As the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. approaches, many begin to think back on his life and the change he helped to bring to the United States. Dr. King was a nonviolent activist who helped lead the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 60s. He was assassinated in 1968 and posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2004.

Since 1986, the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. has been observed on the third Monday of January. Dr. Claude Louishomme, associate professor of political science and director of the Ethnic Studies Program at UNK, has organized a candlelight vigil on campus in remembrance of Dr. King for the past five years. This year will be no different.

At 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 16 a vigil will be held by the Cope Bell Tower and is open to students as well as members of the community. However, Louishomme says the night is not only dedicated to the late Dr. King.

“It’s a campus event to commemorate the holiday and the life of Dr. King and all the other people who, not only in the 60s but in earlier times, moved the country to live up to its principle of equality and democracy,” Louishomme said.

Louishomme says the turnout for the event usually depends on the weather and if students come back early from the long weekend. Last year’s bitter cold shrunk the crowd to about 20, but the year before presented nice weather and around 30 or 35 came out for the vigil. But it’s the not the amount of people that matters, says Louishomme. It’s the message behind such an event that counts.

“As long as a couple of people come and people’s thoughts are stimulated, that’s

Upcoming events

Saturday, Jan. 14 – Adding classes via MyBlue is closed.

Monday, Jan. 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - UNK campus closed.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 1-2:30 – Informal workshop on workplace violence in the Ockinga Conference Room.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 5-6 p.m. – Students for Reynolds Review Workshop, a creative writing workshop for all interested students in Thomas Hall.

Wednesday, Jan. 18 5:30-6:30 p.m. – A group of local professionals will be holding an interactive panel to promote stalking awareness and prevention in the Sandhills Room in the Nebraskan Student Union.

Wednesday, Jan. 18 7-8 p.m. – Operation Identification will be a program that teaches how to protect property from theft and vandalism hosted by Police and Parking Services in Ockinga Conference Room.
Story time with Suzi Whaples

***Storyteller offers free workshop***

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Suzi Whaples offers a unique experience in storytelling. Her unaffected dialect, lightning quick wit and a gentle demeanor perfectly blend stories of her life, her family’s lives, and some that are even larger than life. The stories she tells are almost all her own experiences and creations. Each tale intertwines the poignant, the encouraging, and often, the flat-out hilarious! Enjoying her Appalachian heritage will make you treasure your own roots as her themes are universal and multicultural.

Drawing from her 30 years of experience as a storyteller, Whaples touches on important facts needed to get started in storytelling. She combines tips about creating and performing to give her participants helpful insights into the world of storytelling. This is a workshop for anyone interested in storytelling from teachers to librarians, from beginners to seasoned performers.

Suzi is a past president of the West Virginia Storytelling Guild and was the 2007 recipient of the Bob McWhorter Award for excellence in storytelling. She is a favorite wherever she tells, and was honored to perform at the 2010 National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tenn. She has been invited to return to Jonesborough in 2011 as a Teller in Residence. Having a special love for sacred tales, she also tours the country storytelling at churches, festivals, schools, libraries, theaters, or wherever a group of people share her love of story.

The workshop will be offered Thursday, Jan. 19, 12:30-1:45 p.m. in the Cedar Room of the Student Union.
Sports in review

Sports editor Erik Swazo looks back at major highlights in the sports world

BY ERIK SWAZO
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Jan. 10- Auburn wins national championship. After a late push, the Auburn Tigers defeated the Oregon Ducks in the national championship college football game 22-19.

Feb. 6- The Green Bay Packers defeat the Pittsburg Steelers in Super Bowl XLV. A late playoff push led by quarterback Aaron Rodgers, came to a close when the Packers rallied late to beat the Steelers in the first Super Bowl held in the new and improved Cowboys Stadium in Dallas.

Feb. 16- Cancer survivor Lance Armstrong retires from professional cycling. After beating cancer, Lance Armstrong went on to win seven consecutive Tour de France titles from 1999 to 2005.

