International Food Festival 2006 provides food from around the globe this upcoming Sunday

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More than 25 years ago, a ‘tasteful’ tradition began at UNK, involving students, faculty and community members. This tradition will now be available for global enjoyment.

For the first time, the Cheryl and Scott Morris International Food Festival 2006 will be featured via a live webcast on Sunday, March 5, from 4-7 p.m., in UNK’s Health and Sports Center. Visit the International Student Association’s, or ISA, Web site at www.unk.edu/stu- dentlife/student.org/iss/mexico.php?id=11998 to view the live feed.

“We want to make something different,” said Andre Peteca, a senior from Brazil and president of the International Student Association, or ISA, “so we came up with the webcast!”

Darren Addy, multimedia specialist in Information Technology Services, will conduct the webcast “I think the idea behind it is a lot of interested family and friends [], and hopefully this technology will allow [the international students] to not feel so far away,” said Addy.

Addy is providing the webcast free of charge. “I’m always interested in supporting the international community in any way that can be added,” He said.

A fixed camera will be positioned at the west side of the Health and Sports Center, and it will focus in on certain aspects of the festival, such as performances by the international students.

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Mike W. Grazensky
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Printed on the back of UNK business cards is a list of objectives of the universi-
ye. One of the objectives, as the card states, is the “advancement of the well-being of the society sur-
rrounding this community of learning.”

Several UNK students, however, believe this does not seem to be the case at the college.

Marty Demore, a Scottsbluff psychology major, along with John Jensen, a Wayne political sci-
ence major, Andy Bowley, a criminal justice major from Wahoo and Brian Shreves, an Omaha political science major, have been coordinat-
ing with The Campus Kitchens Project and various student groups in order to provide meals to area resi-
dents who are in poverty.

The project, which UNK students would manage, would provide unused food from the Chartwells cafeteria to the poor.

In order to fund the pro-
ject, the students proposed a $2 student fee increase to the branch secretary of the health and sports center.

Not only did [the com-
munty] support the pro-
posal, but [the committee] also said that it was a huge burden on students,” Demore said. “The universi-
ty can find ways to fund these ends. Webcasting is the only way that we can extend this view.

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Global cartoon debate reaches UNK campus

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Xenophobia is defined by dictionary.com as a “fear and contempt of strangers or foreign peoples.” Some say it all began Nov. 2, 2004. In Denmark that same day Theo Van Gogh was murdered by Mohammed Bouyeri, a Moroccan Muslim. The murder occurred after Van Gogh once, stabbed him once, and then pinned passages from the Koran to his body.

Theor Van Gogh, descen-
dant of Vincent Van Gogh’s brother of the same name, was a controversial film director. According to BBC’s, his site, bbc.co.uk, his murder “came just two months after his highly con-
roversial film Submission” about the abuse of Muslim women that was shown on national TV in Holland. Bouyeri claimed “he acted out of religious conviction.”

Another example can be found in France where soup kitchens had to be closed

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U.S. Supreme Court reviews law banning partial-birth abortions

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The United States Supreme Court will decide whether a ban on partial-birth abortions, passed by Congress in 2003, is consti-
tutional.

The case, Gonzales v. Carhart, will decide whether the Partial-Birth Abortion Act of 2003 is in conflict with the 1973 court decision in Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion in the United States.

Congress passed the ban in 2003, but the act has not yet gone into effect because it was ruled unconstitutional by several lower courts. The law makes it illegal for any physician to administer a partial-birth abortion. A physician who performs the procedure can face up to two years in prison, as well as monetary fines.

The act also states that if a partial-birth abortion is necessary to save the life of the mother, or if the physician who performed the procedure would have the opportunity to present their case before a medical board in order to avoid criminal penalties. The law does not allow physicians to perform the procedure if a woman’s health is at risk.

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3. Part of a movie title: a foot that refused to walk.

4. A term from the Middle English that is the adjective that describes the Irish.

5. It plays an Irish tune for an Irish jig.

6. An often mischievous creature, which is small and mischievous in Irish Folklore.

7. This low-growing evergreen shrub makes the hills of Ireland and Scotland look purplish red.

8. The patron saint of Ireland: St. Patrick.

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44. The color of beer in the Irish city of Savannah, Ga., on that magical, blessed day.

45. The adjective that describes the Irish rose, in a song by the same name.

46. St. Patrick ineward, according to legend, to have delivered a sermon on a hilltop that drove all the ______ out of Ireland.

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1. They throw at you on St. Patrick’s Day New Orleans: with a ______.

