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Football folly

Migration should have been to KSU game

When ASUN selected the Nebraska-Oklahoma State game as the UNL's migration game for this season, it seemed like a fair decision.

After all, the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska told the students it had secured 1,000 seats for the game at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., rather than the customary 500 tickets.

It also told students that they were good seats — the kind that some students lack at Nebraska home games.

But in selecting the OSU game, ASUN made a glaring oversight: It didn't select the Kansas State game. That game, to be played Nov. 14, would have been a better choice for a migration game for three major reasons.

First, both teams likely will be undefeated going into the K-State game. The game could have national title implications.

Next, ASUN blew a chance to help students gain access to a popular and expensive game, choosing instead to help students get tickets to a game where an abundance of affordable tickets already existed.

Approaching Arrowhead Stadium, hordes of scalpers held up tickets for sale along the interstate. Within close proximity to the stadium, there were even more tickets for sale — at least a thousand.

The scalpers' prices weren't high either. All seats were being sold for face value or just above face value. And almost all of those seats were better than the ones ASUN received for NU students.

Finally, this game didn't feel like a migration game. There was no pocket of red amidst a sea of the opponent's colors.

It was a home-away-from-home-game; the majority of fans were for Nebraska. It did not have the feel nor the excitement of being on the road.

To be fair, choosing K-State would have presented two drawbacks. The NU Athletic Department would have gotten 500 tickets for the student lottery instead of the 1,000 allotted to students in Arrowhead Stadium.

Also, the seats wouldn't have been as good as those guaranteed for the OSU game, if you consider the end zone "good."

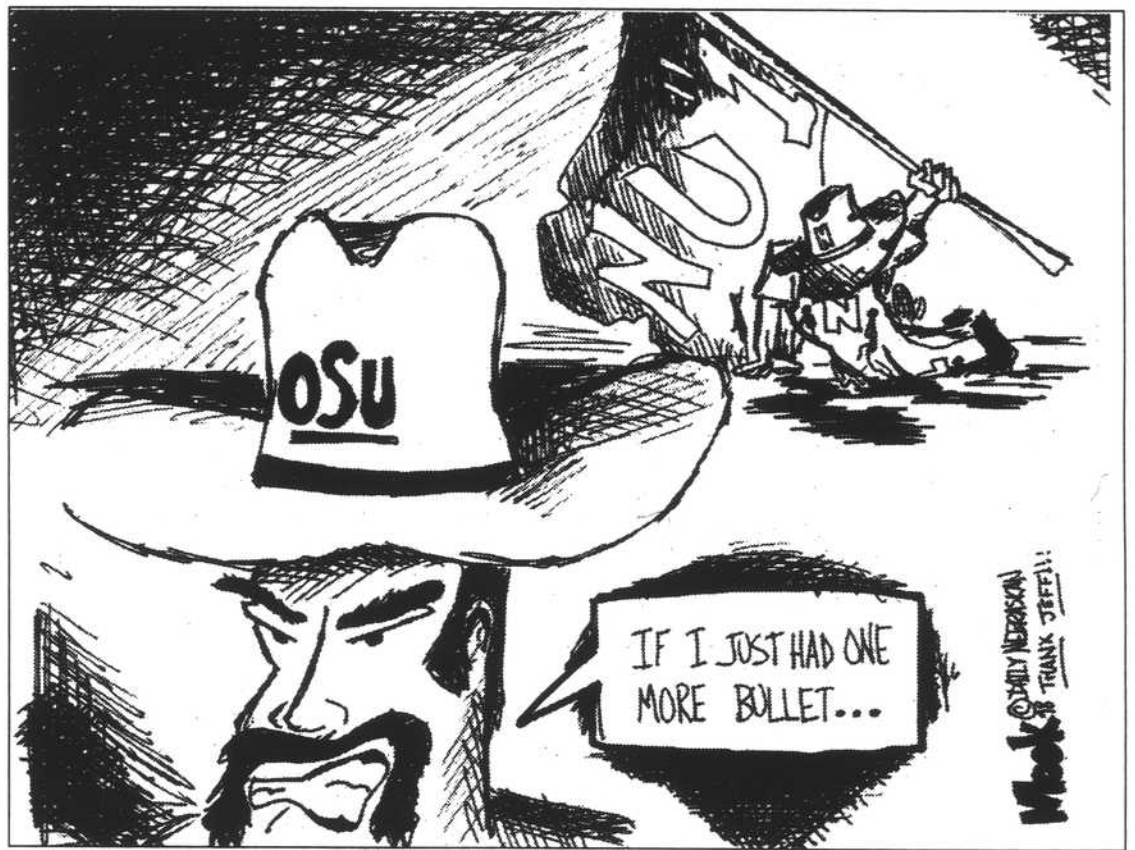
Despite its unfortunate designation as the migration game, the NU-OSU game was a great one to witness. Nebraska and Oklahoma State battled for four quarters and through a dramatic finish.