Mar. 12- NFL lockout begins. When the players, union and owners failed to meet deadline extensions, there was no other option.

Mar. 27- March Madness was in full effect when Virginia Commonwealth shocked the country with an impressive streak in the 2011 NCAA basketball tournament, making it all the way to the Final Four, only to lose to the runner-up, the Butler Bulldogs. On their way to the Final Four, VCU beat 6th ranked Georgetown, 3rd ranked Purdue, 10th ranked Florida State and No. 1 Kansas in their Southwest Regional bracket.

April 4- UConn wins the college national basketball championship. Kemba Walker and the Connecticut Huskies rolled off 11 straight victories, going all the way back to their conference tournament, where the Huskies won five games in five days to make the “big dance.”

April 8- After finding out he was going to be suspended 50 games for failing a performance-enhancing drug test, Tampa Bay's Manny Ramirez shocked the world, and instead of serving the 100-game suspension, he told his teammates and the world that he would be retiring. Ramirez had missed a drug test back in 2009, resulting in a 50-game suspension. Ramirez recently filed for reinstatement papers with MLB, and was reinstated on Dec. 10, with the stipulation that he serve the 50 game suspension if signed to a team.

May 30-June 7- Ohio State loses their head coach and star quarterback due to trouble off the field. Former Ohio State football head coach Jim Tressel was originally fined $250,000 for "unethical conduct" after he failed to report his knowledge of his football players trading memorabilia in exchange for tattoos. Star quarterback, Terrelle Pryor, who was in the middle of this scandal, announced on June 7 that he would not return for his senior season, and would enter the NFL.

June 12- Dallas Mavericks end the Heat’s “dream season.” When the Miami Heat gained two of the biggest free agents in the summer of 2010, everyone, including some Heat players, was betting on them winning the NBA championship that year. But with lack of cohesiveness and chemistry, the Miami Heat lost to the Dallas Mavericks, with Dirk Nowitzki leading the Mavs to their first NBA title.

July 9- Going into the July 9 game against the Tampa Bay Rays, New York Yankee shortstop Derek Jeter was on the verge of hitting his 3,000th career hit. What Jeter didn’t know is that he would end up going 5-5 on the day, and hitting a home run to the left field bleachers to reach the 3,000 hit club, becoming the 28th member in MLB history to reach the mark.

July 25- With the preseason only a few weeks away, and teams already missing training camp, the NFL owners and players association finally ended the lockout, which then led to deals being made, and more importantly, fans are happy that there would be a 2011 NFL season.

Sept. 11- After Brett Favre retired, Peyton Manning was next in line for the longest streak of consecutive starts by an NFL player with 227 starts, dating back all the way to his rookie year. But with a neck surgery holding him back, Manning would miss his first start, and ultimately miss the...
Researchers are headed to the trees with the help of undergraduate students in varied majors to gain valuable insight about the Kearney area. Professor Jeremy Dillon teamed up with students to conduct research about certain types of trees in and around Kearney and Buffalo County. Dillon, originally from Omaha, obtained his Ph.D. in geography and geology from the University of Kansas and has been teaching at UNK since 2002.

He says students often stress about finding a way to stand out to future employers. Hands-on experience through undergraduate research projects is a great résumé builder and can provide some real-life experience in almost any field of study.

Dillon's enthusiasm about his project last semester was evident as he explained the processes used to obtain information. "This project gathers information from Ponderosa Pines and cottonwood trees in the area," he said.

"Research projects give hands on experience and are much more in-depth than just assigning term papers."

Dr. Jeremy Dillon
Department of Geography

Rings that are small and close together indicate that the tree hasn’t grown much over the year, which could be connected to a lack of precipitation. Widely spaced rings suggest a growth spurt that would happen when water is plentiful during that time period.

