DECISION TIME IS BACK

Weeks into campaigns, presidential candidates take their stands

BY JAY OMAR
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A divided public both loves it and hates it, but like it or not election time in America is back. It seems like no time has passed since we elected current president Barack Obama into office on Nov. 4, 2008.

This time around there are many new and familiar faces trying to replace Obama from the Republican side of the ballot by reaching out to voters to take positions on issues such as health care, gay marriage, legalization of marijuana and the economy. However, it seems the four Republican candidates, all have different views on what needs to change.

Several hot topics have already arisen in the few months of the primary campaign, with three different presidential hopefuls each taking one of the three primaries thus far. Mitt Romney, the favorite coming into the campaign trail, took New Hampshire. Newt Gingrich took South Carolina after a late surge, and Rick Santorum took the first primary in Iowa after a complicated recount. Ron Paul is the fourth candidate looking for that seat in office but is still without a win beneath his belt.

Candidates in the Republican race have taken on fierce battles early, with attacks on one another. With Mitt Romney taking so long to let the public see his tax information and Newt Gingrich having two of his ex-wives publicly ridicule him for cheating and not being a “family man,” ethical and morality questions have been raised.

The question of morals, religious beliefs and family values have been debated back and forth whether they have a place in politics, and whether our representative should be elected based on his home life or his political views alone.

Elle Scholwin, communications lecturer, offered her insight about the candidates.

“Solid values and morals are important,” Scholwin said. “That candidate doesn’t even know me. If he shows he doesn’t care about his family, why would he care about me?”

Elections have changed in the media-dominated era, and a politician must stay clean or everyone around the world will quickly be updated on the recent slip-up. The voter must decide whether what the media says is true or not. Scholwin understands how easy it is to get caught up in the talk.

“Media is so pervasive. It’s not like someone says something and it goes away. Now, if a candidate does something it stays on Youtube forever,” Scholwin said.

Keeping the truth from the lies can be

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What do you think of candidates who use catty advertising to make their opponents look bad?

“I think candidates should focus on their own strengths instead of the weaknesses of their opponents.”
Chelsea Barton
Sophomore/Elementary education
Sidney

“I hate it. I think it’s disrespectful and annoying. I also think it takes away from what’s important.”
Kyle Heilbrun
Graduate student/Psychology
Gering

Compiled by Blake Biedeck

“What really concerns me is that these candidates should be focusing on the issues and not concern themselves with slandering each other.”
Rachelle Smydra
Junior/Marketing
St. Paul

Do you think Tim Tebow is overrated?
Results from last week’s online poll unkantelope.com

No 20%
Yes 80%

This week’s online poll question:
Which of the remaining Republican candidates would you vote for?
Vote at www.unkantelope.com

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Urbanski urges: Let King's dream live on

BY AARON URBANSKI
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In a small Nebraska town nestled along the North Loup River basin, a young boy and his aging grandfather set out on a journey to a place called Jenner’s Park. Jenner’s Park in Loup City, Neb., was no ordinary playground, especially for a 4-year-old wild child with an untapped imagination. The park used to be a zoo in the early 1900s, filled with exotic animals from every corner of the world, and people used to flock from all over the Midwest by train to this tiny farming community to see the magnificent beasts behind their stone-earthen cages.

It was a living dream for this little boy pretending to be a lion tamer with an imaginary safari hat, a pencil-thin mustache, and a stick as his leather whip. The old man saw the joy in the boy’s eyes and was quick to tell him everything he knew about this dream world in Jenner’s Park.

Then one day the boy asked his grandfather “What happened to the zoo? Where did the animals go?”

“What do you mean?” the old man simply replied. “The zoo is still here.” Upon seeing the puzzled look on the 4-year-old boy’s face he said, “People, places, and the day will always change. But dreams will always stay the same as long as you take the time to remember them.”

Like Einstein, my grandfather had a knack for making the complicated seem simple.

It’s been 18 years since I was that little boy in the park with my grandfather, and to this day his message is engraved in my mind like the ABC’s or factors of nine. It has become a part of me, a part of my identity, a part of my past, present and future. In essence, it all started as a dream...

On Aug. 28, 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. stood in front of thousands of Civil Rights Movement supporters in Washington, D.C. and delivered one of the most famous speeches in American History. He went on to say, “I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed. We hold these truths to be self-evident and that all men are created equal.”

