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Thursday, March 18 12:00 noon
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NSE sets example

Minority students develop networks

Involvement is important for all students on campus, especially minority students. Because so few of us are here, it's necessary for minorities to find activities that target their interests.

I remember that as a freshman, I didn't know about the minority organizations on campus. I started to hate UNL because there was nothing here for me.

I saw no minority leaders, except the one in New Student Enrollment. I had a 7:30 a.m. class and then I had a couple of night classes. After class, I just went straight home.

Finally I found out about the Afrikan People's Union and met other minorities through it. Then I started seeing more and more minorities on campus. I was happy to see them, and I could tell they were happy to see me (I hope).

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Through APU, I found out about the Multi-Cultural Affairs Office. That's where I found out about the many minority student leaders and the minority faculty at UNL. The office has one of the most relaxed atmospheres and is very welcoming to all people.

The MCA office enabled me to learn about other minority cultures and to meet other students with the same interests as myself.

Last summer I had one of the best jobs as an NSE orientation leader. Through NSE, I learned a lot about being a leader and the importance of involvement. I wanted to be in NSE because I remembered going through the program as a freshman. One black orientation leader was in the program, and every time I saw her, I looked up to her.

I decided that I wanted to have the same impact on someone else that she had on me. I'm not sure exactly how good of an impact I had, but it is always nice when people come up to me to let me know that they remember me from NSE.

Whenever I talked with new students of color, I tried to remember what things were like for me when I first came to UNL. I didn't want these students to hate school. I thought about how much it had helped me to know about other students of color on the campus who were not in the greek system.

I also thought about how important it was to know there were minority leaders. At that time, I began to think of myself as a student leader. I told most of the students about the involvement opportunities on the campus. I know that not all of them have taken advantage of it, but at least they know there is something here.

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courtesy of John Byrne

Comic book virtuoso launches new breed of super-heroes in 'The Next Men' series

If Jack Kirby is the king of comic books, then John Byrne is the prince who will one day inherit the throne. Byrne has been active in the comic book industry for nearly two decades and has written and/or drawn nearly every major comic book character there is. He was responsible for the updating and revising of Superman — before, of course, DC killed him — and his stint as the artist of "The Uncanny X-Men" is considered by many to be the high point of that book's history. Byrne is in the very enviable position of having enough clout within the comic book industry that he could probably write or draw any book he wants. But instead of fooling around at Marvel or DC, Byrne went to Dark Horse Comics and created his own book of heroes: "The Next Men."

"The Next Men" is an ongoing monthly series detailing the lives of five young people who have super-powers. They were created to be the next step in the evolution of the human being, and spent most of their lives in a place called the Greenery. They lived simple lives there, until they woke up.

The Greenery, in reality, was nothing more than a mental reality flowing through all of their brains. In our reality, they were really strapped to machines. The Greenery was designed to teach them to speak, etc., so that when they emerged they would be able to interact with the outside world.

Unlike most super-hero comics

being put out these days, "The Next Men" is very well-written. (Byrne proved his writing abilities in his two horror novels: "The Fear Book" and "The Whipping Boy.") There is political intrigue, such as Sen. Hilltop killing the vice president, and just enough subplots floating around to keep this book interesting. The most recent one being Danny, the Next Men's version of the Flash, going to meet his biological mother, who abuses her daughter.

The best thing about this book is that the characters do not see themselves as super-heroes. Although they work for the U.S. government, they do not go out looking for villains to destroy. In fact, most of their adventures have risen from them trying to fit in with our world and people's reaction to them.

My only complaint with the book is that Byrne has abandoned several subplots that he had going in the first few issues. Although he will probably get back to them, I like things to be resolved before new things are introduced.

Overall, "The Next Men" is a good read with Byrne's typically excellent artwork. The only problem is that you may have to read the entire series, 12 issues so far, in order to understand everything.

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SUMMER SESSIONS 93

Made any summer plans yet? How about checking out Summer classes! Early Registration for UNL's Summer Sessions begins March 15 -- Early Registration with Class Priority is March 15 - April 2.

Summer Sessions Dates are:

Pre-Session.....	May 17 - June 4
8-Wk Session.....	May 17 - July 9
1st 5-Wk Session.....	June 7 - July 9
2nd 5-Wk Session.....	July 12 - Aug. 12

Summer Sessions Bulletins and Early Registration packets are available at Service Counter 107C, Admin. Bldg.

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