

Judge grants protection order

Anti-abortion activists ordered to stop threatening, approaching doctor

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A District Court judge Wednesday ordered members of an anti-abortion rights group to stay at least 24 feet away from a Lincoln gynecologist who performs abortions.

In a protection order granted by Judge Paul Merritt, members of Rescue the Heartland and three specific people were prohibited from threatening or disturbing the peace of Dr. Winston Crabb and his wife, Millicent.

Crabb filed for the protection order last week after several incidents this

summer when Rescue the Heartland protestors followed him from his home and work and approached him at restaurants, an automatic teller machine and in his car at a stop sign.

Millicent Crabb testified that the protestors came to her workplace and yelled at her. She also said they took a photograph of her face.

The protestors testified that they weren't threatening or harassing the Crabbs, just trying to persuade Winston Crabb to stop performing abortions.

In his ruling, Judge Merritt said it was not unreasonable for someone to feel threatened or terrified by being followed in a car several times, having

one's car surrounded at a stop sign, being followed into eating establishments and having someone suddenly shoot a photograph of them.

The order stated that the protestors are not to follow or chase any vehicle the Crabbs are driving or riding in.

They are also prohibited from blocking or standing within 24 feet of any vehicle the Crabbs are entering, leaving or driving.

Violating a protection order does not have a preset maximum or minimum penalty.

Attorneys for both sides were out of Lincoln on Wednesday. Neither Crabb nor members of Rescue the Heartland could be reached by phone.

Grad assistants not forming unions

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Graduate assistants have taken over freshman composition, introductory language and laboratory classes as the demand for more professorial emphasis on teaching increases.

Mike Evces, an Iowa graduate student of curriculum and instruction who teaches freshman rhetoric, said that although Iowa's graduate assistant salaries were ranked ninth out of the Big 10 schools, benefits were a bigger issue.

"When grad students first began organizing three years ago, they offered rather meager health care," Evces said. "They called it 'Health Coverage for Healthy People.'"

Among other things, Evces said, treatment for many illnesses and physical therapy procedures were not covered.

"We wanted something more comprehensive," he said.

Graduate students voted to join the union and negotiated salary and insurance changes with university administration.

Base salaries for teaching and research assistants rose from \$10,500 to \$12,500 for each academic year, and, more importantly, a new insurance plan was added.

At UNL, stipends for graduate assistants vary among departments, but can be as much as \$12,000, said Rosalind Carr, the university employment officer for graduate students.

Graduate assistants at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are not unionized, Carr said, but they can purchase the same student insurance available to undergraduates.

Mary Sully, a UNL graduate student in management, is putting together the 1995-96 National Survey of Graduate Assistant Stipends, Graduate Fellowships and Post-doctoral Fellow-

ships. The study will show graduate student salaries at 123 comparable graduate schools across the country.

Although the final numbers aren't in, UNL grad students do have salaries on par with students at peer universities, Sully said. UNL's student fees are also lower than many peer universities, she said.

There haven't been any rustlings of wanting to unionize at UNL, Sully said. One reason, she said, is that graduate assistants all operate under a rights and privileges statement set up by the dean of graduate studies. The statement ensures teaching and research assistants they won't be putting in ungodly hours at low pay.

Although joining a union is becoming more popular, UNL will probably not jump on the bandwagon, Sully said.

"There's no talk of unionizing, because rights are recognized and students are pretty happy."

Law & Order

A look at crime on campus and in the community

ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE

Police are investigating an attempted homicide involving a man who allegedly stabbed his ex-girlfriend in the chest Wednesday morning.

A Lincoln woman, age 26, is in serious condition at Lincoln General hospital after undergoing surgery for two stab wounds in her left chest, Lincoln police Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

The woman told police her ex-boyfriend broke into her apartment Wednesday morning and stabbed her in the chest and abdomen, Heermann said.

When police arrived on the scene, they found the suspect on the porch of the house on the 1500 block of south 13th Street, Heermann said. Officers arrested Epefania Arzvalo for attempted homicide.

Police could not get a clear statement from the woman Wednesday afternoon because she still was sedated from the surgery.

ROBBERY

A 30-year-old woman was attacked in her car Tuesday night by a man who tried to rob her of cash.

Sherry Burback was giving a 23-year-old man a ride home at 12:15 a.m., Heermann said.

The two got out of the car near 11th and G streets and the man asked her if he could borrow \$20, Heermann said.

When Burback told him no, he grabbed her from behind and threw her back into the car, Heermann

said. He attacked her, grabbed her throat and demanded \$40, Heermann said.

Burback again refused so he rummaged through her purse and pulled out a wad of cash, Heermann said.

Residents in the area heard the commotion and called police. The two still were in the car when officers arrived, Heermann said.

Police arrested Frederick Cage for attempted strongarm robbery.

BURGLARY

A woman woke early Wednesday morning to find a half-dressed burglar in her bed.

The woman found the strange man masturbating next to her at her home near 18th and P streets at about 5 a.m., Heermann said.

When the woman screamed, the suspect told her to be quiet and put his hand over her mouth, Heermann said.

A man living with the woman heard the scream and came into the room, Heermann said.

The man got up, said he had the wrong house and fled, Heermann said.

The couple living there believe the man entered through an open window, Heermann said.

The woman described the man as white with long strawberry-blond hair in a pony tail. She told police he looked to be in his late 20s, about 5-foot-9, 135 pounds. He was wearing a yellow button shirt and boxer shorts.

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