Nebraskan Student Union about to make major changes

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Change is right around the corner for the students at UNK, and some of it is already underway. It doesn’t take many steps into the Nebraskan Student Union to see some differences.

At the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year, the food services in the student union started to mix it up. Subway replaced what was formerly Starbucks, and Taco Bell has turned into nothing but a blank wall.

When the school year starts again next fall, those changes will seem like a distant memory.

According to Jon Watts, the assistant director of business services, both Coyote Jacks and Bamboo Asian will be replaced with fresh new establishments, along with a third new food service replacing what used to be Taco Bell.

“As of right now we plan on replacing Coyote Jacks with a new burger place called Smashers, replace Bamboo Asian with another Asian restaurant with a different look and feel, and put in a Red Mango in the old Taco Bell,” Watts said.

After a bidding process was outlined two years ago, this project has begun to take place. Watts said he is excited about what this makeover brings to UNK.

“It is refreshing and exciting when new things happen, and students like it when they see change,” Watts said. “With Red Mango and Smashers, it gives the students the option of seeing their food getting prepared in front of them.”

When the final project is completed in late June or early July, the Nebraskan Student Union will have much more to offer.

Red Mango was selected directly by the students during a vote. The frozen yogurt shop offers non-fat yogurt with no artificial flavoring, a healthy alternative in a grab-and-go location.

Chef Yan Can Cook will replace Bamboo Asian. Chef Yan, a host of over 2,000 cooking shows and a highly respected food consultant, teamed up with Compass Group to create the establishment. Chef Yan Can Cook will offer a full Pan Asian concept that provides fresh flavors from China, Korea, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam.
Korean Night Fever

Over 300 gathered to celebrate Korean culture, have fun, eat foods such as bulgogi

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Korean Night was held for the first time at UNK last Wednesday Feb. 8, in the CTE main lounge by the Korean Student Association of Kearney (KSAK).

About 300 UNK students and people from the community came to the festival and enjoyed the festivities. Liliun Burnos, a freshman English and history major, said, “It is very educational and entertaining. Foods are also amazing. It’s my first time to come to this kind of international party at UNK, and I would love to go to other international festivals.”

Different kinds of Korean foods such as bulgogi (cooked beef and vegetables with Korean style sauce) and pajeon (Korean style pancakes) were served, and guests played traditional Korean games such as Jegi (Korean hacky sack) and Tuho, a traditional Korean game that requires players to throw sticks into a large, sometimes ornate, canisters from a certain distance.

According to the representative of KSAK, Namjoo Kim, a senior majoring in political science, “This festival is directed to show Korean cultures such as food, traditional clothing and games,” Kim said. “As the number of Korean students increase, I think understanding each other’s culture is very important for both Korean and American students. Also, I’m very happy for some students from other countries to have enjoyed the Korean Night.”

KSAK is composed of 8 Korean students, all of whom are trying to create a deeper connection between Korean students and American students. Many of the members will be gone by the end of this year. They are anticipating a return of next semester’s KSAK members and will continue to keep their tradition at UNK.
The Alpha Phi Red Dress Poker Tournament played host to over 300 participants on Feb. 9. The proceeds from the event are donated to the Alpha Phi Foundation where they are used to fund research to prevent heart disease.

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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www.sudoku-puzzles.net
Students at UNK have the phenomenal opportunity to see the world while still moving closer to their goal of graduating with a college degree. This year students from UNK will be sharing in the cultural experience with friends, family and everyone who’s interested on the World Wide Web.

This year 20 UNK students, all with a variety of different majors, traveled to Lima, the capital of Peru. The students will complete a four-month semester at Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas or UPC.

While carrying a regular course load, students in the exchange program are required to maintain a regular journal and blog about their experience in Peru.

Stephanie Metzger, a junior from Kearney majoring in pre-dental hygiene and Spanish, said she has never had a blog before. “Besides the fact that this blog is required for the program, it is mainly used to keep my family and friends updated about all my experiences,” Metzger said. “Not all of my relatives have a Facebook account, so I found that this is the easiest way to keep everybody updated.”

Metzger said she tries to keep her blog as current as possible. She said she updates the blog about once a week if she can but that she has been busy traveling and experiencing Peru.

Like the other 19 exchange students from UNK, Metzger lives with a host family in the city of Lima. “I am living with a host family, in which the two kids are the same age as me and go to the same university,” Metzger said.

When not keeping busy with schoolwork, she said she has enjoyed traveling through Peru and seeing other parts of South America. “The best part of my experience is being able to travel and see different parts of the country, especially Machu Picchu and the Amazon rainforest,” said Metzger.

Metzger said while in Peru she hopes to sharpen her Spanish skills and of course, learn as much as she can about Peru and its unique culture.
Meet Andrei Lucas. From California to Nebraska to Peru, Lucas has taken his education the ultimate distance. As part of the study abroad program, Lucas was able to get a taste of a new culture while learning at the same time.

Lucas, a senior from Chula Vista, Calif., answered questions online from Lima, Peru about venturing south of the equator.

Tell me a little bit about what sparked an interest in going to Peru to study abroad? What’s it like being there with other UNK students?

