

TIPS FROM THE TOP - A UNL STUDENT SURVIVAL GUIDE

Advice offered on locations to eat, shop, play

By Brian Sharp
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Eric Zenoni grew up in a town of 27,000.

Then he came to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, in a town of about 200,000.

"The biggest thing for me was the change to the big city," Zenoni of Laramie, Wyo., said. "All the choices, places to go, things to eat."

eating out:



- Taco Bell, 4500 O St., 245 N. 13th St.
- Amigos, Nebraska Union
- Burger King, Nebraska Union
- Lazlo's, 710 P St.
- La Paz, 321 N. Colner Blvd.
- TGI Friday's, 210 N. 48th St.
- Applebee's, 3730 Village Drive
- Los Mendoza, 1400 N. 48th St.
- Thai Garden Restaurant, 215 N. 14th St.

Candace Payne grew up in Schaumburg, Ill., a suburb of the Chicago metro area, which has a

population of 8 million.

She, too, came to UNL. "Lincoln is very slow," she said. "There's not as much to do."

Both are seniors this year—Zenoni majors in architecture, and Payne majors in human development. Both offer different advice on how to survive in the big city—make that the semi-big city.

Zenoni has found many Lincoln places that help make the most of his small budget.

"Taco Bell is the universal cheap," Zenoni said. "Grab a bunch of tacos for a couple bucks and go."

For clothes, Zenoni recommends the 1/2 Price Store, located at 46th and Vine streets. But peruse your purchases, he said, because sometimes there's a reason they're such a bargain.

Also, be sure to shop around for school supplies, he said.

"The University and Nebraska bookstores will get you pretty good," he said. "Otherwise, everything is pretty much equal (in pricing)."

Payne said she didn't go out much for fast food. Instead she recommends Lazlo's, 710 P St., and TGI Friday's, 48th and O streets.

She doesn't spend much time looking for clothing bargains either, she said. She said she usually just went out and bought.

Gateway Mall's International Limited Express and The Gap in Omaha are her clothing stores of choice, she said.

shopping around:



- 1/2 Price Store, 4600 Vine St.
- TJ Maxx, 400 N. 48th St.
- Limited Express,
- Gateway Mall, 6100 O St.
- The Gap, Omaha

Keith Kroeker of Lexington—population 8,000—graduated in a high school class of 112. He will graduate this year from UNL with a degree in mechanical engineering.

"You can't beat Taco Bell or

Amigos for the price," Kroeker said. "But I like to take dates to nicer bar and grills, like Lazlo's or Applebee's."

The best way to find the bargains, he said, is to ask around.

"It's good to find out from other people," Kroeker said. "There's always people who've done it before."

Dominic Cicalese came from the East Coast. He was 30 minutes from Boston, one hour from Providence, R.I., 15 minutes from Cape Cod, Mass., and then there always was the beach.

"There was a lot of adjustment to make as far as the volume of events that take place (in Lincoln)," said Cicalese, a senior agricultural education major.

Students still can find a lot to do, he said, if they look for it.

"The Lied Center is a tremendous value," he said. "I don't think students take advantage of it."

UNL's Lied Center for Performing Arts offers many plays, musicals and other performances at prices that sometimes run around \$4, he said. Free plays are always offered at the theater in the Temple

Building, and \$3 movies and weeklong movie festivals are free on campus at the Sheldon Art Gallery, he said.

school supplies:

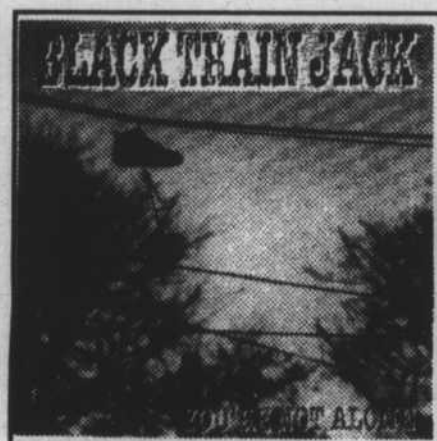


- Nebraska Bookstore, 1300 Q St.
- University Bookstore, Nebraska Union
- Wal-Mart, 4700 N. 27th St.
- Target, 333 N. 48th St.
- used bookstores

"There are a lot of things at the university that I don't think students take advantage of," Cicalese said.

Shopping for bargains in Lincoln is relatively easy, he said. It is a town on two ends, he said. One is for the high-priced, and one is for the penny-pinching.

It doesn't take long to find your niche, he said.



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Suggestions given to help groom new students for the UNL world

By Joel Strauch
Senior Reporter

Freshmen coming to UNL will find a myriad of difference between high school and college, but university upperclass students are ready to offer helpful advice.

Brenda Coto, a junior English major, said freshmen would have to learn self-reliance.

"You have to depend a lot more on yourself in college. In high school, it's a lot easier to just find out answers, but in college, you have to develop your own skills."

Daniel Prekker, a senior business management information systems major, said the degree of freedom was one major difference between high school and college.

"In college you have the freedom to be able to do what you want to do, to not go to class and what type of classes to attend," he said.

"But make sure you go to class," Prekker said. "It's real easy to skip, and the people who get good grades are the ones who go to class all the time."

Eileen Gibilisco, a senior elementary education major, said college life presented students with many more liberties.

"Nobody tells you what to do," she said. "If you want to cut classes it's up to you," she said. "In high school, you got in trouble, but in college you don't."

Gibilisco also offered advice about how to do well in classes.

"You need to be able to take accurate notes," she said. "That's about 90 percent of the secret."

"Study groups are also... important. You need to get with people from your class that you can relate to and rely upon," she said.

Coto said incoming students needed to keep an open mind in their classes.

"New students will find a lot more perspectives in college than in high school. You can learn a lot by listening and participating in your classes," she said.

Prekker, who used to live in the residence halls, had some advice about life there.

"As long as you have a good RA (resident assistant) or SA (student assistant), dorm life is kind of fun," he said. "You meet a lot of people. These upperclass students also



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had some tips about getting to campus and getting around on campus.

Coto said she rode a bike or took the bus.

"If more people would use public transportation, the prices would go down. Too many people drive to campus," she said.

Prekker said parking on campus was a hassle.

"Students should walk or bike, especially if they live in the dorms," he said.

Gibilisco recommended driving but discouraged buying a parking permit.

"Don't buy one of those stupid permits; go for the metered spots,"

she said. "They're just gypping you anyway."

The students also provided suggestions for those new students who will be working while they are going to school.

Prekker said he always had worked at least part time while taking classes.

"Working 20 hours a week would be the top amount I would recommend," he said.

Gibilisco said students should remember to keep school a priority.

"Try not to work more than you study. You're here to go to school, not to work 'til 1 o'clock in the morning," she said.