

Editor gives advice to UNL newcomers

Welcome to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln! As the American Express slogan says, membership has its privileges. About 3,200 new students will set aside one day to become familiar with these privileges and how to

most official transactions take place. For every transaction there is a numbered window or room a student needs to go to. Where do students pick up their loans? Consult page four, which lists each office and the information processed there.

To resolve them. More information on ASUN is on page two. Democratic and Republican groups also are active on campus.

registering now, you have eliminated headaches later. Students going through the NSE program will have more classes available to them than those waiting to register in August.



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Once navigating campus is less time-consuming and a few classes have been attended, new students may want to pursue extracurricular activities. Student-athletes not comfortable with playing in the Big Eight can get involved in intramural sports. Basketball, softball and tennis are three of the many sports programs offered by the Campus Recreation office.

For the social creature lurking in each of us, there are so many things to do and so little time. Organized groups, such as sororities and fraternities, exist and provide study buddies who will readily introduce you to the best places to hang out on a Saturday night. Turn to the Arts & Entertainment section on page six for a guide to local bands, movie theaters and radio stations.

When you find the location of all your classes, half the battle is over. And pay attention to the syllabus. The syllabus is that piece of paper handed out by the professor detailing the assignments that go with a course. The syllabus may be the only clue given as to when you should read what. Don't look at the whole semester in five minutes and panic. It would be a good idea to start reading what will be covered early in the semester.

take advantage of them. This special issue and the New Student Enrollment program is an introduction to information you'll need and want.

The politically minded student can get involved in student government. The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska listens to student concerns and tries

There is a lot happening on and near this campus. So, a few words of unsolicited advice. The first few days of classes will seem hectic. Don't let the buzz of activity and unanswered questions get to you. By

Good luck!

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Things to consider when deciding where to live at UNL

By Diane Brayton
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Choosing where to live can be a difficult decision for new students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

But whether students live in residence halls, greek houses, in an apartment or at home, students can find a place to live suited to their individual needs.

Doug Zatechka, UNL director of housing, encourages students to live on campus during their freshman year of college either in one of the twelve residence halls or in a greek house.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln policy says that single freshmen under 20 must live on campus or with an adult relative with parental permission.

According to Zatechka, it is much easier to "grow socially, culturally and academically on campus."

He cited a study that showed 9 to 12 percent of students who live on campus will drop or flunk out of college. The same study indicated that as many as 40 percent of off-campus students will drop or flunk out of college.

The residence halls have full-service dining, laundry machines,

lounges, a student government and a trained student assistant on each floor.

In 1989-90, residence hall housing will cost \$2,430 for a double room and 20 meals a week.

"If you add up all the costs, I'm sure it's cheaper to live on campus," Zatechka said.

An estimated 2,200 students live in either one of the 14 sorority houses or one of the 26 fraternity houses. Because of space limitations, freshmen sorority members live in UNL residence halls.

UNL students who meet grade criteria may apply for fraternity or sorority membership. After meeting and reviewing qualifications or potential members, greek organizations invite selected students to join.

Jayne Wade Anderson, director of Greek Affairs, named two advantages to living in a greek house.

Anderson said the greek system can benefit students by providing them with networking opportunities.

"You have membership for life," she said.

Because they are self-governed, greek houses also can improve members' leadership skills, Anderson said.

Living problems encountered

in the greek system are "exactly the same as living in a residence hall or anywhere else," Anderson said.

Costs for living in a greek house, for example, are about the same as living in a residence hall, Anderson said.

"The first year may be more expensive because of membership and initiation fees, but it averages out over four years," she said.

For students who want the freedom and privacy of independent living, off-campus housing is an attractive option. Although there are benefits, off-campus students must deal with more variables and responsibilities.

Shelley Stall, director of Student Legal Services at UNL, said the university has not conducted a study on the cost difference between on- and off-campus housing. But it can be cheaper to live off-campus, she said, if the student is willing to live with two or three roommates.

Before hunting for an apartment, students should prioritize their needs in terms of cost, location and space, Stall said. The process is easier for those who know exactly what they need from housing, she said.

Stall suggests that students take



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advantage of the complaint file in her office before signing a contract. The file has student complaints made against landlords.

To avoid future problems, students should carefully read their housing contracts before signing them, Stall said.

Before paying the deposit fee on an apartment, students should check appliances and plumbing to make sure they work, Stall said.

If students are concerned about monthly gas bills, they should contact Minnegasco to find out the amount of past bills, she said.

ASUN determines student policies and budget allocations

By Jana Pedersen
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ASUN -- it's not just a shining body of light in the sky.

It's also the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, a long name for student government at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

ASUN is the group of elected students, called senators, that determines student policy and helps decide allocation of student fees. At least one student senator from each college was

voted into office during March elections.

UNL students also elect ASUN's three executive officers. They are President Bryan Hill, First Vice President Devi Bohling and Second Vice President Jon Bruning.

Hill said being ASUN president covers three specific areas.

Hill said he was like a "chief executive" in charge of policy, including responsibility for the \$135,000 budget used to run various areas of student government.

He said carrying out the wishes of the ASUN senate is another important duty. Hill

said his job would be difficult without motivation from the senate.

Finally, Hill said his biggest role is to be the chief spokesperson of the student body.

"When people outside the university want to know student opinion... I'm the first person they ask at UNL," he said.

Being student spokesperson carries the tough responsibility of having to know student opinion on every issue, Hill said.

But it also allows him to act as a liaison between students and the administration, Board of Regents and Legislature, he said.

One of the best ways to get student opinion recognized, Hill said, is by using his unofficial vote as a student member of the Board of Regents.

Having that vote makes him work harder, Hill said, because students can check his voting record to see if he is representing their views to the board.

The other two executive officers have separate duties, Hill said.

He said Bohling's job centers on internal affairs while Bruning is in charge of external affairs.

Bohling said her biggest duties are presiding over weekly senate meetings and overseeing committees.

But she also said she has special areas she wants to concentrate on.

"I want to make ASUN more visible to students on campus," she said.

Bohling said she is trying to start an open forum for students to discuss topics on campus. She said she hopes the forum will be an easy way for students to express their opinions and get involved.

Bruning said his job focuses on public relations activities such as promoting ASUN, the student body and the university as a whole.

Bruning says students can help promote

UNL by getting involved in university affairs. He said one of his primary goals is to solicit more student participation, especially from minority students.

"A lot of times, students are afraid to get involved because they don't see any of their friends or their peers in student government," Bruning said. "It's my job to let them know they're welcome and wanted."

If students want to get involved, Bruning said, there are several opportunities waiting in various committee openings.

"The best thing to do is just to come into the ASUN office and ask," he said.

Bohling agreed. She said students also should look for committee openings in the classified advertisements of the Daily Nebraskan. All committee openings for students-at-large are advertised in the newspaper, she said.

Students also can become active by joining the Government Liaison Committee, Bohling said.

Bruning said GLC works to get student issues recognized by the Legislature through student lobbying. For many members of student government, he said, GLC was their first step.

Hill said he is currently working on several projects to encourage student participation. He said he hopes the projects will be in operation next year.

One of the projects is setting up a hotline for students to call with complaints about anything that is related to the university, he said.

Also, Hill said he would like to see television coverage of ASUN meetings on Educable, the university cable channel.

"Student involvement is really necessary," Bruning said. "The more student input and student involvement we get, the better institution we're going to have."



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ASUN First Vice President Devi Bohling (left), President Bryan Hill (center) and Second Vice President Jon Bruning.