

# OPINION PAGE

## Our VIEW

### Husker spirit

Lincoln's stranded need your hotel rooms

- Football tickets? Check.
- Family in the car? Check.
- Hordes of Husker garb? Check.
- Goofy-looking foam finger? Check.
- Hotel reservations? Not so fast there, hoss.

Please, for the love of Husker mania, if you, your parents, your friends, someone you know or anyone you can get hold of has reservations in a Lincoln motel this weekend for the game, give them up.

- Cancel them.
- Someone else needs them.
- Someone without heat.
- Someone without electricity.
- Someone without a refrigerator for a home.

And the 20,000 people without electricity aren't the only ones who need your hotel room.

In the rush to get people's power back on, Lincoln Electric System has brought in hundreds of contractors. These folks are working long hours to get the lights back on.

Don't make them camp out in their trucks.

Yeah, it is the Oklahoma game. Sure, it's Husker football. And you have had those reservations made for more than a year.

But look into your heart. Who needs a warm bed and a shower more?

If you are coming to town for the game, think about driving back home that night. If that isn't an option, there is an alternative probably more fun than hotels.

UNL has opened up Cook Pavilion to the Husker faithful wanting to stay in Lincoln overnight. The wide-open artificial turf will turn to bed padding for one night.

And what could be better than sleeping where the Huskers practice?

What Husker maniac wouldn't go home and say with pride "I slept where Grant Wistrom sweats"? Think of all the aura. "Yeah, I slept in Cook Pavilion."

Most of Lincoln's 3,300 motel and hotel rooms are booked. But the question is, who is sleeping where this weekend?

How would you like to sleep in a cold house?

How would you like it if you sought refuge at a hotel, spending serious money to stay warm, only to be evicted by a football fan?

We're sorry, but as important as football is to this state, it isn't that important.

It isn't as important as people getting their power back.

It isn't as important as letting stranded people sleep in comfort.

Football can take a back seat. Yes, even the Oklahoma game.

Please, we're begging. If you can give up your hotel reservations, or tell someone else to give up theirs, please do.

A true Husker would.

## Haney's VIEW



## Guest VIEW

### Hell-oween

### Creative costuming key to glee

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(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The holidays are stressful times for everybody. Psychologists and other people who keep track of these things say that more people commit suicide between Thanksgiving and New Year's than any other time of the year.

Think about your extended family for a minute and tell me this isn't true.

But Halloween stress is different from Thanksgiving stress or Christmas stress.

On real holidays you have to worry about whether or not Martha Stewart would approve of your place settings, if Uncle Merle and Aunt Mavis are going to try and kill each other or if grandma is going to show up stone drunk, again, and start smoking joints in the bathroom after the meal.

On Halloween, however, our creativity is called into question. We all get invited to Halloween parties, especially if the eve falls on a weekend. And they sound like fun, everybody dressed up and bobbing for apples in tubs of wood alcohol — what's not to like?

But then the costume question rears its ugly head. What are you supposed to go as? You can't just wear some stupid mask, or cut holes in a sheet. That's hardly the best a college student can do. But what? We have limited time and resources and whatever you do decide to go as, it has to

be conducive to the muscular movements of party-going (smoking, elbow-bending, pinching and retching).

So, for the momentarily stumped, I offer a small list of Halloween costumes that will make you the life of the party, and earn the undying respect of your hipster friends.

An S.A.: If you think about it for a minute, everyone can do this one. We've all spent some time in dorms, and consequently are rather familiar with the creature that is the student assistant. The clothes for this costume aren't too exotic, just the regular jeans and sweatshirt will be fine. But the key is in the behavior. Walk around the party yanking drinks out of the hands of your fellow guests. Or pick a room away from the action of the party, sit in it all night, don't talk to anyone, don't leave, stare at your computer, work on your résumé and think of different ways to deny the fact that people who choose to live in dorms as upperclassmen are massive dorks.

Quote to memorize: "Come on guys, quiet down. You can have fun without sex, booze, drugs and loud music. I do it all the time, and look how cool I am. Come on, give me my retainer back!"

Brainless Media Slut: Watch VH-1 for a while and inspiration should just fall out of the air. A black dress with Moliere cleavage and a "Friends" haircut are necessary. Smile a lot and talk about how modeling is hard work, how you're working on a screenplay and how great it is to work with Keanu Reeves.

Quote to memorize: "We were on the set for something like seven hours a day, plus at least another 20 minutes in the makeup chair. Grueling, I tell you. Grueling. Will you buy me something?"

Sean "Puffy" Combs: Go ahead, cash in on some celebrity. The trick to a "Puffy" costume is to balance the two forces of his life: the hardcore gangsta we all know he is, and the millionaire media mogul that he's become, two things that personally I feel are hand and glove. Anyway, baggy pants, baseball cap and an "R.I.P. Biggie" tattooed on your chest, combined with a picture of Ted Turner around your neck, should do the trick.

Quote to memorize: "Yeah, keepin' it real to all the young 'g's out there is what I'm all about. In fact, Mariah Carey and I were just talking about this yesterday."

Anti-Affirmative Action Litigant: Find a party you weren't invited to and threaten to sue the occupants if they don't let you in. Whine about how all the black guests were let in ahead of you. Whine if there's black people in front of you in the keg line. Whine that it's too cold outside, or that you don't like the tile in the bathroom.

Quote to memorize: "I'm going to stand here and hold my breath until someone makes my life perfect and rejection-free for me. WAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!"

Have fun, gang. Avoid the house that gives away the apples and pennies.

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