For those who heard King’s words that day, the meaning of them meant more than just a catchy quote printed on an inspirational poster hanging in an office. For many of us, they were a sign of hope, a proclamation of things to come, and a time to remember the hardships and triumphs of those that came before them. Ultimately, King’s message helped changed the way we view ourselves as Americans, and he forever left his mark on the American Identity.

Today many Americans are able to live the dream that King and many other civil rights activists emphatically pursued. Regardless of your skin color or creed, every American should take the time to recognize the contribution of African Americans to who we are as a society today.

In my opinion, without taking the time to recognize the path many of these people laid before us, King’s dream could simply become just a thought—a lesson for the historians. My message is simple: “Dreams will remain the same if you take the time to remember them.” So instead of checking Facebook 15 times tomorrow, check it 14 times and spend 10 minutes discovering a little bit about our past. Take the time to learn about Black History Month.
A small fire broke out in Racquetball Court A in Cushing Tuesday, Jan. 24 around 10:30 a.m. Scott Wenzl and Maddie Zimmerman, both members of UNK’s campus recreation staff, were working at the front desk when a burning smell caught their attention.

“Through process of elimination and searching down the hallway where the smell was coming from I finally found the source of the problem,” Wenzl said.

A strobe light had short circuited and as a result caught fire and fell to the floor. Scott quickly alerted Zimmerman at the front desk while grabbing a fire extinguisher. He put the fire out before the fire had a chance to spread and prevented any further damage to the racquetball court.

The fire could have been prevented. “An alert had been going off two hours prior to the fire, telling us that the strobe light needed to be looked at,” Wenzl said.

Wenzl said Dr. Anita Unruh had made a call to try and get the strobe light fixed, but the repair person did not show up until after the fire had already happened. The fire damaged Racquetball Court A. It will remain closed until the proper maintenance is used to repair the court.

Sudoku

How to play:

Sudoku is a placement puzzle. The aim of the puzzle is to enter a numeral from 1 through 9 in each cell of a grid. Each row, column and region must contain only one instance of each numeral. Completing the puzzle requires patience and logical ability. The puzzle initially became popular in Japan in 1986 and attained international popularity in 2005.

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"The Grey", written and directed by Joe Carnahan, known most notably for the 2006 "Smoking Aces", has unequivocally asserted Liam Neeson as a top-notch movie badass. The movie carries a perfect balance of raw action and true emotion.

The story, about a group of rough-neck oil rig workers who find themselves stranded in the bitter cold of the Alaskan interior after a plane crash, keeps audience members on the edge of their seats asking, "What’s next?"

Neeson, who has taken on similar roles in "Taken" and "The Unknown", plays a hard knock Irishman charged with the duty of keeping his fellow rig workers safe from vicious wolves that prowl the Alaskan wilderness. The tables are turned when their plane crashes violently into the middle of absolutely nowhere. Neeson quickly rises to leadership of the seven surviving individuals, dedicated to finding a way out.

The crew quickly comes to realize they are not alone. In fact, they find they are within close proximity of the den of overly protective wolves. It quickly becomes apparent that these wolves will not stop until each of the intruders are dead.

The storyline grows increasingly interesting as the men face a number of different environmental obstacles and as morale begins to diminish.

The story takes on a very emotional feel as the men sit around a fire and discuss what it is that makes them want to push on. Some talk about their families while others talk about religion. The idea of finding a motivation to live, when all hope seems lost, really made this action packed thriller intimate to the audience.

Neeson refers back to a poem written by his father. We found that these few words are what keep him going.

In a side story, we see Neeson frequently dreaming about what seems to be an estranged wife. We find at the end that his wife had died before the crash, Neeson was contemplating suicide, but he chose to push on without her.

This movie created a perfect balance between the action packed, edge-of-your-seat type movie we have come to expect from Neeson and an underlying emotional struggle. I found myself questioning what would keep me going in such a bleak situation. Would it be my family, my faith or just the natural survivalist instinct to prevail?

Neeson again creates a perfect hero character. I found myself jumping back and fourth questioning who, in my mind, the ultimate movie badass is. Watching Neeson fight off pack after pack of ferocious wolves I found myself seriously wondering who would win in a fight between Jason Statham, action actor from the movie "Crank," Chuck Norris, known for his role as "Walker, Texas Ranger," or Neeson.