But students didn't need ASUN's help in seeing the game. Many might have had better seats without it. All ASUN did with its decision to make OSU the migration game was decide against helping UNL students witness a greater game at Kansas State.

Now few students will see that great battle unless they can afford to shell out a hundred dollars or more per ticket.

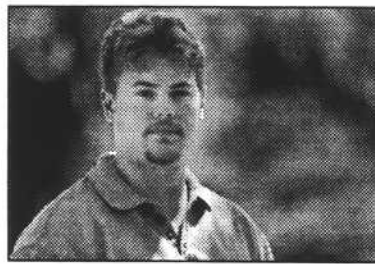
Let this be a lesson to ASUN: More is not always better.

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Scraping by

How to survive college on one dollar a day



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Today's lecture in the college survival series is how to get by on a dollar or less a day. It's really very easy.

You can't. But thanks to Uncle Sam (and Momma Sam and Daddy Sam) tuition, board and books are already paid for.

Theoretically, that's all the expenses you should have.

Theoretically. As we all know, certain little "extra expenses" come up during the semester.

That's what we are going to deal with today. You know the little extras like beer, citations and tattoo removal. Those require money. Usually up front.

I'm not going to go over all of the ways to make said money. That's a different lecture all together.

To make things easy, we'll just assume that your income will come from the three main sources: Plasma, pawn shops and knocking over 7-Elevens.

None of those really brings in a lot of money. Of course, they don't require much work either.

Anyway, careful budgeting of your limited, marginally legal income is necessary.

Let's begin, shall we?

Food
Eating cheap is actually easy. Just pick up a copy of the DN (Please read the opinion page first) and turn to the classifieds.

Toward the end of the classified pages you'll find a section marked "Meetings." Read these announcements carefully.

Several offer free food. Plus, you get more involved in campus activities, which is always good. That means more food-filled meetings.

Cost to you: No money. It's free you twit.

However, there is a mental cost. But in the long run, a Valentino's pizza is worth listening to an hour of environmentally friendly, fat-free, republican-bashing haiku.

Shopping
If you really need it, your folks will give you the money.

Of course, convincing them that you are in dire need of 12 gallons of "South Park"-scented Vaseline might prove difficult. (But, then again, don't we all have that need?)

Which brings us to the money saving tips for shopping.

Don't go.

There really is no need for new clothes. On any given day there will be numerous cell phone, credit card and campus groups giving away free T-shirts.

Fill out an application, get a shirt. Free trade at it's purest.

A little hint from your friendly neighborhood column man: Give 'em your parents' name and address.

That way, after the lists are sold to telemarketers, your parents can enjoy the limitless opportunities provided by telephone sales.

Cost to you: Nothing but the time required to fill out countless forms. Heck, we do that all the time for the university free of charge.

Entertainment
This one is tricky. Movies cost money, dinner costs money, and concerts cost a lot of money.

The University Program Council does put on free shows for students. Unfortunately the movies usually are bad David Schwimmer films. (Isn't saying "bad David Schwimmer film" redundant?)

However, I hear "Spice World" might be coming soon.

No, for my money nothing provides cheap entertainment like childish, juvenile pranks.

I'm not talking about hiding under-

wear in the freezer (although, once we hid an entire load of whites in the bottom of an ice machine).

I'm talking inane little pranks. Why do you think it's called "sophomoric behavior"?

Start out simple, say "South Park" Vaseline on all the doorknobs. Another friendly hint: Do your own door, too, otherwise you give yourself away.

Then you're ready to move into the more complex and dangerous pranks. Start by sending a letter to your favorite sorority from the Center For Disease Control. Tell 'em that one of the campus fraternities may be contagious.

Feel free to make up your own disease. Be creative. Give it a long name and just barely plausible symptoms.

Remember, the more scabs the better.

Next, randomly pick a name out of the campus phone book. Call the person and confess the torrid affair you've been having with his or her significant other.

True, there is a 50/50 chance they'll be single. In that case, apologize and hang up.

I'm not a total jerk. (DISCLAIMER: Doing any of the latter may lead to fines, expulsions and ass-kickings. Mr. Forkner takes no responsibility for anyone stupid enough to do any of those things. Screwija, Oveur and ButtGud attorneys at law.)

Cost to you: Negligible. You have a phone, and you can always steal your roommate's 12 gallons of Vaseline.

Which brings us to our final expense.

Beer
If you saved like you should have, you'll have \$7. That works out to 14 50-cent beers at Iguanas on Thursdays.

Of course, if you have a more refined taste (like me) then you have enough for seven beers on dollar domestic night at Old Chicago.

Or you can take the easy way out — date a rich dude/chick.

I'd like to thank all of you for attending today's lecture. Don't forget to tip your waitress and have a good day.

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