

Editorial

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Editor outlines DN fall lineup

Welcome to UNL. This back-to-school issue of the Daily Nebraskan is intended to make the transition to UNL and Lincoln a little easier.

This issue contains information about the city students live, work and go to school in, as well as stories about the campus, residence halls, education costs, Lincoln entertainment and Husker Coach Tom Osborne's 13th quest for a national title.

For new students we have included a map of downtown Lincoln businesses and information about services and programs available on campus.

A calendar of the fall semester is included to help students plan the next four months.

This fall the Daily Nebraskan will provide information on UNL's budget cuts, the rising cost of education and decisions made by UNL administrators.

The Associated Press wire service has been added to give students and faculty a comprehensive roundup of the day's regional, national and international news. But the Daily Nebraskan's primary goal is to provide thorough coverage of the NU campuses.

For entertainment, an expanded section called "Diversions" will be featured on Thursdays to cover weekend happenings. The Bloom County comic strip also will be published daily.

Unsigned editorials repre-

sent policy of the fall 1985 Daily Nebraskan. Policy will be set by the Daily Nebraskan Editorial Board, which is made up of Vicki Ruhga, editor in chief; Jonathan Taylor, editorial page editor; Ad Hudler, news editor and two other Daily Nebraskan staff members.

Editorials do not necessarily reflect the views of the university, its employees, the students or the NU Board of Regents.

The editorial page also will contain several syndicated columns and two syndicated cartoonists. Daily Nebraskan columnists and a political cartoonist will supply student opinions.

Readers are encouraged to submit their opinions in letters and phone calls. The Daily Nebraskan is a student paper, and ideas and criticisms can make the paper a better learning tool. The Daily Nebraskan newsline number is 472-1763, and my number is 472-1766.

For new and returning students and faculty, the Daily Nebraskan will strive to bring readers the university's diversity.

Take time to meet students and faculty members, and take advantage of the activities UNL offers. Try exploring the Sheldon Art Gallery, view a foreign film or attend a concert sponsored by the UNL Performing Arts Series.

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Physical, mental ages differ

This is not a sports column so don't get turned off by the first couple of paragraphs if you're not a fan.

Satchel Paige, who was a baseball star in the old days was quoted as asking "How old would you be if you didn't know how old you were?"

There are a lot of sayings about age, but I like that one the best.

You're as young as you feel. If you're not getting older you're dead. The minute you're born, you start to die.

But how old would you be if you didn't know how old you were? I've been 21 for the last five years.

I always used to think of myself as older. When I was 18 I felt I had a little more of a grasp on things than other people my age (I know now how wrong I was). I felt more mature and I always resented it when people accused me of the hideous crime of being young and inexperienced.

But I was. I still am. Now I'm beginning to realize that I always will be. When you get to the point where you're not, and you know everything, there's really nothing left.

Maybe as an effect of this attitude, now that I'm 22 and close to 23 I still feel 21.

I wonder if I'll wake up in a few years and suddenly feel another age. Maybe someday I'll feel as old as I am.

I was sitting in the bar discussing this with a friend the other night. He said that he feels much older than he is, like in his 30s.

We talked about how things have changed the last four years (we're both

seniors), and I started to feel old, too. It's scary.

Over the last four years, starting after I graduated from high school until now, there have been more changes in my life than ever before. I can't attribute all of this to college, but I think much of it can be attributed to this environment.

If you look at the people my age who aren't in college, you see a lot of change in their lives, too, I suppose. Many have kids, a steady job, loans. They have a lot of responsibility.



Bill Allen

But they don't have a lot of things that those of us in college do have. Eventually we all will have the jobs, the kids and the loans, but college has given us a lot more. It's given me the perspective to look back on the change and feel a kind of sadness, yes, but at the same time I've come to accept it. Change is inevitable. Isn't that another old saying?

College gives you perspective. There is tremendous communication with people of all different backgrounds. People without college may have never been out of their hometown. They may never realize that other people feel the same way they do. They may always think they're 18, and then jump to 40.

For several years I've gotten by on the assumption that most people are

basically stupid. And I would always have proof. Why else will people, nine times out of 10, pull right up to your bumper when you are stopped at a red light on an uphill slant? I'm always afraid I will roll back and hit them before the straight transmission goes forward. But then, I never have.

As I get older though, I have more regard for people. Perhaps the more I know about myself the more understanding I have for others.

As you come into college, or continue with college and life, expect change. Expect a lot of change.

You're going to be the same person a few years from now, but you might know yourself a little better. As you get to know yourself I can guarantee you that there will be times that you hate yourself. There will be times when you can't think of anyone better than you. You'll hide yourself, you'll share yourself, sometimes you'll try to fit in where you don't belong.

But as you get older, please try to at least get along with yourself. Because sometimes, yourself will be all that you have.

If I didn't know how old I was I would be 21 right now. Right now I feel I would like to be 21 when I'm 50. Maybe I will be. I hope that means I will be dating a 21-year-old when I'm 50. But then, if neither one of us knows how old we really are, it won't matter, will it?

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College: Time for adventure ends here

As students prepare to start or finish college, few realize how much freedom they lose once they leave the university.

Some would say all of the exams, papers and anxieties of college, plus the pressure associated with grades, don't constitute a lot of freedom. But considering the amount of free time students get during the year, most will find that they are not as tied down as they will be when they're working full time.

In the world that professionals call "real," there are no spring breaks, no multiple-week Christmas vacations and certainly no three-month interims during the summer. After landing that job students worked so hard in college to prepare for, they say goodbye to all of those days unincumbered by responsibility.

Besides the week or two the company gives employees a "vacation," the times for exploration and travel are limited to two- or three-day spurts around Memorial Day or Christmas. Just try to cram an enjoyable vacation into that amount of time.

Look at it this way — there will never be another period in life when such a great expanse of time is available, as it is during college. Sure, many people spend most vacation time working to pay for school, but if seeing the

world or the fulfillment of some other major plan is a goal, then get on it during college.

In an average academic year, UNL students have about 150 days of vacation not counting weekends. That's 3½ months during the summer, a month off for Christmas, a week off for spring break and a few miscellaneous days off for Labor Day and Thanksgiving. To not take advantage of that amount of free time is a mistake that could plague a student's conscience for years.



Jonathan Taylor

Once people land a job, they can only hope that after five years the boss might let them have two consecutive weeks off for a vacation. But never, ever, unless they become university professors and get sabbatical, will they get three months off to do as they please.

Even when they do finally get vacation time, they go only when the boss says they can. Spontaneity is something lost after college.

This message is aimed especially at graduating seniors. If students don't strike out on some extended road trips now, while the opportunities abound,

their only exploration of the world could end up being a four-day trip to Mt. Rushmore highlighted by a weekend at Adventureland. Not that such a trip would be bad, it's just that most college students have a little more creativity and energy to undertake something at least slightly adventurous and maybe risky.

And I'm not talking about simple road trips to football games in Iowa or Oklahoma. Youth is a time of experimentation so find someplace to go or something to do with some meat to it. One of my friends who will be a sophomore this year got the right idea early in his college career and went to Europe, where he worked during the summer. He even came out about \$30 ahead when he returned to the states.

An example of a risky journey (and probably illegal) is to hop a train. But take someone along who knows trains and watch out for the guys shooting rocksalt out of shotguns.

Whatever you do, send postcards. And make sure you send one to me, Editorial editor, c/o Daily Nebraskan, 34 Nebraska Union, 1400 R St., Lincoln 68588-0448.

Maybe we'll print excerpts from the postcards from the wildest places. So hit the road, while you have the time.

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