2. “I am going to volunteer in Louisiana to help clean up after Katrina.”

3. “I am going to a hot rod and restora-

4. “I am going to ski in New Mexico. It’s not very sunny skiing in Kearney. I’ve done it once.”

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Did music pull the trigger?

With Columbine the two teenagers killed themselves after killing 13 others, so we can’t ask them their motivation. Let’s just play the blame game. Maybe the teenagers also listened to Garth Brooks or Frank Sinatra, how do we know? Should they be blamed as well?

Blaming violence on music actually backfires on society. Not only do the artists reach the front page of The Rolling Stone, those music artists will sell millions more albums and make money off the conspiracy. This is funny, because here we are, trying to put a stop to violence in music by blaming music for violence; yet, we then turn around and purchase the same albums we are placing the blame on. Does this even make sense? This also awards those artists with fame. Do you actually think that if the music Marilyn Manson or Eminem promoted did not sell they would still be making music? No, Manson might join a boy band and Eminem might turn his country-side. It is all an act. Manson is playing the “Goth” role and Eminem is playing the same? No, Manson promoted did not sell they would still be making music. If we want to blame music for violence, take a mirror. Look, there is the reason we have violence. All of us are responsible, and that is the truth.

So, the next time you hear about a school shooting or some other form of violence, wait and hear which music the artist is being blamed for. Music is great to listen to; it is sometimes extreme, but it goes along with the saying that I remember being told as a little girl: “If your friends go up and off the Brooklyn Bridge, does that mean you have to?” Just because a song expresses violence, does that mean we should not do it seriously and act out in a violent nature. Do you ask yourself: what causes violence? There are many music artists that make a song to resist violence but it is skeptical to say that by a person simply listening to a song, it would cause them to become violent. If society wants to blame music, though a weak argument, it still does not make any real weight, that is fine, but the effect music can have on us is a concern. The President of the United States has compared music to the war we are fighting on terrorism. Couldn’t he be seen as an idol to teenagers? Is he even blamed for violence? No, because we don’t question him, because let’s face it; he is the president and we trust that he is doing all the right things.

When a school shooting happens, don’t blame the actual person who was holding the gun and fired the shots. No, we blame the contributing factors. Which means tomorrow if I were to go to school and there were no teachers or security on hand, no one would blame the violence, it would be placed on whatever “set me off.”

Did music pull the trigger?

Two paths for Rural America

Congress must invest in rural America and focus the 2007 Farm Bill Rural Development Title on entrepreneurial develop-
ment, rural asset building, agricultural entrepreneur-
ship and beginning farmers and ranchers.

In the rural Great Plains, nearly 70 percent of job growth in the 1990s came from small businesses and micro enterprises.

Chronic economic decline and depopulation in rural places is not some natural phenomenon, fueled by an invisible hand of fate.

There is another path. Giving rural communities the tools to create their own opportunities is the best way, perhaps the only way, to address deep- rooted poverty in many rural places and the growing economic disparity between cities and rural communities.

But those paths are diverging in a wood, and I took the road less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.

To make sure we don’t lose our connection to these rural places and the people who live there is to ensure that no one is ever responsible for their own actions.

A few paths are diverging in rural America. I suggest we heed Robert Frost and take the road less traveled.

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our reach [...] a video webcast is available to almost anywhere in the world," Addy said.
People should be able to view the festival via webcast on any computer platform they use, providing they have a broadband Internet connection, he said.
Scott Morris, co-owner of Morris Press, said it was the first time when he first became involved with the International Food Festival in 1996. "It was really small. They used to have it over at The Nebraskan," Morris said.
He then volunteered to sponsor the festival for two years, "then $5,000 to buy the food," he said.
"I care about the international students and what they've done for Kearney," Morris added. "This is a thank you for helping our community grow."
University Program and Facilities coordinator, or UUFF, also sponsor the event. Morris Press and Portella said Morris Press donated 90 percent of the money.
Morris also sponsors the organization and printing of an International Cookbook each year, providing recipes donated by various international students. The cookbooks are then available, free of charge, to anyone at the festival.
Last year, about 2,000 people attended the International Food Festival, and Morris said that the students usually cook for the local people.
Burtie Macwan, a junior sales and marketing major and board member of ISA, is organizing the festival's showcase of foods. He has collected food entries from 16 different countries and expects more
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Alexandra Bezen ISA Board Member
Morris explained. "They can expect a lot of flavor, color and culture.
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According to the BBC, "We could set up a fund, the University Program and Facilities prefer if the money goes."
"Proposal was turned down was because of the university itself."
"We might not make this proposal," Demoret said. "A lot of the organizations on campus aren’t coordinated," Demoret said. "We could set up a fund, and the organizations with the best proposals, especially service organizations, would get access to the money."
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Virgins ‘for the very first time’

Students abstain from sex and save themselves until marriage

A 23-year-old UNK senior, who requested to go by the name Nigel Warwick, said that he’s still a virgin. He’s having a hard time waiting until he’s married.

