

Saving money the college way

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coupons. Learn to clip coupons of stuff you buy frequently.

Believe it or not, cheap toilet paper will cleanse your buttocks just as well as the expensive stuff. Similar comments can be applied for paper towels, flour and various other condiments. To make a long story short (too late): the cheap stuff sometimes works just as well.

Pasta is your friend. It's cheap. It's versatile. It's abundant. Remember this.

Don't be afraid to check out the dented/discontinued section. Good deals can often be found there.

Dining Out (sit-down restaurants)

In general, avoid the all-you-can-eat places. Better to buy a nice, balanced meal than for a smorgasborg. It's probably healthier too. (One exception: all-you-can-eat salad bars can be very good, but watch the dressing!

Go at lunchtime. Prices are often cheaper and more specials are available.

Is one dinner too much for you? Ask for a doggie bag, or take a friend and split one dinner! (This has been seen as terribly romantic, so watch out. Remember "Lady and the Tramp" with the pasta?)

Don't be shy about asking about student discounts or nightly specials.

Ask if any beverages have free refills. Select those. Also, always have water along with your meal.

Grabbing Food (fast food, that is)

Keep a refill cup handy. Even if you pay full price for the beverage with the meal deal, you can usually get the cup refilled instead of the standard paper cup, thus getting more beverage for the money!

Hang on to those coupon books from the beginning of the semester. You can find some very good deals in those suckers!

Getting late night pizza? Call ahead and see if there's a carryout special. Not only can this often times save money on the pizza, but you don't have to tip yourself!

Again, some local places offer student discounts or specials. Don't be afraid to ask.

Entertainment

Do some calling around to video stores to find out rental prices, return times and so on. Is the extra two days of rental time worth the extra two bucks for the rental price?

Go to matinees instead of night shows. Park on the streets instead of in garages. Also, take your student ID if you hit a late show for a discount. Same thing goes for buying tickets for plays and so on (usually).

There is free entertainment all over this city. Concerts, plays, poetry readings, you name it. Keep your eyes and ears open. Also, check the Sunday paper.

Peruse the used bookstores often. Make friends with the manager and other employees. This can often help when looking for hard-to-find gems.

Used CD's work just as well as

new ones, and are usually about five bucks cheaper.

Join a CD club, complete the contract, and get out RIGHT AWAY (claim religious constraints or something; be creative). DON'T STAY IN THE CLUB! That's where they make their money.

Do you need to see the movie NOW, or can it wait until it hits a second-run theater?

Other various tips

This may surprise some of you, but the books you sell back will fetch you a mere spittle of what you paid out for them, if they are bought back at all. Know this now.

Split utility bills whenever possible (daily paper, cable, etc.)

Don't do half-loads of laundry; it wastes time, resources and money.

Call your parents collect. Make them pay.

Buying electronics? Ask about clearance or "open box" products. This stuff is usually marked down, and often still carries a full guarantee. Ask lots of questions. Keep all receipts. Don't assume anything.

Keep a change jar, even if it's just pennies. It can add up, believe me.

UNL students get free unlimited use of the city bus system. Take advantage of it!

That's all I've got. It's up to you from here.

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Columnist tests incoming freshmen's UNL know-how

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regain consciousness, you are on the ground next to a person digging in the ground with a shovel. That person is either:

A. Making a flower bed to help beautify our campus.

B. Doing a project for a little-known class named Foxhole Digging '01.

C. Digging for the legendary gold of Redbeard the Rapsallion, the patron pirate of the University of Nebraska.

You're eating in one of the campus cafeterias. As you take a bite of some scrumptious scalloped potatoes, you notice a tooth in your food. You should:

A. Report the mislaid molar to the board of health.

B. Put the tooth under your pillow and make a wish.

C. Ask the cafeteria cashier "I found a tooth in my meal, does that cost extra?"

You're in between classes when a bird lets fly a mighty dropping that lands on the front of your shirt. You should quickly:

A. Run to the nearest bath-

room and rinse it off.

B. Just let it dry. Nothing gets out bird doo-doo. (Not even that new Home Shopping Network product, "Bird-Poop-Off!")

C. Drop everything, put your left hand over your heart and start singing the Husker fight song. (This is known as UNL tradition #458.)

Okay, those hints should help all you Freshman Freddie's and Newcomer Nancies function on campus without making the proverbial "ass" out of yourself. You can now safely walk the UNL campus with confidence, knowing that you are prepared for almost anything that can possibly happen to you. Except what to do in the case of an attack by the large yellow submarines that sometimes roam our university grounds. (Hell, if I told you everything, being a freshman wouldn't be any fun at all.)

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Columnist offers advice from one who's been there

KENNEDY from 8

I want to shatter a terrible involvement myth that has been circulating around campus for years. You DO NOT have to be greek to meet a ton of people, have close and like-minded friends or be an involved leader. Truth of the matter is that although the greek system does meet the needs of many students and non-profit groups, they are not a monopoly.

Residence Hall floors and many other campus organizations can offer you the same benefits as the greek system. For example, many of my friends - who aren't greek - have used their successful academic careers to get into M.I.T., Oxford, Yale, Georgetown and an assortment of comfy, well-paid jobs. These non-greeks have been members of Innocents, Mortar Board, Student Alumni Association, Chancellor's Leadership Class, Emerging Leaders and so many other valuable campus

groups.

As freshmen, it's important to know you don't have to wear letters to be successful on this campus. Just remember Dr. Seuss' Sneeches.

UNL's campus is relatively safe. There are some places that need better lighting and some bushes trimmed, but if you're not stupid, you're going to be safe.

Coming to college is an awesome and frightening experience. For freshmen this is the time to explore boundaries, strive for individuality and make room for a little self-exploration.

Just remember, what doesn't kill you will make you stronger - I can honestly say that after the last four years, I'm as strong as Samson.

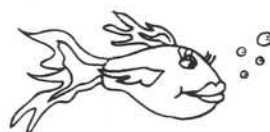
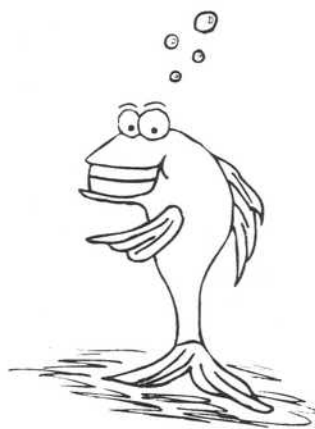
Oh, and you may have already discovered, get a good, comfy pair of walking shoes.

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