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## Lincoln has potential for vacation fun



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Why go to Mazatlan? Spring fun is just around the corner.

But not everyone has the chance to flee for the border. So, if your car has recently dropped its transmission somewhere off campus, or Friday night self-destruction has depleted your checking account to the point where you can't afford your Ramen noodle habit, fear not — fun abounds right here in this very town.

Lincoln, consistently overlooked as a spring break mecca, is a virtual treasure trove of tourist excess.

Leading the list is the famed American Historical Society of Germans from Russia Museum (in no way associated with the Eskimo League of Houston). The Germans from Russia museum, 631 D St., offers a library and map collection along with genealogical information resources.

If reliving painful ancestry isn't your thing, check out the Lincoln Children's Museum in Lincoln Square. Purported as "a place to touch, discover and learn," the Children's Museum is a wonderful opportunity to recount hormone-inspired attempts of those very concepts — all the while reveling in prepubescent glory.

Lincoln's Historic Haymarket District lays claim to a variety of restaurants, galleries and unique gift shops, but chances are if you can't scrape together enough cash to cross the river, you won't be spending too much time on fine dining or acquiring obscure Midwestern knickknacks.

If you haven't already visited the world's only National Museum of Roller Skating, 4730 South St., spring break will provide an ideal opportunity. This one-of-a-kind cultural experience boasts historic and modern perspectives of roller skating, including films, costumes and unquestionably undervalued experimental skate artwork.

For the nature lover, Lincoln is crisscrossed with more than 50 miles of hiking and biking trails.

Another point of interest includes the Historic Haymarket's Iron Horse Park which features the only 3-dimensional mural in the city — and the state!

Pioneers Park Nature Center, aside from its scenic location, offers bridle trails and duck ponds for nature buffs as well.

In the unlikely event that a skating museum, astronomy, or duck ponds aren't of interest, go to Omaha.

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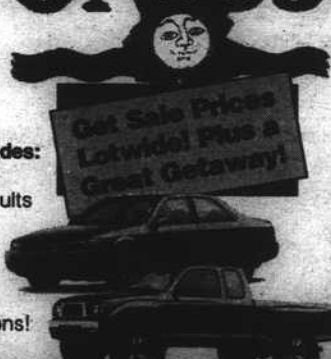
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## For some, the Star City isn't too bad for break

BY ANN STACK  
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Spring break... a time for sunbathing, skiing, sipping margaritas and ... shopping at Gateway Mall?

For some, that's the reality — spring break, Lincoln-style.

During the week of March 23-30, the UNL campus will be devoid of students. Several of those students could be basking in the rays on a beach somewhere, or sliding down a mountainside, or bungee-jumping or hang-gliding or even simply shopping — somewhere other than Lincoln.

But while many students will be spending time at home with family or vacationing somewhere else, there will still be plenty of students hanging out around town.

"I'm staying here — I don't have any money to go home," said Tony Brower, an architecture graduate student from Brooklyn, N.Y. "I have lots of projects to work on, so that will keep me busy."

Julie Baum, a sophomore finance major, transferred to UNL from Morningside College in Sioux City,

Iowa, last semester. Originally from Lincoln, Baum spent spring break last year in town checking out UNL before transferring. This year, she will stay here again.

"I think it will be really boring, but cheap," she said. "Who knows? It might turn out that there are other people here to do stuff with."

Another student from Lincoln who will be staying home is junior nutrition major Becky Vahle.

"I'm just going to try and work as many hours as I can," she said. Vahle is a processor at Allied Group Insurance Companies.

"The weekend after spring break, before we come back to school, my boyfriend might take me to Kansas City or Minneapolis to shop," she said, "but since I'm not taking a spring break, he's taking me to visit his parents in Montana and South Dakota."

Of course, for others, spring break is a much-needed reprieve from Lincoln, no matter where they are going.

"I'm getting out of here," senior education major Elizabeth Krause said. "Even if it's just to go home to North Platte."

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