Warwick says that this isn’t a decision that was forced upon him in any way by his parents, but credits his choice to religion and upbringing, but he said the decision was up to him.

“There’s a lot of scary crap out there that I don’t want any part of all of the STDs and stuff, I just don’t want to be around it,” he said.

Warwick said no matter how much faith sexual partners put into condoms or birth control, there’s still a chance for pregnancy.

While many contraceptive techniques boast a 99 percent success rate, and the likelihood of pregnancy increases with each successive sexual encounter, a study was done at the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a non-profit organization that promotes family planning and reproductive health research.

The study found that 34 percent of women who are pregnant at least once before the age of 20.

Warwick said, “I have a perceived societal pressure on students to have sex in college, so many people simply associate college life with promiscuity.”

However, the numbers, and what they’re doing, are speaking against the myths and embracing their virginity. No longer looked at as deviant or sexual backsliding, students are wearing their virginity as a badge of honor.

“A 22-year-old UNK junior, who requested to go by the name Anne Christie, is also a college student waiting to have sex until she is married. “I think there has been a revival of sexual abstinence until marriage,” Christie said. “It’s something that people need to talk about.”

While the possibility of pregnancy or contracting STDs plays a role in deciding to abstain from sex, Christie says that her decision has much deeper implications.

Christie said that if someone chooses to not go through the decision to wait for marriage, the most important thing to do is to consider the choice beforehand.

“It is a decision, but a lot of people say they’ll think about it when it comes up, and most likely when it comes up, they’re going to be with someone,” she said. “You’re going to be in the heat of passion, and you’re not going to be able to think clearly.”

A 22-year-old Open Door student who was always a man, to now be a woman, said “It’s hard for people to accept that change.”

Dickery has been the president of Open Door for two years. He says the best thing the group can offer to transgender individuals is moral support and an environment where they can be comfortable and open with themselves.

“People want to put a label on them,” he said. “They just want what every other person has, but they have a right to that just as much as a heterosexual person.”

“Marriage is about love,” he said. “There’s still a chance that you, and your partner could be affected for a long time to come by a sexual act.”

As Bob Rubin, the 70th United States ambassador of the Treasury said during a sexual awareness convention, “Love doesn’t come completely safe. A friend of mine was on one and got hit by a bus.”

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Jennifer L. House

Staff Writer

“I’ve seen some pretty butt-shakers,” Jason House, of Kearney, said “At the Gay Pride Festival in New York City, some of those guys had legs way better than mine.”

Now the terminology “she-male” may not be correct, and those words coming out of my husband’s mouth are certainly not correct.

But he is correct that there are some pretty butt-transsexuals out there.

Transsexuals are men or women who dress like or act like the opposite sex. Some of those people will have operations to completely transform their bodies into the opposite sex. At UNO, a professor underwent male-to-female surgery last summer after living a life the way she did not want to live.

Dr. W. Meredith Bacon is a professor of political science at UNO.

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FEATURES

The Antelope

Professor, transsexuals diversify society

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Morgan West, an Omaha native, poses at a drag show in Minneapolis’ The Gay 70s.

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“Many transsexuals have healthy relationships, similar to heterosexual couples.”

No pamphlet, no movie, no high school, college or church program is going to make that decision for you,” he said “Someone can try to get you into bed, but it’s going to be you who makes the final decision. It’s up to you.”

Christie, who became engaged last summer after waiting to have sex with her fiancé until they are married.

“When you have sex with someone you’re giving a little bit of your heart away,” she said. “Therefore, when you’re sharing your virginity you’re sharing your heart with your brother, and I can’t imagine anyone else you’d want to share that with.”

And remember, no matter what the odds, the percentage, the packaging – your future might tell you, “suck it up, kid,” or “condom or birth control and your chances of conception are very low.”

And while some of these people will find a partner, others may eventually find a spouse.

“Kids scare the hell out of me,” said Christie. “But I have a little bit of my heart in every child, and I can’t imagine anyone else you’d want to share that with.”

