

16-year-old struggles against sickle-cell anemia

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has received throughout his life has come from his mother and father, Eddie Wade, and his youngest brother, Tim, who has always lifted his spirits.

Lined with posters of Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls, Love-Wade's room, which he shares with his brother Eddie, is the spot where he hangs out with friends, plays video games or watches TV.

The teen dreams of being a stockbroker in Atlanta someday. Although he seemed uncertain about wanting to ever get married, Love-Wade said he does not want any children.

"I wouldn't dream of putting a kid

through this because my kid would for sure have the disease," he said.

If at least one parent has sickle-cell anemia, a couple's children will also have the disease.

It is possible for someone to have the sickle-cell trait and not have the disease. But if both parents have the trait, as in the case of Love-Wade, their children could be affected.

Although Love-Wade tries not to complain of the pain he has endured, he will give justice to his feelings about the disease that may eventually take his life.

When asked what his life has been like while battling this disease, Love-Wade didn't hesitate before answering: "Hell."

Blood drive donations to aid teen, others

By **KELLI LACEY**
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Students can see different costumes and eat a lot of candy when they donate blood today and Wednesday at the first-ever Halloween blood drive at UNL.

"Be a Haunted Hero" is the theme for the Community Blood Bank's first-ever fall blood drive at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Each spring, the Community Blood Bank holds a blood drive with UNL's Red Cross Chapter.

The blood drive will be held in the Nebraska Union Centennial Room. UNL's Panhellenic and the

Afrikan People's Union are co-sponsoring the drive.

The Halloween drive may become an annual one, said Mary Beth Carstens, promotions coordinator for the Community Blood Bank.

Anyone who is eligible to donate blood at the drive is encouraged to do so. Donors must be in good health, be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and should eat a regular meal before donating.

The drive will last from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Wednesday. All UNL students must show their student IDs.

The organizers of the drive said they hope to get about 100 people

each day to donate for O.C. Love-Wade and the many other people in Lincoln who need transfusions.

"The blood we get from the community stays in the community," Carstens said.

"That makes us special because you are really giving back to the community."

Annie Leishman, a Panhellenic representative who helped to coordinate the event, said it is important that students get out and donate because every donation saves about three lives.

"We're doing this for O.C., but this will be the only blood that the Community Blood Bank will receive for those two days," Leishman said.

Council approves fireworks sales

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instead of 1 a.m.

The amendment to the ordinance was approved.

McRoy said people such as restaurant servers who will work late on New Year's Eve also need time to celebrate.

"I just really thought I is a little restrictive," she said. "I was like, '1? Please.' Let's lighten up."

Councilman Jon Camp said he thought most of the fireworks would be shot off at midnight anyway.

"If it's 10 below zero no one may be out," he said. "I hope people will be pragmatic on everything."

In a telephone interview last Friday, Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady said he knew people liked to use fireworks, but he had seen people seriously injured by fireworks.

"I'm kind of a long-standing opponent of fireworks," he said.

However, Councilman Jerry Shoecraft said he thought the police would be busy on New Year's Eve even if the council had kept the original time limit of 1 a.m.

"(The police) are going to be out there until 4 anyway," he said.

A bill introduced by Sen. Adrian Smith of Gering in the Legislature allowed fireworks to be sold between Dec. 27, 1999, and Jan. 1, 2000. According to the bill, Nebraska cities, such as Lincoln, can restrict the selling dates.

In other business, the council voted 6-0 to increase the cost of the StarTran Ride 'N Shop bus fare from 37.5 cents a rider to 40 cents.

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The Ride 'N Shop program allows people to receive a free return trip on StarTran when they make a \$5 purchase at participating downtown stores.

The StarTran Advisory Board recommended the change because the program's administrative costs increased, said Larry Worth, StarTran transit manager.

Councilman Jeff Fortenberry was the only council member who did not vote because he was absent.

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