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Dietrich Hides Her Face

Boisterous Student Punished

Lincoln High Senior and class cut-up Sallie Dietrich was forced to kneel on the 50-yard line and play a solo for the band's "Tropical Dreams" field show this fall. Director Terry Rush stated, "Someone like that needs to be where I can keep a close eye on her."

Upon getting news of the embarrassment, relatives Willdra Ruzanski-Baker, Scott Ruzanski, and Vanette Benesch came from three states to taunt her and eat sugary snacks purchased at the concession stand.

A Message from the Editors

Greetings once again, Gentle Readers, and welcome to the fifth (!) annual edition of *The Tattler*. Many of you are no doubt wondering how many years this publication will survive. So are we.

Yet, year after year, the mail pours in, telling us that we have again outdone ourselves. "I thought I had seen it all last year, but this year's *Tattler* is even worse!" burbled one enthusiastic fan.

Less seasoned subscribers have thought (hoped) they were receiving a trial subscription, and by writing CANCEL across the page and returning it, they would be spared receiving future editions. No, dear readers, once a *Tattlerite*, always a *Tattlerite*!

And so, we continue, killing trees and mangling grammar as freely as we mangle facts.

Your cards and letters are always greatly appreciated, although we opt to not publish them in the *Tattler*. They tend to not meet our standards for inflammatory content. Nonetheless, we love to hear from you, as you are in our thoughts throughout the year.

The staff wishes all our good readers a joyous holiday season and a wonderful new year.



Man Goes Unpunished At Work

Larry Dietrich, programmer at LI-COR Biosciences, has somehow failed to get fired, in spite of ever more outrageous demands on the company's financial resources.

Dietrich began by insisting that the entire I.T. department be given new quarters in the new building. Then, he upped the ante by demanding that all the company's servers be replaced by the latest state-of-the-art equipment, and that a new room be built to house it all. When that failed to generate the desired uproar in upper management, he demanded that the company's entire network infrastructure be replaced.

"It's taking a lot of time and energy to deal with all this new stuff," Dietrich whined. "I didn't expect them to call my bluff and approve it all. The only thing they haven't delivered yet are the plasma TV and the spa." Dietrich may be waiting a while for the latter two items.



Dietrich, as yet unaware of what's in store

Husband Jettisons Wife in Distant State

Plot Unsuccessful

Nebraska resident Larry Dietrich, having taken all he could from his wife, Wanda, finally got fed up enough to abandon her one rainy spring day in a small town in Minnesota. He left her with only her beloved bicycle and a pair of superannuated* panniers filled with minimal clothing and provisions.

He drove off without a second look.

"I just got tired of listening to her talk about how much she loves that bicycle, so I took her and the bike and let them enjoy each other for a while. I guess I snapped." said a defiant Dietrich. "How was I supposed to know that the weather was going to be so bad?"

Fortunately, the soggy victim was found several days later near Sioux City, Iowa. She appeared to be physically unharmed, although her babble about birds, burgers, and bike angels indicated a seriously altered mental state.

Tattler investigators are attempting to determine whether husband Larry had recently taken out large insurance policies on his wife.

Tattler exclusive: Read the victim's own account of her ordeal. Visit the online edition of the *Tattler* for a link to her harrowing tale.

*Look it up.

Youth Group Sent to Austria

Austria Sends them Back

Lincoln orchestra conductor and counselor for deviant youth Bob Krueger took a group of Lincoln young people, which he facetiously calls the "Lincoln Youth Symphony," to various cities in Austria.

While there, Krueger tried to lose the group in the Castle in Salzburg, on mountain tops, and in concert halls. The resident Austrians weren't fooled, however, and kept rounding up the miscreant youths, eventually sending them back to their original homes in Lincoln Nebraska.

"We had a blast," crowed group member Sallie Dietrich. "I don't know why they made us come home."

Obsession with Weapons Continues

Faithful readers of the *Tattler* will know that Sallie Dietrich has for years harbored an obsession with long, pointed weapons. Dietrich is a longtime participant in the stylized warfare known as "fencing."

Her fencing team, *Lincoln Fencing Club*, has traveled to many cities, including Austin, Des Moines, and Sacramento to fence against other clubs from around the country. In one such tournament, held in Sioux City Iowa, the Lincoln group emerged victorious in all six events.

Dietrich intends to nurture her obsession when she attends college next fall, possibly at Brown University or Cornell.



Man Attempts to Disrupt Weddings

The *Tattler* has learned that Lincoln resident Larry Dietrich has joined a gang of hooligans who are believed to call themselves the Great Pains Cacophonous Windbags. The *modus operandi* of the group is to dress in black, sneak in the back door of churches and other public buildings armed with a variety of sound-producing devices, and to disrupt the proceedings by simultaneously "letting loose" with their noisemakers.

although this reporter has yet to be invited in to any of these events, we can judge by the forced smiles on the faces of the participants as they emerge, that some extortion money was paid and the ceremonies proceeded. Local law enforcement is turning a blind eye to the practice.

Grown Daughter Embarks on Mission

Elizabeth Dietrich, twenty-two year-old daughter of Lincoln residents Wanda and Larry Dietrich, has announced her intention to spend the Christmas holiday:

- ◆ traveling to her parents' home
- ◆ playing Christmas carols on sundry instruments
- ◆ eating paella
- ◆ joining the family in wishing all a joyous holiday season



Wanda in the Pit

Couple Confined to Pit

In an attempt to keep actors and musicians off the streets, Lincoln Parks and Recreation periodically sponsors large theatrical productions in the Pinewood Bowl amphitheater.

Lincoln couple Wanda and Larry Dietrich were selected this fall for the "honor" of being confined to the Pinewood pit while actors stomped on the roof above their heads.

The perspective from the pit is entirely different from that of the audience. Besides being unable to see the proceedings on stage, the musicians are treated to such unique experiences as sharing the pit with insects, spiders and other creatures of the wild (not to mention other musicians).

During this year's production, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, the musicians' experiences included the rumble of huge rotating platforms above their heads as well as occasional peltings of sawdust, feathers, and an entire stuffed goose.

The Dietrich couple, ever the masochists, "Keep us in mind for next year!"

Mother, Daughter Write Terrible Novels

Minneapolis resident Elizabeth Dietrich, reacting to extreme cold and dark, took it upon herself to write an entire novel in thirty days. Not satisfied with keeping the madness to herself, she enlisted her boyfriend, Stephen, and mother, Wanda, to each attempt to write their own 50,000 word novels during the month of November.

"When I heard about National Novel Writing Month, I felt I had to do it," explained Dietrich, rubbing her wrists. "I just wanted to have someone who would understand the pressures that NaNo puts on an aspiring novelist."

Even Thanksgiving was not exempt from the novel writing insanity, with mother and daughter boasting of their word counts as of that day. All three, by the way, finished their "novels" by the end of the month, but were extremely reluctant to share the results. "It's not spell-checked" was the excuse used by Wanda.

Family members Larry and Sallie, neither of whom participated in the word-count madness, reported feeling abandoned during the month of November. "Thank goodness that's over." said a relieved Larry.

"Don't tell anyone, but we're already making plans our next novels. Maybe next year's books will even have plots!" whispered Elizabeth to this reporter as the interview was coming to a close.

Tattler Available Online

Haven't had your fill of the *Tattler*? There's more! You can view current and past editions of *The Tattler* along with many family photos on the Web at <http://lincolndietrichs.org>.

