

# Welcome, NEW STUDENTS!!

## **Please, respect the pianos\***

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**2. Wash your hands! Dirty fingers make dirty piano keys.**

Don't leave grime behind. DNA dirt detectors have been installed on every piano key to identify hygienically challenged individuals. Keep your DNA, horn spittle, chicken fat, and nefarious personal bugs to yourself.

**3. Report!** UNL has a staff piano technician. He's not there to pick up after you, but he'll fix broken strings and keys and try to keep 105 pianos close to pitch. If something is not working, contact Richard West right away (e-mail: [rwest1@unl.edu](mailto:rwest1@unl.edu), office: 5 WMB). Try not to take out your personal frustrations on the poor piano. Go to the rec. center for that.

To the older students:

Most of you have played by the rules and the pianos thank you.

Richard West, Staff Piano Technician

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To the professors and students who have learned to  
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Thank you.

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This piano  
is *not* a  
table.

Please do not put papers,  
tests, books, book bags,  
computers, briefcases, or  
any other objects on the  
piano. Thank you.

# FLASH!!!!

In an unannounced, uncirculated, possibly unprinted document **GEORGE BUSH** lauded the long-standing UNL policy “Pianos are not Tables.” Citing unspecified security concerns, a White House memo may have supposedly/allegedly been quoted as saying, “Pianos may look like tables, but don’t be fooled. Pianos are not tables.” An upper level government source/singer in the Justice Department allegedly agreed and possibly may have said that he would sleep better knowing our nation’s pianos are clutter free.

**Do not put water, pop, sandwiches or other beverages or food on top of the pianos.**

Experts claim that there is reason to believe that food and drink items may attract both evildoers and mosquitoes carrying the west Nile virus.

Homeland Security forces may have also suggested the following:

**Wash your hands!**

Or wear latex rubber gloves that you change every time you play. Ungloved greasy fingers have been linked to evildoers. Grease attracts dirt and germs to piano keys.

**Report!**

Broken strings, nonfunctioning keys, etc., can be signs of subversion. As soon as problems arise students must report to Richard West personally or slide a message under his door or e-mail him (rwest1@unl.edu) or leave a voice mail (472-2568). **Be sure to give the room number, the specific problem and and the key(s) affected.** All incidents will be thoroughly investigated. Mr. West will make the appropriate repairs and contact the appropriate authorities where appropriate.

**Be vigilant. Evildoers must be stopped!**

(Disclaimer: The main points regarding piano care are valid. Any references to national government officials or agencies are used only to dramatize and do not reflect views of any UNL personnel. The term “evildoers” does not discriminate on any basis whatsoever and does not refer to any specific individual living or dead, nor any specific country, state, cult, group, or UNL faculty, staff or student. Sorry to say, this document was created by Richard West, all rights reserved.)

# R-E-S-P-E-C-T THE PIANO

## The piano is not a table!

If you have any intelligence at all, you can figure out that pianos are expensive musical instruments, NOT TABLES. Don't put instruments, instrument cases, music, books, electronic equipment, bodies (naked or otherwise), or drinks (yes, you heard right-DRINKS!) on the piano. In fact don't put anything on the pianos! SALUTE those pianos, soldier!

## Wash your hands!

Were you born in a barn? Do you have cooties (or a cold, or flu, or other germy diseases)? Do you have any consideration for other humans? Are you one of THOSE who never wash? Well, clean it up, buster, because each piano has a DNA DETECTOR. You'll regret your sweat. We deal with anarchist, terrorist slobs! Have you heard of Guantanamo?

## Report!

Don't be a wheedling, spineless wuss! Speak up! If a string breaks, or a key isn't playing right, or something isn't working on the piano, leave a note outside room 5, basement. And, HEY, give the room number, the nature of the problem, and the key(s) affected. Are we mind readers? Does the "N" on the stadium stand for "Nowledge?" Wise up! Use your brain!

# When it comes to pianos, you need to LEARN YOUR PIANO ABC'S

**A = ARTICULATE**-You need to tell Richard West, the staff piano technician, if a piano has a problem. You can talk to him directly, or you can leave a message on the bulletin board outside his office (5 WMB, basement). There's also phone (472-2568) or e-mail (rwest1@unl.edu).

**B = BENCHES**-You should never have to use the piano as a shelf because there should always be 2 benches in every practice room. These benches should provide plenty of space for your bottom, books, boxes, bags, babes, beetles, Beatles, beasties, boys, Bibles, breviaries, brogans, etc. Bottles, beverages are forbidden. In all cases, just remember this:

**The piano is not a table! It is a musical instrument; treat it well.**

**C = CLEAN** hands, mean clean keys. Clean hands mean fewer germs passed to the next soul who plays after you. Before playing the piano, **wash your hands**. It's just good hygiene.

PS: Homeland Security Advisors have installed piano abuse monitors in every practice room. We have intelligence that there are terrorist musicians posing as piano majors. But Big Bro is watching! Failure to abide by the above mentioned practices may result in indefinite detention in a Westbrook custodial closet.