Lucas: I was in one of my Spanish classes, and I remember one day Ann Marie (coordinator for study abroad) came into one of my Spanish classes last year and talked about how UNK was going to start a semester abroad program to Peru. At that moment I knew that I just had to go. I can’t specifically describe why I felt the need to, I just felt like it was right. In relation to other UNK students who are with me, I see them in class and at times on the weekends. But for the most part, I have become very close with my host family, and I hang out with my host brothers all the time.

What’s the biggest difference you have noticed from America to Peru?
I have lived in a lot of big cities growing up so adjusting to a city with 9 million people has not been difficult. Other than that the major difference has been culture and language.

Peru is pretty historic within the Incas and places like Machu Picchu. What’s the coolest place you’ve visited and are you much of a history guy?
The coolest place I have visited would probably be Santa Catarina in Brazil, because it is just an explosion of culture. Brazil is an amazing place because everyone you talk to is “Pardo” which in English means “mixed.”

I’ve read potatoes are popular there, over 1,000 kinds. The food is always a major culture difference. Give us an idea of what you’ve been eating there and if you miss American food at all.

Well I do miss American food in some ways, but in others in many ways I am happy that I have been able to try the exotic foods Peru has to offer. For example, I’ve eaten “Anticucho” which is cow heart. I’ve eaten intestines, I’ve had “cuy” which is guinea pig, and I’ve also had liver. All of these foods might sound extreme to many Americans, but I must say they are very tasty.

What has scared you since living in Peru? Have you had anything stolen?
I’ve been wearing cargo shorts, T-shirts, board shorts and other summer and beachy clothes. It feels awesome not to layer on clothes.

What’s an average week like? How many days are you studying, or is it hard to study knowing you just want to enjoy the experience?

Well I am taking classes Monday thru Thursday, and I also teach a couple days during the week so my weekdays are usually packed. On the weekends however I have been going out exploring new and different places in Peru.

Can you get by with English? Tell us about a time you’ve possibly had already when speaking was difficult.
The language took about a couple weeks to get used to. For example, at first I had no idea what people were saying to me, and doing something as basic as asking for a bottle of water took a lot of effort. Now I find myself able to speak and carry on a full conversation. I am now able to understand Spanish almost 100 percent when I hear it, and I just need to practice a little on pronunciation, but I feel like I will be fine when I return.

Finally, when do you come back? Are you even excited to come back to the states? Or would you rather just stay there?

Since I’ve been here I’ve loved it, and I feel that I was blessed to have a great host family and great host brothers who take time to make sure I’m on the right track. Unlike the US, South American life is a lot more tranquil, and it has allowed me to grow in ways I never thought I could. I’ve also made friends who I will never forget, and I have experienced things that only the people who came here with me will understand. Those bonds are what I feel is most important, and although I do have to eventually return, I feel a sense of reassurance that those bonds will never break.
Osborn leaves his mark, breaks hurdles record

BY ARTHUR HOBBS
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Record-breaking has become a sign of normalcy for senior, Allen Osborn. Osborn, a member of the track and field team, has excelled tremendously, especially when it comes to hurdles.

On Feb. 4-5 at the 37th Annual Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational, the biology (pre-dentistry) major from Chadron, broke the school record, as well as his own record, for the 60-meter hurdles not once, but twice.

Osborn had previously set the school record for 60-meter hurdles in December 2011. He clocked in at 8.04 seconds. However, he bested his time in the preliminary round of the Husker Invitational with 7.97 seconds. That would not be the climax of the weekend. In the 60-meter hurdles final, Osborn once again reset the school record by winning the race with a time of 7.86 seconds.

Not only did his record breaking performance solidify his place in the school record books, his time currently ranks second nationally in all of Division II.

The Chadron High School graduate has been able to find success with track throughout his entire UNK career. Thus far, the two-time All-American has gone above and beyond in his sport. Osborn’s freshman year at UNK was the first time a Loper male runner had received an All-American honor in hurdles in eight years. That year he was an All-American in both indoor and outdoor track seasons. His only non-All-American year came his sophomore year due to injuries he experienced throughout the 2009-2010 season, but that did not stop him from making the All-RMAC (Rock Mountain Athletic Conference) first and second team in the 110 meter hurdles and the 60 meter hurdles respectively.

A competitive spirit drives Osborn to run and be successful. He says he particularly focuses on hurdles because it is “challenging and fun” for him. “I am a competitive person and it drives me to be the best,” he said.

His enthusiasm and passion have helped to get him to where he is today, but Osborn’s preparation and focus help him to stand out amongst his competition.

The UNK record holder attempts to practice like he plays, but that comes with a bit of difficulty, “I try to do the same routines and make it as much like a real meet as I can, but it’s hard to get an adrenaline rush in practice.” That adrenaline rush propels Osborn through his attack mode during a race, but he insists that pre-race he is focused and reminds himself to “run my race.”

Running his own race seems to work for Osborn, who has been exceptional in his four years at UNK.

Jordan: Desire, determination set Kobe apart

BY NATHAN BOROWSKI
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Ever since Michael Jordan retired for the first, second and third time, the NBA has been in a constant search for the next great one, an heir to the throne, a player talented enough to be considered the second coming of the great "Air Jordan."

