

# Editorial

## East Campus is oasis amid college bustle

There is a place not too far away where Levi's jeans are not in fashion. It's a place where people who are in the know wear Lee or Wrangler... or they don't care about what kind of jeans they wear.

It's a place where country music rules. As fraternities and dorms in downtown Lincoln play New Wave and Top 40 at full volume, it isn't uncommon to hear Alabama or "The Oaks" there.

It's easy to know another person's name there: it's probably tooled on the back of her leather belt.

A place where men are men, sheep are in the barns and very few women are scared.

Moo U. Cow Campus. Ag Campus. East Campus. It's hardly a lost oasis somewhere between here and Iowa. It's a community within a community. East Campus is like a small town, a true part of Nebraska, with fresh ideas and the advantages of a progressive, fast-paced city. Some who live there claim the place they came from is "God's country." One resident said "You can be the person you want to be, yet the people around you care."

Somewhat it's easy to forget that East Campus exists.

A ten-minute bus-ride away, East Campus is a vital key to the success of UNL and Nebraska. As part of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, faculty members may be

involved with research and the Cooperative Extension Service in conjunction with their teaching assignments. Some are hired specifically for one area; others divide their time between branches on a percentage basis.

East Campus is known for UNL's Ag College, home of some of the top agriculture-related departments in the nation and the only tractor-testing station of its kind in the United States.

UNL's Dental College, Law College, Barkley Memorial Center and an architecturally unique student union are part of "Ag Campus," too.

East Campus is quiet yet busy, peaceful and uncrowded. People tend to be pleasant and friendly. It's almost as if it were in a place and time far removed from City Campus. Somehow, East Campus reflects the true spirit of Nebraska. Hard work. Common sense. Respect for life, resources and other people. And a love of life and fun.

It seems as if East Campus rarely gets the credit it deserves, like many other facets of this university that go unnoticed.

Maybe that's how East Campus should be — left to be productive, prosperous and effective in its quiet, unobtrusive way.

— Jann Nyffeler



## Read this column later

Today I'm going to do something I've been putting off: procrastinate.

Procrastination; say it slow and it sounds like a disease. Something on the same order as the word "parasite."



**Kema Soderberg**

Actually, I think procrastination is a parasite.

This parasite lives all year, but since it molts leaves in the spring and then flies on sun beams, one is most likely to be infested with procrastination in mid-April.

True procrastination has many symptoms:

- Bare arms and legs ranging in color from glow-in-the-dark-white to nuclear-holocaust-red, but never Bermuda-brown.
- Bruised knees and elbows due to increased bicycle wrecks and frisbee-flops.
- Clean bedrooms, clean bathrooms, clean kitchens, clean living rooms,...
- Taxes completed by 11:59 p.m. April 16.
- Overdrawn checkbooks with incomplete balance sheets.
- Increased patronage of local eateries and bars.
- Fashion-clad individuals or reformed slobs who have found a new hang-out in the Centrum.
- Backpacks stocked with home rem-

edies like tennis racquets, swim suits, hacky sacs and pleasure books, but no notebooks.

- Notebooks scattered across the campus that contain no class notes, but pages and pages of priority lists.
- Dazed eyes, especially at test time, that are usually caused by poor class attendance.
- Persistent morning headaches.
- Large phone bills.
- Students incognito hiding behind dark glasses and dodging professors.
- Increased memory loss. The library card is left at home, the assignment is "misplaced," and you lock yourself out of the house.
- Increased interest in sports like Australian rules football.
- Five radio stations blaring simultaneously on 16th Street between R and Vine.
- Waking up at 7 a.m. and laying in bed until 10 a.m., thinking of those things you're supposed to do.
- Rushes on the Academic Records Office to switch majors to philosophy or anything else that can be contemplated with closed eyes.
- Traffic jams on the roads to Pioneers Park and Holmes Lake.
- Coffee becomes a food staple.
- Annihilated GPAs.

If none of these symptoms apply to you, see your doctor. Something is wrong. If you have three or more of these symptoms, don't worry. Relax, kick off your shoes, go to a park and save all that homework for the weekend. Chances are it will rain.

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## Campus Quotes

Do you think the space shuttle program has had too much money put into it?



**Brad Morris**  
sophomore  
undeclared  
"No. I think the program, on the whole, is good and that it's furthering research into outer space."



**Mary Gaines**  
senior  
journalism  
"I do think that it's a pretty neat thing. I'm not opposed to them shuffling money into it. I'd rather see that than them building 18 more machine guns."



**Eileen Walsh**  
senior  
psychology  
"I'd say no because I'm in favor of more money being put into technological advances. I'd like to see more money taken from the military and put into a peace program. That would have more mutual advantages internationally."



**Mohd Hussaini**  
sophomore  
mathematics  
"Yes. Because why use money for space when a lot of people down here need more money? There's a lot of poverty."



**Mitzi Tompkins**  
junior  
accounting  
"I don't think so because I know that other countries are up there, too, and I don't think they should get ahead of us."

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