

OPINION PAGES

Quotes OF THE WEEK

"We live in a country where you need to purchase a permit to tell the truth."

Tom Manthey on his "subliminal advertising" with handwritten T-shirts in front of the federal building

"It's not always a scam. It's just that students fail to read the contract carefully."

Marilyn Bath, consumer specialist, on the large volumes of students who are scammed over spring break

"It is elitist in every sense of the word. The honors program only serves as a shelter for academic elitists."

Kevin Francis, a freshman honors actuarial science student, on the honors program

"I reject the elitism charge. It is false. It misconceives the honors program and its mission."

UNL Chancellor James Moeser on the university's honors program

"This bill is so bad that I did not know exactly where to start."

Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers before introducing one of many amendments to LB126, a bill aimed at curbing teen drinking

"Take one week and turn on the radio every couple of hours."

Doc Mullet, a.k.a. Doctor Blues, on KZUM

"We do more than just go to class in uniform."

Richard Marunda, junior, on ROTC

"UCLA is a very good basketball team. But we'd like another chance with them to show them that we can play with them."

NU guard Amanda Went, on NU's getting into the women's NCAA

"We went into this as a team and came out as a team. A blow to one of us is a blow to all of us."

ASUN president-elect Andy Schuerman on running mate Vernon Miller's loss

"Derek's just different, all right? He's just weird. For one thing, the guy doesn't stop talking about his fish. He gives us daily updates on his fish!"

Junior gymnast Blake Bukacek on his teammate, Derek Leiter

"All I can do is think about those 20 votes - just 20 votes."

Second vice president-elect Trisha Meuret on the Focus candidates' defeat

"What my client did was not manslaughter. It was first-degree murder."

Scott Helvie, Timothy Hopkins' lawyer

"He was the last great director of that era. He was the big daddy."

Actor Malcolm McDowell, on the death of famed director Stanley Kubrick

Lupo's VIEW

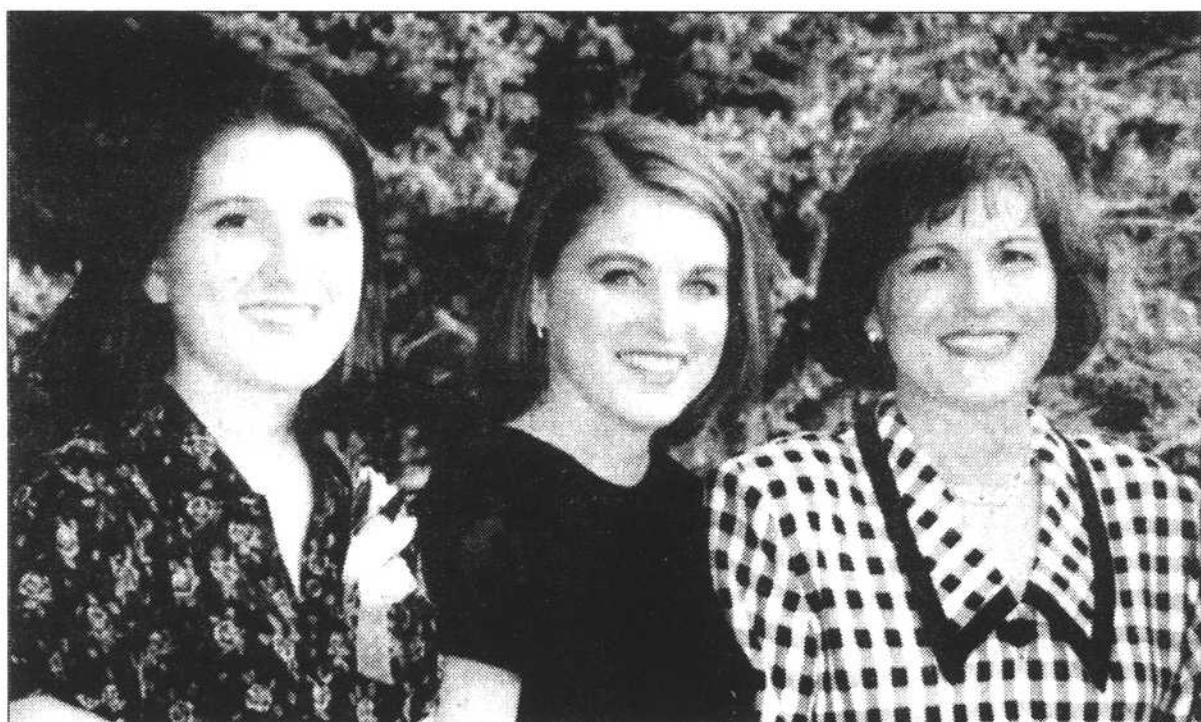


PHOTO COURTESY OF THE COCKSON FAMILY
LAURA COCKSON, center, with her sister Erin and her mother, Eva.

Dearly departed

Remembering anniversary of a daughter's death

(Editor's note: This Sunday marks the first anniversary of the death of Laura Cockson, a 21-year-old University of Nebraska-Lincoln junior from Friend, who was killed by a drunken driver in Lincoln on March 14, 1998.

This poem, written by her mother, Eva Cockson, commemorates Laura's life.)

**In memory of Laura Marie Cockson
July 17, 1976, to March 14, 1998**

A million times we've needed you;
A million times we've cried.
Our hearts are broken and torn apart;
Our minds are weary

from asking, "Why?"
Sometimes we wonder if you really knew how extra-special you truly were.
Your big blue eyes and shining smile;
A life without will be hard to endure.

A million times we've missed you;
A million times we've cried.
Birthdays, holidays, and "family times":
Such sad reminders that you have died.

We'd give the world and even more
To be with you in the same old way.
To hear your voice and see your face;
We can only imagine such a day!

A million times we've grieved for you:

A million times we've cried.
No marriage, children, future here
'Cause with you all this died.

We hope you see us and always know
How much we love and think of you.
You were our pride and joy and future here.
Daughter, sister, and friend so true.

A million times we've prayed for you;
A million times we've cried
'Cause your heart of gold stopped beating
And with God you now abide.

We'll love you forever, Laura.

-Dad, Mom, Steve, Sarah and Erin

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