All things considered I think Norris still holds the title but I have to believe it would be an epic battle. It’s something I think I would pay a lot of money to see.
Gaming purveyors weigh in

Upcoming changes in gaming may both thrill and irritate users

By Kole Kluver
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The Big Three: Sony, Nintendo and Microsoft. All have taken a stab in the world of video games and earned their stay.

Nintendo's Wii has seen unparalleled success with the introduction of motion control technology to the masses. Microsoft's Xbox 360 and Sony's PlayStation 3 have become all-in-one centers for high-definition entertainment.

"Sales were some of the best that video games have ever seen. The community is getting stronger," said Seth Jones of GameOn. The local franchise, with locations in McCook and Kearney, sells everything from video games to trading cards, to board games. "2011 was a great year for games," Jones said.

Despite being in the waning years of the typical 5-7- year console cycle, all three systems are still showing signs of life. The adoption of motion control is proving key for the Xbox 360 and PS3, as the Wii has already proven.

"I think with Wii Fit, we had the longest waiting list for a Nintendo game, ever," Jones said.

Zac Deeds of Intellicom agrees. "People want motion control. It's great for the masses. But in the same vein, big-name sequels are just as important."


Even in the face of success, each company is preparing their respective console's successors. Due to be out later this year, the Wii U will introduce a new touch screen focused controller.

"I am not sold. If Nintendo is looking to put in graphics that surpass the PS3, I can't see the controller being able to play the modern style of games like 'Call of Duty,'" Jones said.

The Wii U will be able to use controllers from the original Wii, while offering new play experiences with the touch screen controller. "I am interested to see the changes Nintendo will make with the touch screen controller, but if the change is too dramatic, gamers will stick with Xbox and PlayStation," Jones said.

Microsoft and Sony remain tight-lipped about their inevitable new consoles. That hasn't stopped the details from leaking, however. "I think we will see the new consoles before the end of 2013, with included Kinect and Move," Jones said.

Both the "NeXtBox" and "PS4" will increase the horsepower up to six times according to various sources, but beyond that, new features are unknown. "I think that at the Electronic Entertainment Expo this summer, we will know all about these systems," Jones said.

One rumor that is particularly disturbing is that of the new Xbox. "Microsoft wants to stop people from buying used games by putting in some sort of new software into the next console," Jones said.

If this is true, that control would mean that a new game could only be played on one console and sharing a game with friends may require a purchase of an online pass. This system has already been used in games such as "Battlefield" and "Uncharted."

"Gamers are getting irritated. It has been a shaky start for game developers who are introducing online passes," Jones said. "If you are going to make your primary demographic angry, you are going to suffer for it."

A universal adoption of anti-used game software is undoubtedly controversial. "Yeah, if it does happen, you have to understand it is to combat lost profits in secondhand sales. Companies want to sell games," Deeds said.

"What it all comes down to is software. When Nintendo and Sony and Microsoft make the games people want, a system is successful," Jones said.

The state of gaming is as good as ever, and even with some changes along the way, new consoles, key franchises, and innovation in motion control will secure every gamer a continually happy gaming experience.

You can find both Intellicom and GameOn Games on Facebook for more information.
On-campus cable goes digital, adds HBO

BY CAITLIN OSTBERG
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There’s change in the air this week on campus. Change in the airwaves that is. This week the campus television service will jump into 2012 with the switch from analog to digital service.

“Currently we have a contract with Campus Televideo and we are changing the cable television provided mainly in the residence hall rooms, from an analog service to a digital service,” said Jane Sheldon, Director of Business Services. Sheldon formed a committee for the Cable Television Project in September of 2011. “We chose faculty, staff and students, and then we also had on the committee some key departments that maintain and service the cable television,” she said.

Residence Life was also included in the discussions and then communicated the changes to the Residence Hall Association (RHA).

Once the committee was formed, Sheldon knew that any changes made could not happen without student input. “One of the things that we felt very strongly we wanted to do was complete a student survey,” Sheldon said.

Through assistance from RHA to encourage students to respond, the committee sent out a survey inquiring about the current television service and what changes students would like to see made. The results fueled many of the changes that will be occurring especially in the case of the channel lineup.

“One of the things that was on the (student) survey was that they wanted a TV guide, which we didn’t have currently. So we added what would be considered a TV Guide channel,” Sheldon said.

The survey also revealed that students were interested in having more movie channels, so two HBO channels will be added to the lineup.

But students didn’t just want the premium channels. “One of the other things was, of course, if we could add high definition service, which we were trying to address,” Sheldon said.

