

Letters



Accident victim accepts condition

Last week, I took a walk downtown at about 9 p.m. The department stores were just closing, Christmas lights tinted the streets and Christmas music from the big speakers filled the air. The evening was mild — no wind, millions of stars, and it was slightly brisk.

As I sat on a bench, I listened to the music, watched the last people carry their packages out of the stores, and sipped some hot chocolate from McDonalds. I began to think about all I had to do before Christmas such as studying for finals, finishing projects and doing my Christmas shopping. I started complaining to myself

about all I had to do, and before I knew it, the smallest things began to annoy me. Finally, I stopped myself and listened closely to the melody of "O Come All Ye Faithful." The song reminded me of my friend, Terry.

Terry is the student who was injured on East Campus in the feed mixer before Thanksgiving. It's been three long but progressive weeks since his accident. Terry has progressed from fifth-floor intensive care of Lincoln General, to fourth floor where he has already stood up, sat in a chair, and moved and lifted his left arm and fingers.

Some of us sweat after we exercise for an hour, but Terry sweats after five to 10 minutes of using every muscle in his body to lift his arm an inch or so. Some of us get

tired while standing in line for drop/add, but Terry stands for two minutes and just beams with joy. And still, some of us may get restless because we have to sit in a desk for a long lecture while Terry's eyes light up as he sits in a wheelchair to look out of a window for the first time in three weeks.

His family, friends and many prayers have helped him progress immensely, but what has helped him the most is that he has accepted all that has happened. And it is so easy for me to say, "Terry is so strong, so remarkable, and such a trooper." Yes, he is, but he will have his down days like the rest of us. He's only human.

A store could put up the biggest and the most Christmas trees, the prettiest decorations, the brightest lights, play the loudest Christmas music and sell the best quality merchandise, but this store could not even begin to give any person the Christmas gift Terry has given to me.

It's not a gift that can be purchased in a store. It's not one that comes in different sizes and colors, or one that can be wrapped in a box and placed under the tree for someone to open. Rather, it is one of accepting — accepting the most difficult and frustrating things in life. Not a final, drop/add, classes or financial problems, but instead accepting the fact that I could have one leg for the rest of my life, or that I may not be able

to use my arm to the fullest ability. And then after accepting these, being able to make goals and keep trying to progress.

It's hard to not smile when I think of Terry. He's something else. I wish all of you would know him or someone like him because it might be easier to then understand how precious it is at one minute to be using your arms and legs and then seconds later, not being able to move them. And even I myself won't ever really know how precious it is unless I am put in the same situation.

Virginia Nemecek  
elementary education  
senior

Student reps clarify Lied grant precepts

Several issues raised in Tim Howard's Dec. 13 letter concerning the Lied Center for Performing Arts need clarification. Howard asserts that the \$10 million matching grant from the Lied Foundation should have been used for purposes other than a performing arts center. Furthermore, Howard offers items such as tuition reduction, library improvement and faculty salary assistance as alternatives. These items, while desirable, are not within the limitations established by the donor.

The Lied Foundation offered the \$10 million donation contin-

gent on two factors: 1) the grant was matched by other funds, and 2) the funds were used for new construction. The money could not be used for operations such as those suggested by Howard.

After the possibility of the grant had been established, it was requested that several options be presented, and of the three, a new administration building, a new museum to replace Morrill Hall and a performing arts center, the last was chosen. Knowing this process, the references to University Foundation Board of Directors Chairman D. B. "Woody" Varner, a man who has contributed more to the university than perhaps anyone, become both unfounded and ungrateful.

As for disparaging comments concerning our NU administrators, if Howard could consult those knowledgeable about the subject, he would find them to be accessible, interested people who care deeply about the interests of students.

Howard is correct about one thing. We cannot "hope money will fall from the sky" to solve problems at UNL. This is exactly the reason why the refusal of \$10 million to help establish an arts center, which otherwise would be impossible, would be foolhardy indeed.

Mark Scudder  
ASUN president  
Curt Oltmans  
ASUN first vice president

**JUAREZ TEQUILA**  
The Magic of Mexico.

Non-traditional student reminisces about motherhood, political career

By Janet Stefanski  
Daily Nebraskan Staff Reporter

She is the wife of a former governor. In 1980 she ran for a seat in the Nebraska Legislature.

