

'How does the University of Nebraska contribute to the state?'

Dear Daily Nebraskan,
 Jan. 24, 1980
 Every year thousands of students walk out of the graduating ceremonies to begin their careers in Nebraska. The majority of these graduates come from local areas and most of them return to Nebraska communities after graduating. These young men and women carry to these communities wealth and property in the form of improved personal character and increased intellectual ability.
 The medical teaching and law profession have been bolstered along with many other professions by the surge of graduates each year.
 Nebraska has gained national and international recognition for its outstanding performance in agriculture and beef production. The University has helped make this a reality through research programs and the exhausting experiments done in search of cures for animal disease and improved crop hybrids.
 The list of accomplishments achieved by the colleges of agriculture, architecture, arts and sciences, business, engineering and technology, home economics and teachers college could have added a considerable increase in the standard of living. Not only by increasing the ability to earn a larger income, but by making life easier and more enjoyable for all citizens of this state.
 Money spent towards improving the quality of learning is well spent. It is money that goes eventually to the helping of students to get the education they want and deserve. Economists stress the value of education as an investment in human resources. A person which has received a degree from the university is a valuable asset, both to themselves and to this state. Therefore, in light of these many facts, tangible and intangible, we must allow the university to function freely to the best advantage of the citizens of this state.
 Bob Strong
 Business
 Sophomore

Dear Daily Nebraskan,
 Jan. 23, 1980
 Are we seeing the deterioration of the Good Life for the State of Nebraska? Unfortunately, Yes. Due to the lack of funds for the State of Nebraska and the University, the future of our state. Many students with whom I have talked are upset about the quality of the teaching faculty. In my college, Business Administration, we are experiencing fewer instructors with solid credentials.
 We know the university is in competition with other state Universities, colleges, private institutions and industry for professors. It would appear that we are unable to compete as a general rule in the employment market. I do not believe Nebraska wishes to remain 7th in the Big 8.
 Good students and good faculty are still here, fighting for the University because they're proud of this state and this University, but people do not fight forever -- soon we'll lose many more of our faculty and Nebraska students may choose to go elsewhere to school.
 The University does need a substantial budget. Our state must pull its weight, or we will all lose.
 What does the University do for the State? Everything! The University of Nebraska enhances the Good Life.
 The gamble is that our proof is written in the future, cut the university budget and where is our future?
 Lee Chapin
 President Interfraternity Council UV-L

Dear Daily Nebraskan,
 Jan. 26, 1980
 The University of Nebraska is the most important thing to be established in this state. An extremely high proportion of the students are from this state. This shows that the university does alot to further the education of its people.
 But the thing that impresses me most and makes me very proud to say that I go to school here, is that the university pulls the whole state together. Everyone that is a sports fan, knows that Nebraska has probably the most devoted fans in the country. The sports teams especially the football team, are the pride of the state. People from every corner of the state are drawn by a common bond, football. You can't go anywhere on a Saturday without hearing "Touchdown, Junior" because everyone's radio is tuned into the game. Farmers, truckers, clerks, car salesmen and all other people of the state in life love their football team. No other all walks in the country has as much pride as we do. And this pride spills over into other areas, too.
 Therefore the university has contributed to the state the most important thing it possibly could. It's contribution is not material. It's contribution is a feeling called pride, which is worth more than any metal or stone. It is the best thing the school could contribute.
 Tony Skrdlant
 Mathematics

Dear Daily Nebraskan,
 Jan. 25, 1980
 The University of Nebraska, being one of the top major colleges in the United States, has brought many benefits and contributions to the state of Nebraska.
 One major one is the recognition given to the state by the Cornhusker football team. One of the first things that comes to your mind when you think of Nebraska, is there outstanding football program.
 Through the years, Nebraska has received many benefits such as, you could say a large tourist attraction on fame Saturdays. The extra cash flow and revenue created over the years must be very large.
 Many industries have benefited from Husker-mania, from the sale of souvenirs. Almost anything you could want can be made with the Nebraska or Cornhusker insignia on it. Businesses have reaped the benefits of the souvenir market. You can get anything from shirts and other clothes to lamps and rugs, etc. The commercial market for these products are outstanding.
 The support for this area of the university is tremendous. Each year the football stadium is constantly sold out for every home game. Nebraska has recorded over 100 straight sell out crowds.
 Another area of contribution is the agricultural department. Many programs have been started to benefit the Nebraska farmers, such as irrigation, soil conservation, and soil fertilization.
 The agricultural department is one of the finest in the country. Having a facility with so much land and space to work with is very helpful. With a facility like the one on east campus, animals can be kept and studied and crops can actually be grown.
 In all, the university has made so many contributions to the state in so many areas it would be difficult to cover them all. The total benefits are so vast that they could not be recorded.
 To sum it all up, the University of Nebraska is a top-notch facility and one of the finest in the country.
 Doug Mittels
 Business Administration

Dear Daily Nebraskan,
 Jan. 26, 1980
 The University of Nebraska at Lincoln has made contributions to the state in several areas. The well known agriculture department has benefited farmers across the state. Their research in such areas as hybrid crops and soil evaluation have helped increase yields significantly over the past decades.
 Another area of great contribution is the excitement and prestige brought to the state by the Nebraska football program. The football fans in the area have the privilege of having a winning team, year after year, a feat accomplished by only a handful of schools across the country. The publicity and great tourist drawing power is greatly appreciated by the citizens of Lincoln and the rest of the state as well.
 Probably the most significant contribution made by the university is the educational opportunities it offers to the young people of Nebraska. An area without a major university often finds its young people leaving the area to further their education. More often than not, they remain in the area where they study to practice in their field. This deprives the state of its most important resource, people. But luckily, Nebraska does not share this problem with other places as it maintains a fine university in the city of Lincoln.
 Bill Repichowsky
 Freshman
 Architecture

Dear Daily Nebraskan,
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 With the technology that is making the world run today, the colleges of America are becoming more and more a way for Americans to stay on top of things. In particular, the University of Nebraska has helped the state of Nebraska and makes it one of the most prosperous states in the Union. What makes Nebraska? For anything to grow, a person has to look at the roots of the system. The roots of the cornhusker state are the people. And the new roots are the youth.
 The university offers opportunity for the city slicker to the country boy. From computer technology to Agriculture Economics to physics; the university shows the variety of majors available and the different interests that the young people have to keep the city and rural community going strong.
 The college of agriculture is one college that really helps the majority of the people. It helps by offering extension programs to each county and this benefits everyone. Films and data on what sort of seed to plant different soils are offered to what very much to search stations soils for agriculture and more. Every day in towns for agriculture and used very much. Learnings and growing as an individual. It is a place for that will help you later on in your career. Making new friends important to the young man or woman wanting to be a better person.
 Tom Huckfeldt
 Freshman
 Ag Economics

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