With this information, the possibilities of knowledge gained expand greatly. Was the tree once next to a river or stream that is no longer visible there today? What was its water source?

Claar said that she is thankful for the experience. “It’s going really well,” she said, “and I like taking the samples from the trees. The measuring part is kind of fun, too.” She said that if given the opportunity, she would participate in another research project, though she is looking for one more geared toward her major.

Dillon encourages all students to participate in a research project if at all possible. He said that there are three typical ways to learn about these projects. The first way is the method that he used—the project can be announced in class to the students. Projects can also develop if a faculty member approaches a student with potential and offers to sponsor a research project. If none of those options are available, Dillon encourages students to approach their professors on their own to find out if a research project is possible.

Dillon plans to continue with more research projects in the future, giving more students the chance to gain valuable knowledge and skill. “Research projects give hands on experience and are much more in-depth than just assigning term papers,” Dillon said. “With this experience, students can gain the ability to solve real-world problems.”
Being stereotyped is often a common part of being in a sorority. Thanks to movies like "Sorority Row" and television shows like "GREEK", sorority women have gotten somewhat of a bad rap. While some may believe these rumors of promiscuity and wild parties to be accurate, the simple truth is: they are false.

The sorority women on UNK’s campus are a unique group of driven, hard-working women who come together to better their school. Among the different sororities is one particular group of women who prove the stereotypes wrong: the women of Alpha Phi.

“Alpha Phi has shown me that it’s about much more than just meeting people and having fun. It’s about having a support system through good times and bad.”

Katie Elder
Former VP of Marketing
Alpha Phi

“The teddy bear is the Alpha Phi mascot and the ivy leaf is one of the Alpha Phi flowers.”

“The women of Alpha Phi have proven that they are a support system, not only for each other, but for the entire Greek system and campus as a whole. Last year, when the Greek community lost one of its beloved members, the Phis banded together and made sure they were there for everyone no matter when they needed them.

“I would have to say campus involvement is our number one achievement,” said Ariane Aten, Alpha Phi president.

The women of Alpha Phi busy themselves with volunteer work, philanthropy event planning and studying. They have successfully put on six Alpha Phi Red Dress Poker Tournaments to raise money for the Alpha Phi Foundation and women’s cardiac care. Last year they also planned another philanthropy event, The Alpha Phiesta Taco Feed, and this year raised over $2,000 to benefit the S.A.F.E Center of Kearney.

“We are always willing to help the campus and community out in any way we can,” Elder said.

Alpha Phi, along with accomplishing things on campus as a whole, helps its members in accomplishing their own individual goals. Many of the women use leadership positions within the house to further themselves in their education and their career goals as well.

“I’ve become more comfortable with working with people, and also more confident in myself,” Elder said. Elder is an elementary education major and has used her leadership positions within the house to become more comfortable in front of people.

The women of Alpha Phi are constantly being challenged academically. Not only have they won highest sorority GPA at the Greek scholarship banquet the past 15 out of 20 semesters, they also voted to raise their minimum GPA from a 2.5 to 2.75 a semester. Meaning, every member must have at least a 2.75 GPA every semester to be in good standing with the sorority.

Recruitment is a huge part of Alpha Phi. A freshman pledge class of 40 new members this year put Alpha Phi’s total number at 103 women.

“The women of Alpha Phi feel that they have had a huge impact on UNK’s campus and continue to work hard to better themselves and their school.

“Being in Alpha Phi, I see that it is not about what the movies portray,” said Aten. “It is about getting ahead scholastically, helping the community and most importantly developing lasting friendships.”

"Don’t buy from the book store. Look online. And don’t buy your books before the class because some teachers don’t require them."
Victoria Kremlacek
Freshman/Social work major
Fremont

"Pick a school and stick with it because credits don’t always transfer."
Lance Satur
Junior/Telecommunications management major
Gering

“Don’t be scared to talk to people. Try out for teams or join groups. You never know who you’ll meet.”
Amelia Wagner
Freshman/Advertising major
Fremont

"Find something you love to do instead of something where you think will make you money. And talk to your advisors. They are the best help you can get on campus."
Dee Thrush
Senior Theater major/Sociology minor
Denver
Miller strives to authenticate routes through undergrad research

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E ver wonder how people from 100 years ago navigated the open road without GPS or Google maps?

