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Stay posted

Alcohol, Iraq, ASUN to fill DN's pages

It's back to the books. While professors will be keeping students busy with classes and the administration keeping others in line, the Daily Nebraskan will continue keeping students, faculty and staff members up to date on events and issues that affect the university.

- The Daily Nebraskan will keep students posted on:
 - How a reasonable alcohol policy will be formulated for the Lied Center for the Performing Arts, while blocks away students, many 21 and older, are forced to abide by the "dry campus" policy.
 - What's going on in the Middle East. News reporter Ryan Steeves is busy working not only to cover the Kuwait crisis as a national issue, but from the student perspective too.
 - The ongoing parking saga . . .
 - Previews, reviews and everything the apathetic college student wants to know about the upcoming elections.
 - Why there are 136 students for every available university computer.
 - How the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska officers carry out their campaign promises.

For those students who have picked up the Daily Nebraskan for the first time, the package before you is published Monday through Friday. The paper contains five sections, including news, wire services, editorial, arts and entertainment and sports.

University, state and national events and issues comprise the news section.

For those interested in more than just the local scene, the wire page will provide limited coverage of national events by The Associated Press.

The editorial page contains opinions written by Daily Nebraskan columnists and letters to the editor, as well as editorial comments prepared and written by editorial board members and senior staff members (listed on page 3).

The arts and entertainment section features will keep the campus attuned to issues and events in music, art and the performing arts. On Thursdays an arts and entertainment supplement, Diversions, will be published. Diversions includes an array of stories on the locally offbeat as well as a weekly calendar of events.

The sports section will cover the Cornhusker football team's ongoing efforts on New Year's Day . . .

And that's the Daily Nebraskan. Remember the Daily Nebraskan is here for you. Your comments, questions and even compliments are always welcome.

-- Lisa Donovan,
for the Daily Nebraskan

Get used to paying

Most UNL students never will be rich

Who knows better than students what it means to "pay your dues." Especially when they hope the dues will come back four-fold after graduation.

For the majority of college students that expectation won't be met.

A report from the Internal Revenue Service indicates that the richest 3.3 million U.S. adults had total holdings of \$4.3 trillion in 1986 -- more than the \$4.1 trillion gross national product.

That means 28.5 percent of America's personal wealth was in the hands of 1.6 percent of the population.

According to the IRS report, more than 1 million people in the U.S. are millionaires.

Proportionately, if those numbers held true for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, about a dozen of the estimated 23,700 students would become millionaires some day.

The other, say, 23,689 students have a terrible fate awaiting them -- they'll never be rich. At the risk of sounding idealistic, that realization should serve as a motivation to students.

A motivation for students to pay their dues toward academic enrichment.

-- Eric Pfanner
and Lisa Donovan
for the Daily Nebraskan

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YOU ESCAPED FROM IRAQ! THAT'S GREAT ... DID YOU BRING ANY OIL OUT ?

The DN is your best friend

Campus newspaper pursues truth, justice and its own way

Because I don't have Slat Grobnik -- columnist Mike Royko's bar buddy -- to turn to when I have no ideas for a column, I'll try do my part to welcome new students to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

I won't ask you for money, and I won't tell you how to get from Abel Residence Hall to your Monday morning classes. Instead, I'll give the best free advice you'll get all year: Read the Daily Nebraskan.

I won't promise that you will agree with our opinions, and I won't guarantee that you will like what you read. After all, in the two years I have worked at what students affectionately call "The Rag," I have been told that the paper is both conservative and communist.

Neither description probably is accurate. These people just don't like what we say. Some of them tell us by writing letters. Lots of letters.

While it's refreshing to get feedback from students and others at the university, it helps if the letters are readable.

When they're not, none of us actually mind, because we get a good chuckle. We just have a hard time printing those letters.

In fact, when we get a poorly written letter, it gives us a sense of superiority: Unlike some students, we may not be able to balance equations or pen sonnets, but we certainly don't split our infinitives or dangle our participles.

In fact, working for a newspaper -- a part of everyone's daily life that many take for granted -- may be the only thing that makes us feel superior.

We spend the rest of our lives in much the same way other students do. We eat, drink, sleep and study. It's just that we do all these things at one place -- the Daily Nebraskan offices.

Of course, unlike other students, we stress out over deadlines -- not over tests, unfaithful girlfriends/boyfriends and split ends. Well, we probably react to those crises as well, but the pressure of a deadline and the looming threat of a correction or, even worse, a libel suit, seems to put those traumas into what we think is their proper perspective.

For many of the Daily Nebraskan's staffers, the paper -- more than just a fluid medium of transferring what we think and know to the uni-



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versity community -- represents a home away from home. And we don't even have to pledge to join.

This year, that second home has gotten more comfortable. We still have the shiny black leatherette chair and the yellow floral couch. But a drop ceiling has been installed, covering up the bare pipes that used to run over our heads. And those pipes have been insulated, so we no longer have to listen to the gushing of toilets emptying as we eat the fast food that fuels our news drive.

If we have one thing in common, it's that what we do gives us satisfaction, whether we are satisfying our own egos or the university's desire to know the news; whether we are working on a computer, with a pencil or on a telephone, looking through a lens or drawing a cartoon.

Daily Nebraskan staffers come from all segments of the campus. Some are members of fraternities and sororities, some live in residence halls and many commute to campus. Others

are part time or non-traditional students.

Because many of us work at similar jobs during the summer too, either at internships or at the Summer Daily Nebraskan, we are unmoved by "back-to-school" sentiment. It's not that our whole life is spent in the carnival-like atmosphere that seems to surround coming to the university for some students, but when you're doing pretty much the same thing most of the year, the first day of classes doesn't hold any special aura. It has the same deadline as any other day. There may be more or less news.

So if we get amused by freshmen cavorting around their newfound surroundings, it's probably just because we're jealous of the change of pace they are enjoying.

Freshmen who are unfamiliar with the Daily Nebraskan will get used to it fast, because through subversive schemes we have infiltrated the campus.

The paper will be all over the floor of your classrooms Monday morning. In large lecture halls, students reading the Daily Nebraskan will block your view of the instructor and the girl/guy with the nice butt three rows away.

Because many of us at the paper are stuck in the office all day, we send out spies.

Those agents will continue to uncover scandals, deceptions or even the mundane in a never-ending quest for truth, justice and our way.

Meanwhile, back at the hall of justice, the Daily Nebraskan's editors feverishly will coordinate the activities of its spies to bring you a hard-hitting package. Look for us in your classes Monday morning and you may recognize us.

We'll be taking notes.

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editorial

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letter

The Daily Nebraskan welcomes brief letters to the editor from all readers and interested others.

Letters will be selected for publication on the basis of clarity, originality, timeliness and space available.

The Daily Nebraskan retains the right to edit all material submitted.

Anonymous submissions will not be considered for publication. Letters should include the author's name,

year in school, major and group affiliation, if any. Requests to withhold names will not be granted.

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