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Willie Miller is making big strides at fullback early in the season for the Nebraska football team. **PAGE 10**



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Student smuggles Bibles to Beijing, exports faith

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As Melissa Trembly approached customs services in Beijing this past May, she was concealing a stash of contraband: 100 Chinese-language Bibles.

Although not prohibited in China, Bibles are rare and cannot be imported legally. Trembly, a junior secondary English education major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was participating in a program to smuggle Bibles to underground religious leaders defying the Chinese government's restrictions on the freedom to worship.

Customs officials waved Trembly's group through its checkpoint without searching the luggage and carry-on bags that had been stuffed with Bibles. But it was a tense moment, she said.

"We prayed really hard," she said.

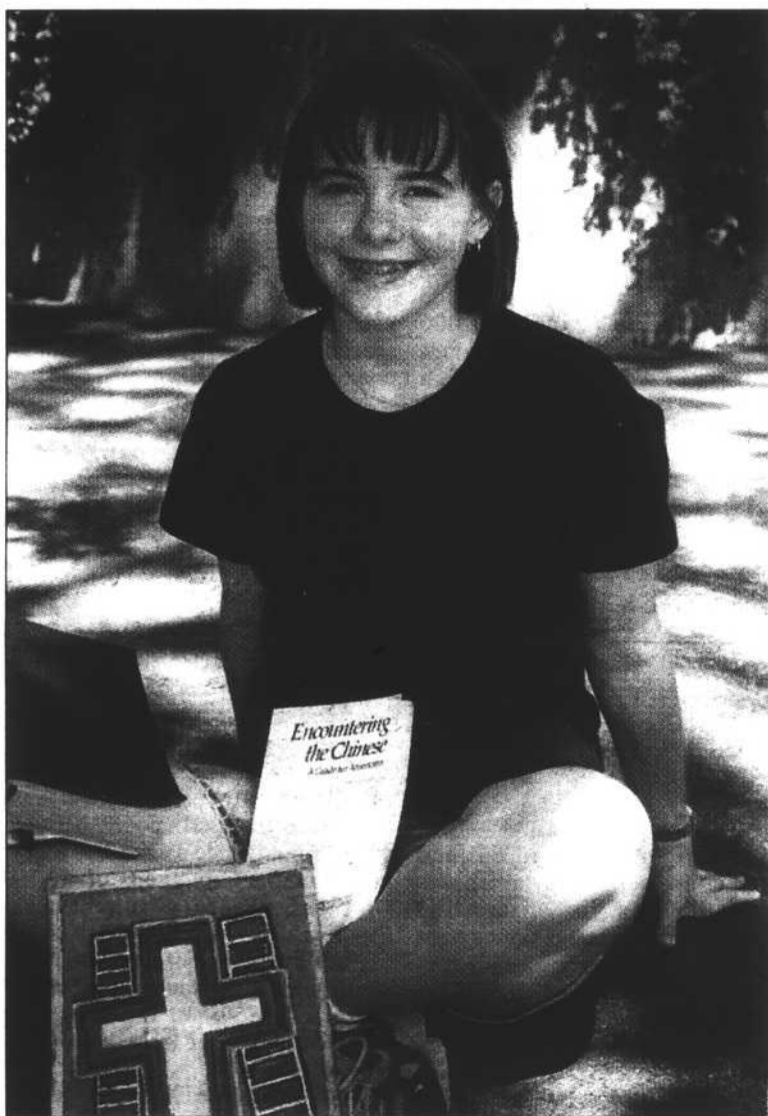
Trembly's trip to China was sponsored by China Harvest, a ministry based in Virginia Beach, Va. She heard about the program at a religious conference in Urbana, Ill.

In addition to smuggling Bibles into the country, Trembly and about 10 other participants met with religious leaders and learned about their struggle to worship freely in a society that has frequently persecuted Christians.

Government's grip

To legally practice Christianity in China, worshippers must attend a church registered with the government. The government appoints a minister for each church, prohibits people under age 18 from worshipping and imposes other restrictions on worship.

But many Chinese Christians, refusing to compromise for official recognition of their faith, worship in "underground" house churches out of authorities' sight.



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MELISSA TREMBLY, a junior secondary English education major, spent two weeks in China to bring Bibles into the country.

