

Nebraska authors get mixed reaction

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An old friend walked by and picked up the copy of *Get Off My Brain* I had laying on my desk as I started this review.

"I've always wanted to pick this up," she said, thumbing through the first couple of pages.

"Well, you have," I said. "Now, why don't you just walk right on out of here with it?"

Actually, the paperback, subtitled *A Survival Guide For Lazy Students*, isn't that bad.

It is cute, easy to read and has some great puns and quotes. However, the practical advice it offers could be obtained for a lot less than its \$4.95 price tag.

basketball Coach Bobby Knight: "All of us learn to write in the second grade... most of us go on to greater things."

I suggest you stand in the bookstore and read this book until a store employee comes up to you and says, "May I help you?" Then say "just browsing" and go to another store and finish the book.

I do not think this book will really help the lazy college student. For instance, the first chapter advises to "attend class, take notes, listen critically." The lazy college student is at home in bed, borrows notes and can't hear anything with his headphones on.

The rest of us will think it's a fun book, but we don't need it.

Another recent publication by a Nebraska author is *Stories and Poems* by Bob Johnston.

This 50-page book is crammed full with stories and poems about everything from alcoholism to nuclear protest as seen through the experiences of a Nebraska cowboy.

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The author is Randall James McCutcheon, a Nebraska high school teacher who has been named Nebraska's "Outstanding Young Speech Teacher of the Year" and "National Forensic League Coach of the Year."

The book is set up in chapters which each offer some juicy tidbit on how a lazy student can do better in college.

Some advice includes sit in the front row, get to know your professor, get help from the librarian and learn to write better papers. And of course, considering the author's background, there is advice on how to give a better in-class oral report.

Basically, it is the same advice you would get from any high school counselor or a book on writing better essays.

Still the book is worth reading. I read it straight through in about half an hour and enjoyed it.

My favorite part was when he talked about getting professors off the track and timing how long it would take before they got back to the subject at hand.

He headed a chapter on how to edit your papers with a quote by Indiana

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