



Top: Roubal stands next to a Night Before Lounge logo at the bar. Right: Roubal puts on makeup in the dressing room before taking the stage Tuesday night. Bottom right: Roubal looks over notes in the Love Library Auditorium before her class Thursday afternoon.



Dancer

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But she does have a line. Roubal has a policy of "I can come into your space, but you can't come into mine," which most crowd members obey, but some of the comments she gets cross the line of vulgarity.

"They say the weirdest things," she said. "And I think, 'Did your mom forget to teach you manners?'"

The oddest part of her job wasn't fielding shouts from rowdy crowd members, she said; it was watching the other dancers in the dressing room.

Roubal is one of the younger dancers at The Night Before, she said, and different from the rest.

"Other women are covering up

pimples on their butts, and a lot of them have fake breasts and are trying to cover up scars," she said.

The Night Before has a lot of regulars, she said, who are pretty reliable tipplers. Some of them are too regular.

"A lot don't even pay attention," she said. "They sit in the back watching TV, oblivious that there are women onstage taking their clothes off."

The crowd is a mixed batch, from college students — some of them are in her classes — to businessmen. But there's one regular who likes Roubal for more than her looks — her boyfriend Dale Oliverio, a senior psychology major at UNL.

Oliverio said he respected Roubal because she managed her job and studies.

"She always comes home to me,"

he said. "She always has interesting stories to tell about people who want to whisk her off to Bermuda."

Roubal says she won't turn dancing into a career.

She might perform for a while after college, but she wants to pursue her career in broadcast marketing or public relations. She also has a Spanish minor, and might try to land a job at a Spanish television station.

But topless dancing won't show up on her resumé — at least not yet. She used to be concerned her job would come back and ruin her career, but those fears have ceased.

"If our president can smoke pot, I feel I could dance and not worry if it will haunt me," she said.

"It's a very amusing job. I will never regret it."



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