That’s exactly what senior Andrew Miller, a geography and geographical information systems major from Ralston, gets to research through the Undergraduate Research Program. Undergraduate research is an opportunity all students can participate in through UNK.

“Most of the time, you don’t do research until you are working on a masters,” Miller said about the benefit of undergard research. For Miller, the opportunity arose when Dr. John Bauer, assistant professor of geography, contacted him about conducting research on authenticating the routes of Illinois from 1910-1914.

“One day I briefly explained the project to Andrew and asked him if he would like to join me,” Bauer said. “After all, it is much more fun to work on a project with someone rather than all alone.” Miller’s research will add to research Bauer is already conducting on the history of early road maps and automobile travel or route guides.

Miller’s goal is to see if the routes in a route guide by Sidney J. King are authentic or copied. If they were copied, legal action could have been taken because of a copyright. Miller spends hours in the lab comparing two guides. “We’re working with the King’s Guide and the Automobile Blue Book, and the antelope

Andrew Miller

“If I want to get a master’s, I already know how to do the research I would have to do in order to get that master’s degree or even a Ph.D.”

Miller does run into a problem using current maps, which include interstate routes that didn’t exist in 1910. “The interstates cut off all the routes that we’re working on,” Miller said. But neither Miller nor Bauer are disheartened by the sometimes difficult work.

Bauer says the most exciting part of the research is the wide variety of results discovered. “Some automobile routes are exactly the same while some are very different,” he said.

Participating in the Undergraduate Research Fellowship has been an interesting ride for Miller and knowing how to research and think critically will be beneficial for Miller later on. “If I want to get a master’s, I already know how to do the research I would have to do in order to get that master’s degree or even a Ph.D.,” Miller said.

Things get 'Pinteresting' on the web

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Your homework is done. That lingering to-do list has been crossed off. Nothing good is on TV, and there is no new drama on Facebook to catch up on.

These scenarios set up the perfect opportunity to quench your boredom with Pinterest, the latest Internet trend. Although, a word to the wise, this site is addicting. If you don’t watch it, your to-do list and homework will pile up while you focus on more “pinning” things.

Pinterest is a social photo sharing website and app that allows users to create themed image collections. As their tagline reads, “Pinterest is a place to catalog and share the things you love.” Users of this site browse through pictures (called pins) that have been uploaded in a variety of categories. For each pin, one has the option of commenting their opinions or simply ‘liking’ the image. However, the draw to this site is that users create their own themed boards, and when images get their attention, they can be “repinned” and placed on your own personal board.

Examples of some board topics are wedding dresses, recipes, inspirational quotes, home décor and do-it-yourself project ideas. There is no limit to the number of boards one can create, and you can edit and add to them at anytime.

The one drawback to the site is that you have to be invited to join by a current user. However, once you are sent the email invitation, the registration is free and you can start pinning as often as you want. By inviting friends to join, you can then follow their personal boards and vice versa. Following others’ boards helps to narrow down the broad variety of pins available in a more organized manner.

Pinterest was launched in March of 2010 by a team out of California. It was created in hopes that it would connect everyone in the world through shared tastes and things they find interesting. It has grown as a company by offering an app of the iPhone as well as a basic mobile website. It also has the capability to be linked with Facebook and Twitter accounts. Although it was started a short time ago, Time Magazine already named it one of the “50 Best Websites of 2011” and more and more users are discovering its possibilities.

So, go ahead and organize your life. Plan your wedding, even if you have no significant other. Laugh at random pictures and follow the latest trends. Discover recipes and motivation to burn calories. Get creative and express yourself. Find some inspiration and pass it on.
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entire season to date.