Even though the responses from the survey led the way for many of the changes, some decisions were not a walk in the park.

With a limited amount of set channels allowed, Sheldon wanted to make sure there were a variety of channels for all students including music, news and sports.

“It was kind of a trick to combine, to get just the right combination of channels that we thought would appeal to the students,” she said.

The HBO features almost didn’t make the lineup because the committee wanted to keep the cost down.

“We looked at the cost of the current contract, and we tried to fit the needs of the students that we saw in the survey while not increasing the cost that we were paying,” Sheldon said. “We wanted to keep that cost the same so that we didn’t have to try to capture increased cost through room and board increases.”

But good news for students, balance was found and the HBO features stayed with no extra costs.

Not all of the decisions were hard. “I think the going from analog to digital was kind of a no-brainer,” Sheldon said.

Students expect digital service when living on campus. At the beginning of this semester, Dr. Tony Ears, director of Residence Life and associate dean of Student Affairs, went to RHA to hear their feedback about the changes.

“I am very excited to get high definition television on campus,” Jordan Rehnstrom, sophomore finance major from Harrison and member on the Cable Television Committee said. “I am looking forward to that change, and I am very thankful and appreciative of the university’s work to make that happen.”

The cut over will be completed Friday, Feb. 3, and the plan is for there to be no more than 24 hours where there is no service.

“Whenever you switch any kind of service or technology, there’s always the possibility that the cut over will not run as smoothly as you’d had hoped, but we have scheduled and planned as best we could,” Sheldon assured.

The overall switch should go relatively smoothly. However, students with older analog TVs may lose reception completely.

“We did try to inquire as to how many students still had analog televisions, so we feel pretty comfortable that will be a small, very small, percentage of students,” Sheldon said.

One option for students with analog televisions is to purchase an analog to digital converter box; however; Sheldon suggests that it may be time to upgrade to a newer television because of the cost of converter boxes.

Sheldon and the Cable Television Project committee are confident that the transition will go smoothly and students will be pleased with the changes. But they understand that students will still have questions about issues, such as having an analog television.

To address these questions, a “Frequently Asked Questions” page has been added to the UNK website.
Meet the Candidates

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difficult. Throw in being able to look at a video on the Internet over and over, and it can make situations even stickier. Many views and beliefs get skewed, and one wrong sentence can seem to haunt a candidate.

“I believe it’s sad,” Scholwin says describing the media attacks candidates have undergone. “To me Ron Paul makes the most sense, but now everyone thinks he’s crazy.”

In the end the Republicans will have to pick a candidate to go up against the currently favored President Barack Obama. The question is, do any of them stand a chance?

“Everyone has a shot. Will any of them hit the target? I don’t know,” Scholwin said.

It used to be simply the vote went to the best candidate. With highly marketed debates, political attacks, commercial controversies, and third party opinions, it seems harder to move through the fog and get to the core of what these candidates believe.
Do you need to take a break from hitting the books late at night, pulling all-nighters and writing research papers? In UNK physical education classes, you can go out and have some fun with friends and enjoy recreational activities that will count for school credit.

For students with a few elective hours to spare, most likely seniors looking for some filler classes so that they can graduate, PE 110 classes can answer the need. This happened to Shad Cooney, a senior industrial distribution major from Ogallala this year. “I went to speak with my advisor to make sure I was on track to graduate in four years, and found out I needed an hour’s worth of electives,” Cooney said. “I decided to go with bowling during the first half of the semester, and golf the second half.” For Cooney, bowling might not be his strong point, but he sure does enjoy going to class every day. “I might not be the best bowler out there, but it’s something that I enjoy doing, and it’s about having fun,” Cooney said.

This class meets every Tuesday and Thursday for eight weeks at the Big Apple Fun Center here in Kearney.

Stephan Rush, a sophomore from Merna, was looking for a class that wouldn’t be too hard, and a class where he could have fun by taking a break from the in-class setting. “Bowling for me is something that I enjoy doing, so when I saw that there was a class, I knew I had to take it,” Rush said.

Students can take either a full semester course, PE 109, or any combination of two eight-week courses, PE 110, for one credit. Classes include aerobic dancing, archery, badminton, ballroom dancing, basketball, bowling, cross country skiing, diving, golf, gymnastics, jogging, orienteering, personal defense, pickleball, pocket billiards, racquetball, skiing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, tumbling, volleyball, wrestling and yoga.