Some say that there will never be another Michael Jordan, that the man has reached a god-like status in the sport of basketball—similar to the way Babe Ruth is viewed as the immortal great in the world of baseball. But if you ask Michael Jordan himself he will say that there is one, and only one man who has earned the right to be compared to “His Airness.”

Jordan is willing to compare himself to one man: Number 24 for the Los Angeles Lakers, Kobe Bryant. It is Bryant, the man known as “The Black Mamba,” that Michael Jordan has recently said is the only player worthy.

But why is it that Jordan considers Bryant the only player worthy of the comparison? Is it the number of championships Bryant has won? Is it because Bryant recently became the fifth highest scorer in the history of the NBA? Is it because of his defense? Or is it something else?

Take a close look at Jordan’s comments, and it becomes clear that his comparison seems to lie not with Bryant’s talent or accomplishments, but with the determination that he displays.

Jordan has said that Bryant is the only person to have done the work and put forth the effort to deserve being in the elite rank of basketball players. It is Bryant’s unrelenting desire and determination to be the best and be a champion that drew Jordan to make the comparison.

In Jordan’s eyes, no man has ever worked harder to be the greatest to ever play. In fact, until Bryant, Jordan didn’t see anyone putting forth enough effort and hard work to earn even a slight comparison to him.

But finally, after watching Bryant play in the NBA for over 15 years, the great "Air Jordan" has come to consider “The Black Mamba” as the lone athlete on earth who can be compared to himself.

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The final change is still in the works. The plan is to replace Coyote Jacks with a fresh burger joint called Smashers. Smashers is unique for their concept of preparing fresh burgers at the time of the order. This gives students an opportunity to watch their food made in front of them, a luxury not often offered. Created by university students for university students, Smashers also offers a chance for the customer to customize their burger by choosing hot and cold toppers, spreads, sauces and cheeses.

These changes aren’t the only part of the Student Union that will be different at the beginning of next year; some added perks will be seen in the bookstore. One change will take place in a way that Watts says, “the students won’t even notice,” and the policy of renting and returning will be made much simpler.

The Antelope Bookstore in the Union will merge with The College Store located south of campus Feb. 29 through a contract with Follett Higher Education Group. With this new system, you will be able to rent or buy books from either store while returning the books to either location. The lease, now in its third year, has been terminated by mutual agreement based on financial considerations.

When the students of UNK return to campus after summer to start the 2012-2013 school year, expect all of these upcoming plans to be a reality, Watts said.

**Campus Crime Log**

**Feb. 8:** Marcia Gugelman reported two unknown males were messing around in the Student Union and damaged a wall.

**Feb. 8:** Tyler Long reported that an unknown person stole his backpack from the cubbies outside the Cushing student weight room.

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English Honor Society hosts Bad Love Poetry Reading

BY EMILY SEEVERS
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Bad love? Can anything really make the feelings of anguish funny and illuminating when viewed from the right perspective?

The English Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta tried to do just that through the second annual Bad Love Poetry Reading Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Frank House.

Last year, Shakespearean sonnets and Lady Gaga, Ke$ha and Adele songs were orally interpreted. “They tried to take a lighter tone with this performance,” said Wallace senior and English literary criticism, graphic novels and adolescent literature major Celeste Lempke, the president of Sigma Tau Delta. Lempke said, “It is not typical love poetry, We try to make it more fun and humorous.”

Lempke, Alexander Emery, a senior from Grand Island; Shaye Champ, a senior from North Platte; and Aaron Rothenberger, a senior from Kearney, performed oral interpretations of bad love poetry. Poetry read included “My Last Duchess” by Robert Browning and “What Becomes of the Broken Hearted?” an anonymous poem. One funnier selection, “Love Poem from a Nerd” by gogetenks8, begins: “I’ve arrived at the conclusion that you’re sitting approximately 5 feet and 23 centimeters away from me, 7 and one half millimeters closer than yesterday.” Though the poet seems to know the odds of a love connection are few, he concludes: “You are the Pascal behind my triangle, and you can count on the fact that I’ll calc-u-later.”

“Star Wars” inspired poems including, “Make Star Love, Not Star Wars” by Matt Mason, had a more tender note: “Let me love you without prequels or sequels or Jar Jar Binquels, let me love you like a wookie, tall and strong and Galalalalala!”

In “Reply of the Jedi” also by Matt Mason, the poet teases the audience with allusions to the movie: “And you tell me, ladies: a towering powerhouse in black leather comes chatting you up at the bar with a voice like James Earl Jones’s, no matter how he turns out underneath that outfit, I defy you to claim to me in two hours that you are still wearing panties.”

Photos by Adam Konruff

ABOVE: Shaye Champ, a senior English major from North Platte, reads a "Bad Love" poem Saturday at the Frank House. Sigma Tau Delta holds this event for those people who choose not to give in to the conventions of Valentine's Day.

LEFT: English adjunct professor Paul Skinner performs various material by Bill Maher and others during the Bad Love Poetry Reading.

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