Sept. 19- It was a season of history making moments for the New York Yankees. First Derek Jeter hit his 3,000 hit, and then closer Mariano Rivera set the MLB record for career saves, passing Trevor Hoffman and recording his 602nd career save.

Sept. 25- After realignment was the talk of NCAA football, it continued into the 2011 season, with Texas A&M being the next to fall, leaving the Big 12, and joining the SEC for the 2012 season. Texas A&M weren’t the only team to switch conferences. Missouri left the Big 12 for the SEC. Syracuse and Pittsburg left the Big East for the ACC, and West Virginia joined the Big 12. More moves are enviable.

Sept. 28- In what is being called one of the craziest nights in MLB regular season history, no one would have guessed that two teams would have collapsed like the Boston Red Sox and the Atlanta Braves did. Boston and Atlanta started off the month of September with significant leads in their wild card races. But throughout the month, both Boston and Atlanta fell apart, which led to Tampa Bay and St. Louis taking over the wild card, and eliminating Boston and Atlanta from playoff contention.

Oct. 8- Oakland Raiders legendary owner Al Davis passed away, after dedicating six decades worth of knowledge and leadership to the Oakland Raiders and the NFL. Davis led the Raiders to three Super Bowl titles and an AFL title while in Oakland.

Oct. 10- First the NFL, then the NBA. The NBA locked out their players on July 1, leading to the longest lockout NBA. The NBA locked out their players.

Oct. 28- With the St. Louis Cardinals down to their last strike in the bottom of the ninth inning in elimination game six against the Texas Rangers, the Cardinals rallied to defeat the Rangers in game six, and then going on to win the series in the clinching game seven.

Nov. 7- Legendary heavyweight boxer Joe Frazier passed away after a short battle with liver cancer. Frazier was most known for defeating Muhammad Ali in what was called “The Fight of the Century.”

Nov. 9- In one of the most shocking stories of the year, Penn State head football coach Joe Paterno was fired in the midst of a sex scandal dating back 10 years and involving one of his former coaches, Jerry Sandusky. Paterno was fired after 46 years of being the head coach at Penn State.

Dec. 8- Free Agent Albert Pujols signs with the Los Angeles Angels. After failing to work out an extension with the St. Louis Cardinals, Pujols was the most wanted free agent in MLB this off-season. Talks with the Cardinals and Miami Marlins were the talk of the winter meetings, but out of the blue, the Angels swooped in and offered Pujols a 10-year contract worth $254 million.

Dec. 18- Two streaks came to an end this day, one good and one bad. The Green Bay Packers were looking to join the 2007 New England Patriots as the only team in NFL regular season history to go undefeated. This came to a stop as the Kansas City Chiefs upset the Packers. The Indianapolis Colts were on the lucky side of the streaks on this day, as they won their first game of the year, avoiding joining the 2008 Detroit Lions, who lost every game that year.

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the more important point,” Louishomme said.

The night will feature portions of Dr. King’s speeches read by students, comments by Louishomme and a time for the audience to share their reflections.

“It’s just to take a little time to think about and reflect upon what democracy means and what equality means and the hard struggle of bringing those ideals to fruition,” Louishomme said.

For those wishing to learn more about the life of Dr. King prior to the holiday, the Black Student Association organized a free presentation called “The Life and Times of Dr. King” in which Louishomme will speak about the civil rights icon. The presentation will be held on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Union.

Louishomme says it’s important for students to know about people like Martin Luther King, Jr. because knowing about the past will contribute to the future.

“Hopefully, by knowing our history we won’t repeat as many of the mistakes that have been made in the past and, hopefully, we can solve more problems that our communities face,” Louishomme said.

“And the only way that’s going to happen is for citizens—young, old and not-so-old—to actively participate in this experiment that is ongoing called democracy here in the United States.”
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