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# All arrows point to success

I got lost on campus not long ago. With all the construction taking place, trying to get from Nebraska Union to Avery Hall can be a challenge these days, and as I wound my way through the maze, hitting obstacle after obstacle, I had to stop and smile for a minute.

It's been almost five years now since I first stepped foot onto this campus. Five years since I first got lost trying to find my way to Avery Hall. Five years since I first pulled out that map of City Campus I had cut out of the Daily Nebraskan, trying not to look like the lost freshman I really was.

This year, it seemed like I was lucky to even step foot off campus on any given day. I know Avery Hall like the back of my hand. Down here at the DN — in theory, anyway — I ran the place.

Much has changed since Aug. 24, 1992.

So have I. I sat through my last class at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on Thursday. I jotted down a few of the professor's main points, but mostly I listened to what he had to say, trying to put the semester in focus, to put it all together, to see the bigger picture.

That's quite a contrast to the first class I took my freshman year — Western Civilization — when I struggled to write down everything the professor said. At the end of her 45-minute lecture, I had more than five pages of notes, and I didn't understand a word of them.

Maybe I've gotten more confident since then. Maybe I've just learned how to take better notes. Possibly ... but I suspect there's something more to it than that.

College is all about learning, and some of the most important lessons learned are the ones that are never formally taught.

All you have to do is think.



**DOUG KOUMA**

I have a friend who came into my office nearly every week this year. Sometimes she'd say hi, sometimes I'd be on the phone and she'd just smile. But she always picked up a piece of chalk and wrote one word on the chalkboard near my door:

Think.

And I did. I've done a lot of thinking in my five years at UNL. I haven't come to many conclusions, but I've made a few small realizations.

Where my future is concerned, I've done just about everything I could to prepare myself for a career in journalism.

I worked hard in my classes, I landed two pretty decent newspaper internships, and I dedicated three years of my college experience to the Daily Nebraskan.

Professors like Daryl Frazell, Mike Stricklin, Bud Pagel, Charlyne Berens, Larry Walklin and the rest of the J-school faculty instilled in me a love and excitement for this business, and I can't wait to get out there and get my feet wet.

Still, I get flustered when a friend says something like: "I'll watch for your name in The New York Times someday." Nevermind the unlikelihood of the event. I'm just not sure that's the direction I ultimately want my life to take.

Because for everything those

journalism professors did for me, they had some pretty good competition along the way.

Like Kevin Smith and Robert Sittig, whose political science classes cut through the rhetoric and snarl of modern government and showed me how frustratingly fun politics, in its purest — or dirtiest — form, can be.

Like Manfred and Evelyn Jacobson and Robert Shirer, who struggled with me through years of German class, always offering encouragement, and never letting my interest wane, even when my ability did.

Like Warren Embree, Michael Hoff and guest professor Ann Perry, whose knowledge and love of art and literature brought to life a time gone by like no "regular" history class could.

I never really told any of those professors thank you, nor did I ever tell them how their classes sparked my interest. My grades in some cases sure didn't reflect that, and it's likely that most of those professors have forgotten I was their student.

But I haven't. And I won't.

I'll keep those sparks alive. I'll keep learning, even if I'm not in school. It's a pretty good bet that one day I'll take one of those sparks and kindle it into a fire, and my life will take a new turn.

A lot has changed since Aug. 24, 1992.

Five years later, I still find myself wandering around this campus, soon to wander off for good. And five years later, I'm still getting lost.

But I've long since thrown the map away.

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## UPC Summer Events

Grassy Grooves takes place from 12 pm to 1pm between the Nebraska Union and Administration buildings.



**Grassy Grooves**

May 29	John Walker	July 10	Chris Sayre
June 5	Kusitaki	July 17	Lightning Bugs
June 12	Terri Dahlquist	July 24	Nebraska Jazz
June 19	Dave Marsh	July 31	Plain Label String Band
June 26	Toasted Ponies	August 7	Nebraska Brass
		August 14	Aspen

Jazz in June will begin at 7 pm between the Sheldon Art Gallery and Architecture Hall.

Dates are:

June 3 June 10 June 17\* June 24

\*A special screening of KANSAS CITY will follow the jazz.



**Jazz in June**



**Movies On The Green**

The titles of the featured movies are TBA. They will be shown on the Green Space beginning at dusk.

Dates:

July 9, July 23, August 6 & August 20.



**Omaha Royals**

See 3 Omaha Royals games with UPC this summer.

Purchase tickets at the Nebraska Union Information Desk. Dates are June 27, July 18 and August 1.

\$5 UNL Students \$8 Non Students  
Price includes: Ticket, Box Dinner and Transportation.

Volunteers are needed for help with summer events. If interested, contact Rich Caruso at 472-2454.

Answers to today's crossword puzzle

PACS	GRAF	SPIRO
ALOU	ROIL	WIRED
LAMB	EURO	EARED
PRESBYTERIAN		
MAORI	SADTOSAY	
NAST	LESAGE	
PARISHIONER	RIA	
EXEC	TWO	IGOT
ELM	SAINTLINESS	
TEARED	EINE	
ESPECIAL	SCRAM	
CONVERSATION		
DAMON	EROO	ISLE
AWARD	ROAM	ALTO
REEDS	TYNE	LEON

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