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EDITORIAL

## Let's move on

Launch investigation to get past scandal

Without the confidence of the people, a government cannot function. Since the Whitewater scandal broke in December, the Clinton administration has slowly been losing that confidence.

People want the questions about Whitewater answered. If the President was involved in misconduct, that needs to be dealt with. If he was not, his name should be cleared, and the country should move on.

Now that Clinton has asked Attorney General Janet Reno to appoint an independent prosecutor to investigate Whitewater, the issue can be resolved.

An independent prosecutor should guarantee that the investigation will be unbiased — from the administration or from Republicans in Congress who would like to use the issue to benefit themselves politically.

The investigation should not be rushed, but it should be conducted with all possible speed. The administration is in neutral, and it cannot move forward until it regains the confidence of the people.

No one is above the law. If Clinton is guilty, he must be held accountable.

At the same time, if he is cleared of misconduct, Whitewater should be laid to rest. The country cannot move forward until this issue is resolved permanently.

In the months ahead, both sides — The White House and the Republicans — have an obligation to assist the investigation in any way possible and to avoid turning it into a political witch hunt.

Until the issue is resolved, the United States will likely experience tough political times. Making it through those times will show our system still works.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

**"Right now I realize, definitely after this game, that because of injuries and the competition out there that getting my degree would definitely be more important than playing professional football."**

—Calvin Jones, NU junior running back, after the Orange Bowl. Jones announced Jan. 6 he will enter the National Football League's April draft.

**"I think students are going to miss the personal touch."**

—Joy Boster, in charge of Drop/Add floor control for six years, discussing the NRoll phone registration system that will replace Drop/Add next semester.

**"We were a losing team. People just came out to see how funny it was going to be — how bad Nebraska was going to get their ass kicked."**

—Bruce Chubick, Cornhusker basketball player, recalling his freshman season.

**"We must not let the Iron Curtain be replaced by a veil of indifference."**

—President Bill Clinton addressing a group of young Europeans in Brussels following a NATO meeting.

**"None of the alleged violations in question resulted in actual damage to the environment or to the health and safety of individuals."**

—NU President Martin Massengale in response to EPA findings that UNL and UNMC violated federal environmental regulations.

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JAY CRUSE

## Metropolis driving you crazy?

I love Lincoln. The Star City, the Capital City, the City that Never Sleeps, it's always been my home.

The chance to experience all four seasons in one day and the opportunity to cheer along with 76,000 Husker fans on football Saturdays are near-cliches, but they are true jewels of Lincoln life.

I love Lincoln so much, I plan on naming my first son Lincoln. (Don't worry, Mom, you're not becoming a grandma anytime soon.)

Even find beauty in the soft underbelly of Lincoln, which often means defending things about the bustling metropolis that non-Lincolniters detest.

Like Lincoln drivers. Starting in high school driver's ed, I learned I had a reputation for rudeness to uphold. Our class heard our instructor give the same speech several times.

"My friends from across the country, from California to New York, come to Lincoln and are shocked by the rude drivers. If need be, my friends from California will drive around the block rather than try to merge into a busy lane."

About that time I usually zoned out and spared myself the inevitable "teenage blood and guts strewn across the highway" dramatic conclusion that the driving instructor/track coach/old fogey usually threw in at the end for emphasis.

Now, I've been to California. No Lincoln rudeness could compare to its hassle-filled six-lane freeways. I even went to that most exotic of locales, Miami, over break — Madonna, if you're reading this, New Year's Eve was fabulous, miss you already. And it's my opinion that people drive poorly everywhere.

Although our tourist-filled van didn't get shot down on the rough-and-tumble streets of Miami, we all felt intimidated. Traffic was a beast



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—not that I drove, of course. Being the only true Lincoln Driver in the van, I banished myself to the back seat with my Little Debbie Nutty Bars. Who knows what kind of apocalypse I could have unleashed on truly busy streets.

Here's how it is, folks. The same things the locals love about living here drive us crazy. Winters in Lincoln, well, suck. When the football team is robbed of the big victory time and again, it hurts. Through this, no one can be pleasant all the time.

Because we've been trained since birth to say "hi" and "yes, ma'am" and basically perpetuate the image of hard-working, extremely friendly Midwesterners, we couldn't possibly be rude to your face. But put us behind the wheel and all our pent-up anger is released. It's a free-for-all.

Just yesterday I received the all-too-familiar friendly finger wave for my lane-jockeying. In response, I rolled down my window, and into the chilly January air I let go a boisterous "WELCOME TO THE BIG CITY!" greeting. Mission accomplished.

For those non-Lincolniters not yet assimilated to local conditions, if someone stole that parking space from you this morning, here's a crib-note outline on how to Blend In By Fighting Back.

Q: The roads are icy. How do I adjust my driving?

A: For heaven's sake, don't slow down. It would only upset those speeding along behind you. If anything, it's an excuse to accelerate through red

lights. "But officer, I didn't want to brake. I might have lost control of my car!"

Q: There's a pedestrian in the crosswalk. Should I slow down or stop?

A: No, accelerate and see how they run. Most Lincolniters don't get enough exercise as it is.

Q: If the car ahead of me in the next lane wants to merge, how should I signal them over?

A: Accelerate and let them follow you. Any decent human being would prefer to read the "Don't blame me, I voted for BUSH" and "Buck the Colorado Fuffaloes" bumper stickers on the back of your pickup than watch the beautiful, open road ahead of them anyway.

In summary:

1. Speed limits are for other people. If speed limits didn't exist, we would all love cops and there would be no crime whatsoever. (It's been scientifically proven; go look it up.)

2. No, I own the road. It's not your defensive driving that matters. It's your offensive driving.

3. Every green light is the beginning of another drag race. Until you've put the pedal to the floor and spotted a thirtysomething woman with her first gray hairs carrying three hyper kids in her 2-county yellow station wagon passing you by, you haven't really lived.

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