are alcohol-related has increased to 45 percent of this year, he said.

Although Zwonechek said the state totals of DWI arrests are rising 10 to 13 percent from the 1982 totals, LeGrande said the state patrol's DWI arrest rate has declined this year.

Linda Lewis, public information officer for LCAD, offered drinking safety tips for people sponsoring or attending holiday celebrations:

— Decide who will drive home from a party before it starts. If you are driving, don't drink at all.

— If you are the host, make sure non-alcoholic drinks are available. Always serve snacks.

— Call a cab for a guest who has overindulged, take him home yourself or offer him a place on your couch.

— Serve non-alcoholic drinks and snacks during the last hour.

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