These days she is a 60-year-old college student at UNL.

LaVon Crosby, an integrated studies major, shows concern about classes like any college student in saying, "I'm dying in astronomy!"

Crosby's husband, Robert, served as Nebraska's governor from 1953 to 1955 — when the state had two-year gubernatorial terms. LaVon Crosby was not married to the former governor when he served his term, the two were married in 1971.

Robert Crosby now is a senior partner in the law firm of Crosby, Guenzel, Davis, Kessner and Kuester.

Although the non-traditional student has her own political history, Cosby said some people still regard her as "the former governor's wife." But, she said, she doesn't resent it.

"I'm proud to be Bob's wife, not

because he is a former governor, but because he's a wonderful man," she said.

Crosby describes herself as a person who came up the hard way. The Hastings native said she could not afford college when she was younger, and she first entered UNL in 1975, primarily to take organ lessons so she could play for church services.

Profile

Crosby is not a "little lady getting out of the house." She eventually started taking courses outside of her organ classes, which will enable her to earn the integrated studies degree.

Besides competing in the 1980 election for Nebraska's 29th district legislative seat — in which Shirley Marsh defeated her — the mother of four worked on the staff of Sen. Roman Hruska in Omaha and Washington from 1968 to 1971. She currently is chairwoman of Nebraska's Art Council. Crosby's first job was taking

classified advertisements over the phone at the Hastings Tribune in 1941. She eventually moved up to be executive secretary to the publisher, Fred A. Seaton, a former U.S. senator.

She said she feels she accomplished things for women at the Tribune that may not be realized. She cited that back then, a policy was implemented which denied new women employees coverage under the employee insurance. She said the idea that "women come and go" too fast was responsible for the policy.

Crosby approached Seaton about his general manager's policy. Hence all women employees at the Tribune gained coverage.

According to Crosby, however, her greatest accomplishment is her children; Mike, Tim and Fred Stuart and Mary (Stuart) Bolin. She said she tried to bring them up well.

"I think they all realize you have to work for what you get," she said.

Crosby, a humble woman ("flattered" to be interviewed) said she

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**Police Report**

The following incidents were reported to UNL police between 3:06 a.m. and 11:26 p.m. Wednesday.

3:06 a.m. — Smoke bomb reported in the elevator of Harper Hall. No damage was reported.

8 a.m. — Parking permit reported stolen from a car in Parking Area 3 near Plant Science Hall.

9:06 a.m. — Sign reported stolen near Love Library.

10:10 a.m. — Backpack and contents reported stolen from the bookstore in the Nebraska Union.

10:29 a.m. — Accident reported near H. C. Filley Hall. No injuries were reported.

12:11 p.m. — Property damage accident reported near Cubbison Building on City Campus.

1:01 p.m. — Backpack and contents reported stolen from the bookstore in the Nebraska Union.

1:35 p.m. — Christmas tree reported stolen from Smith Hall.

1:49 p.m. — Wallet reported stolen from a locker in Mabel Lee Hall.

1:52 a.m. — Wallet reported stolen from a locker in Mabel Lee Hall.

2:18 p.m. — Backpack reported stolen from the bookstore in Nebraska Union.

2:53 p.m. — Wallet reported stolen from a locker in Mabel Lee Hall.

3:32 p.m. — Hit-and-run accident reported near 13th and R streets.

7:05 p.m. — Fire reported in Ruth Leverton Hall 308 on East Campus. The fire, which caused an estimated \$10,000 to \$15,000 damage, was believed to have been started by a short in a radio.

11:06 p.m. — Belated report of jewelry stolen from Neihardt Residence Center.

11:08 p.m. — Belated report of cassette tapes stolen from Neihardt Residence Center.

11:26 p.m. — Narcotics arrest reported at Neihardt Residence Center. Later in the evening the same person was arrested for a series of thefts, including felonies and misdemeanors.

The following items are being held in lost and found at the University Police Department: Leather jacket, computer tape, jewelry, watches, license plates and wallets.

Items can be claimed between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. by giving a description of the item. Lost and found items are kept for 30 days.