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## Survival as easy as minute rice

Welcome to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, home of (in case you hadn't heard) the 1994 National football champions, the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Oh yeah, we're an academic institution, too.

That's one of the main things to realize about this campus; it is VERY football-oriented. Of course, we also have several other athletic teams on campus, including basketball, gymnastics, and underwater nude lacrosse, but football is the main focus of attention, especially now that we (finally) won a bowl

However, there are other lessons to be learned, and tips to be found. As a multi-year student, I just thought I could pass on some of my venerable wisdom to the new arrivals.

— You will get screwed over in terms of parking and buying/selling back textbooks. This is a fact, Get used to it and don't whine about it.

— Scrape up the money to get a subscription to the daily newspaper (if you have a roomie, split the cost). Wednesday is Grocery Ad Day, and Sundays have the ads for the local retail stores (Shopko, Target, etc.) and coupons to clip for food, which leads to second point; learn to clip coupons.

— Need music? Sign up to the BMG Music Service. Make minimum purchase right away. Pay off immediately. Send them a letter demanding that they discontinue your account due to religious commitments (or something definitive). Wait two months. Sign up again. Repeat.

— Pizza joints usually have great specials available for carry-out only. Learn to live without delivery.

— Assume that everything on this campus will take twice as long to get completed as it logically should. Bureaucracy and red tape are the second and third biggest



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— Literature classes got you bothered with textbook prices? Go to the local used bookstores or the library. Since a great deal of the literature read in these classes is classic literature, a great deal of money can be saved by utilizing other sources. One drawback, however: page numbers in class discussions probably won't match

— If you're under 21 and trying to find something to do in this town after 9 p.m. that doesn't involve a VCR or a breath test, I wish you the best of luck. You'll need it.

— Always carry a refill cup with you on this campus. Refills are a heck of a lot cheaper than the ones you get in meal deals, and often times, you can get the 32-ounce cup refilled for the same price as the drink in the meal. You still pay the same amount, but you get more beverage.

— For cheap food, ramen noodles, rice and pasta are all your

friends. They are cheap, last forever and can be mixed with almost anything. For ramen or pasta, boil the noodles, drain, mix in a pat of butter, and top with garlic seasoning and grated parmesan cheese. Rice can be mixed with almost any soup to make a full meal in itself, or throw in some vegetables; frozen vegetables work very nicely.

— Try some cheaper brands of pop to meet your soda fix. Shasta and other local brands can be very 'asty (with a wider variety) at a fraction of the other prices. Also, try making sun tea, which is just as good at a fraction of the cost.

— If you do any kind of frozen concentrated juice, add an extra half can of water. You won't taste the difference

— Check the local banks for new account and student account specials. Look for things like "free checks," "no minimum balance," "unlimited check writing" and so forth. Don't be afraid to do some bank-shopping.

— Don't expect to find an empty parking spot within a mile of downtown Lincoln on any home football Saturday. Also, if you live in the dorms, accept the fact that anyone will park in the residence hall lots, even if they don't have a permit. Also accept that on home football Saturdays, UNL Police will be hesitant to tow or ticket these cars as many of them belong to distinguished alumni, and are therefore above the law.

— Use the public phones if you need to call for information. A hint for those of you living in the residence halls; you don't get charged for calling information (locally). Who needs a phone book?

— Avoid parking hassles by riding your bike to campus in good weather and taking the bus (free rides to UNL students with UNL-StarTran Card and UNL ID). If you must drive, park in the remote lots (assuming you have a UNL permit) and use the shuttle bus system.

— When it comes to the UNL student government elections (Association of Students at the University of Nebraska, called ASUN), don't concern yourself with who has what stands on certain issues. Generally, the student government on this campus is about as helpful as a diet crouton, and is usually overrun with political wannabes who are trying to pad their resumes. Take advantage of the write-in votes and nominate your favorite cartoon character for office.

— If you want to rent movies for your VCR, check around to the various video places. Some have lower prices or better selections than others.

— Any idiot can pre-register and get the classes they want, but it takes an artist and a craftsman (sorry, craftsperson) to go through general regestration and get the classes she or he wants.

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