After arriving in Beijing via South Korea, Trembly's group traveled by train through northeast China to Shenyang. Along the way, group members met with several house church leaders, often

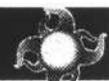
in inconspicuous locations to avert suspicion. Those leaders then distributed the Bibles throughout the country.

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ASUN opposes union proposal

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ASUN



After what was supposed to be a simple piece of legislation Wednesday, a two-hour discussion over discrimination led ASUN members to oppose UNL Union Board's proposed policy to exclude non-students from the Nebraska Union.

"The proposal by Union Board is blatantly discriminatory," Senator Kara Slaughter said. "There can be no systematic way of enforcing how Community Service Officers will check student IDs."

The Union Board proposal, stated by Nebraska Unions Director Daryl Swanson, would restrict the use of the Crib, the unfinished northwest study lounge, the unfinished basement billiard room and television lounge to University of Nebraska-Lincoln students, faculty and staff.

Community Service Officers would have the discretion to check student IDs and ask those who failed to produce a valid identification to leave.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska President Sara Russell acknowledged the Union Board's concern for student and building safety, but said if the policy passes, the university is discriminating against a

public institution and public property.

"Public means everyone," Russell said. "We are not a private institution."

Senator Jeff Woodford disagreed.

"Not everyone has the right to use public property," Woodford said. "If we did, I could sleep in the governor's mansion tonight."

Paul Schreier, committee for fees allocation chairman, said people need to realize UNL already discriminates between students and non-students.

"Every time you use your student ID you are using a student service — the Health Center and Recreation Center," Schreier said. "Student services, including the student union, are for UNL students only."

Senator Jed Christensen said the union is a building commonly used for other activities including conferences and alumni activities.

"You can't let those people in if you're not going to let transients in — they're all non-UNL students," Christensen said.

Second Vice President Eddie Brown said it was embarrassing to him as a student and member of ASUN that

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Fund honors Cockson

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Senate members passed the proposal by acclamation.

The scholarship will be given annually to a student who actively promotes alcohol education and awareness.

"The scholarship is good way to encourage the continuation of alcohol education on campus," Russell said. "It will reinforce the efforts of people who do an effective communication of alcohol awareness."

Russell said ASUN will donate \$300 to the Cockson scholarship fund.

Lessley said she could not comment on whether Gamma Phi Beta will donate money to the memorial.

Russell said she wants campuswide support and would like to see other groups actively work to raise money for the scholarship fund.

"Cockson was a greek member. But this tragedy affects everyone," Russell said.

ASUN is in contact with other student organizations considering to donate money to the scholarship fund.

"If this is one way the world can help be reminded of this tragedy, I'm all for it," Eva Cockson said. "It will help save the life of another — one life that can be lived."

Organizations interested in donating money to the Laura Cockson Memorial Scholarship should contact the ASUN office, 115 Nebraska Union, (402) 436-2581.

Work-release prisoner flees

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A prisoner escaped from a community corrections work crew in south Lincoln on Tuesday afternoon.

Michael Corliss did not check in with the corrections officer supervising his work crew at 12:30 p.m. after the crew's lunch break, and a search was then launched.

But at 2 p.m., when corrections officers could not find Corliss in the area around the State Department of Roads materials yard, Highway 77 and South 14th Street, the state patrol was notified of the escape, said Rex Richard, superintendent of Nebraska's community corrections program.

After Corliss failed to check in, corrections officers found a 12-inch machete and a work shirt missing, Richard said.

State patrol officers gave all their units a description of Corliss, said Jeff Hansen, a spokesman for the state patrol, and warned that he may be dangerous, though corrections officials said work crew prisoners are generally not dangerous.

Corliss, 24, is white, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 168 pounds and has blond hair, blue eyes and several tattoos.

Since being sentenced to community corrections for theft by unlawful taking, Corliss had been living in a community center and working on work crews for various state agencies such as

the roads department, parks and natural resources departments, Richard said.

"These are (low-risk) inmates," Richard said. "They live in a community center, and they can have passes into the community with a sponsor."

Through their work, the prisoners use many different tools, depending on the job at hand, Richard said.

"The machete is just a tool used for a task," Richard said.

Corliss would have been eligible for parole in February 1999, and he would have completed his sentence in April 1999.

Richard said the last time a prisoner escaped from community corrections was in May of 1997. That prisoner did not return after a pass into the community.