

# OPINION/PAGES

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## The hush hush

*Paper helps students  
stay awake, informed*

Greetings incoming freshman and welcome to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

If you are reading this, I assume you have made it through New Student Enrollment or have just given up on all the other handouts and were looking for something to break up the monotony of white sheet, pink sheet, yellow sheet, etc.

So you may be wondering what a Daily Nebraskan is doing among all these other important documents.

It isn't nearly as important as your schedule, but it could help you make it through some of the classes on that schedule.

You won't truly appreciate the paper until you are in the middle of an introductory history class with 300 students or are in some huge science lecture. Then the Daily Nebraskan will become your best friend for passing time.

Rather than bore you with any more details about the DN, I would like to give you a few suggestions that may help make your transition to college a little easier.

First of all, let me assure you that New Student Enrollment will be the most stressful time, well except for finals, but that is a whole different story.

Another thing I learned is that college is a whole new ball game. You basically are starting your life over so if there is something you would like to change about yourself, do it.

And while you are starting over, get involved with several organizations or groups and attend as many events and activities as you can because it is within these parameters that you will meet many new people and form friendships.

Another recommendation I have for incoming students is to plan ahead. Planning ahead will help alleviate a lot of stress and this in term will help reduce some other problems.

Finally, don't speed around campus because Lincoln Police love sitting in trees and nailing out-of-town people. Trust me on this one.

Well I hope all of you get enrolled in the classes you want and remember to look for the Daily Nebraskan in building entrances when you arrive on campus in the fall.

It will keep you abreast on campus issues and hopefully get you through the boring classes.

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## All fed up

*Same facilities sought for summer school students*

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Everybody, repeat after me: can you say "snafu?" As in, situation normal, all fouled up?

At least, this is what the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's student population should think, once it realizes the lower amount of computer facilities, problems with Nebraska Union construction and poorer amenities available for summer school students.

Here's a brief rundown of the problems and challenges awaiting the typical UNL summer school student.

UNL is undergoing extensive renovations in its Nebraska Union facility, and is way behind its initial timetable for union expansion and improvement. This has forced wheelchair-bound students to go all the way around the Canfield Administration Building, because the construction detour goes straight through the part of Canfield that is wheelchair-inaccessible.

This was extremely poor planning on someone's part.

In addition, until June 8, students who patronize the Nebraska Union are deprived of restaurant choice. Only Burger King and the Bakery are open for business. This makes it much more difficult for a hungry student to get a meal.

In addition, all of the video games have been removed from the Nebraska

Union, pending relocation of the Nebraska Union computer lab, which should be completed by August 23, 1998. So, the UNL administration thinks summer school students have less stress, and less need to unwind by playing a video game, than do "normal" session students?

If anything, summer school students have MORE stress, not less, due to the compressed nature of our studies.

Hey, far be it for me to criticize the UNL administration for passing up a ready source of income.

Moving on to the next problem, there are only three full-service computer labs available on campus, partly because of the upgrading of facilities for the more-lucrative (and higher-attended) fall session. The available summer computer labs are located at Selleck (which also hosts the 24-hour computer lab), Henzlik and Andrews.

Theresa Jensen, head of the UNL Computer Labs, said last year there were only six available computer labs (Ferguson Hall closed after the first 5-week session).

To partially alleviate the problem of having too few computer labs for summer sessions, buildings with mainframe connections (such as CBA, Bancroft or Oldfather) have been upgraded with the Netscape browser and will be open during normal building hours. This should draw off some students needing only to check e-mail or wishing to surf the web. In addition, computer labs hours will be extended

if there is a proven student need.

If there is a problem with the computer labs, including equipment difficulties, lack of computers, problems with lab consultants, etc., Jensen wants to hear about it. Students should log onto the UNL computer labs web page, which is [www.unl.edu/cmplabs/its\\_home.html](http://www.unl.edu/cmplabs/its_home.html), and report their concerns. Or you could call her, as Jensen said she'd be glad to speak with any student regarding this issue. Her number is 472-5879.

Well, at least the libraries have nearly the same hours. Love Library will be open only one hour less on weekdays than in the fall or spring session, said Deb Pearson, associate professor of libraries and head of circulation at Love Library. In addition, Love will be open for five hours on July 3 (although they will be closed during July 4, the legal holiday.) Pearson also wished to inform you readers that there are two computer labs, complete with e-mail and world-wide web linkages, available at both Love Library on the City Campus and CY Thompson on East Campus for student use during any open library hours.

Other than Pearson and Jensen, most of UNL's head honchos have been strangely silent regarding our problems and concerns. Let's hope the administration is more prepared for the onslaught of the summer session than they appear, because from where I'm sitting, most of them seem woefully unprepared.

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