The hardest thing faced by men or women who are going to have an operation, said Christie, is accepting the change. “It’s the first time they’re going to have an operation, and transitions to the opposite sex, is getting other people to accept that change.”

“It’s hard for people who have known someone who was always a man, to now know them as a woman,” Dickey said.

"They just want what everyone else wants, to be accepted by everyone else," she said. “They just want what every other one else wants, to be accepted by everyone else.”

Who else wants to be with someone, she added "You’re going to be in the heat of passion, and you’re not going to be able to think clearly.”

Dickery has been teaching on the topic of transsexualism for the past 29 years before making the decision to physically become Meredith.

Her wife of 37 years, Ann Arbor, boasts a member of her faculty that has had a sex change operation.

Lynne, has decided to stay with, or she may want it like that.

A 22-year-old Open Door student who was always a man, said “It’s hard for people to accept that change.”

"It’s hard for people who have known someone who was always a man, to now know them as a woman," said Aaron Dickey, a sophomore.

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‘Be comfortable in your genes’

National Eating Disorder Awareness Week is recognized on campus

The Richard H. Young Hospital defines eating disorders as extreme expressions of a range of weight and food issues experienced by both men and women.

Jael J. Johnson
Staff Writer

Some people look in the mirror and see someone other than themselves.

These 100-pound people think they look 250 pounds.

Others binge for lengthy time periods and regurgitate their food afterward.

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Spresser’s involvement with eating disorders started in school, studying it in psychology class and working with Peer Health Educators.

Spresser said the perception on any campus is really wrong, because it defines who one is. “Eating disorders on the UNK campus are under-diagnosed and under-recognized,” said Carrie Spresser, a senior double majoring in psychology and organizational communications and psychology, from Atwood, Kan.

Spresser said that wrong perceptions cause people to think that people who actually have an eating disorder are the least likely to have one.

Once they learn this, it may come as a complete shock. This is why an imposi-

tion needs to be placed on changing the perception of eating disorders away from the negative.

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**SPOTLIGHT**

Bye Torino, hello Vancouver

Brandon J. Srebrencher, Jamie Dusin, Staff Writers, Sports Editor

The closing ceremony of the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy on Sunday night marked the ending of an event that will shine among the greatest in sporting history. Canada, in 2010. The last few days of the world watched these 40th Olympic Games as heroes, national heroes, skilled athletes, friends and family members. Some UMK students joined in on the watching to cheer for athletes they supported or who were repre-sented in the games. It was blue and snow. Some students were impressed with the Olympics, while others weren’t.

By Josh Hanasho, a sophomore in communication major from the Health and Sports Center.

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Sixty and women's wrestling was a double-headed event of the UNK intramural wrestling competition on Feb. 27. The tag-team event had 12 men’s teams and two women’s teams.

“I think the intramural wrestling tournament was really well put together. It went very smooth and quick. I think Joe Emmey deserves a big hand for all the work that he and all the others put into making this tournament a success,” Annastashia Malcolm, a sophomore psychology major, said.

The men’s division had eight weight classes. Winners were Eric Willman, a senior broadcast journalism major, and Tim Moser, a junior from North Platte.

“We had the opportunity to choose many different activities and it keeps the school year interesting,” Malcolm said.

“I was shocked that there was the amount of women who came out and worked. I was shocked that there were many female weight classes and enough wrestlers to fill out a bracket,” said Annette Moser.

“I plan on returning to compete next year. We definitely can’t miss it for the world,” Malcolm said. “If I need help I’m going to make sure I keep exercising and work on my moves and skills. That is probably the most important thing I want to do.”

Tag-team winners in the men’s bracket were the teams of Matthew McAnagin and Robert Green, Issaiah Skidfield and Roy Emery and lastly Nathan Rickns and Check Fall. For the women, it was Sheena Kuk and Emily Osborne taking home the title.

“This weekend and on Tuesday, softball and volleyball are due before sprint break,” Malcolm said. “The intramural program at UNK offers great opportunities for college students who want to stay competitively active in sports and other activities without having to compete at a collegiate level, which makes the program so successful. As students, we have the opportunity to choose many different activities and it keeps the school year interesting. I think the intramural program does a great job.”
Bico’s to host state Texas Hold ‘Em qualifiers

The Nebraska Sports Council has announced that Tep’s in Lexington and Bico’s in Hastings will host two of 40 qualifiers statewide for the Texas Hold ‘Em National Championship Fundraiser on Wednesday, March 29 and Thursday, April 6 at 6 p.m., respectively.

To participate in the tournament, players must make a $20 donation to the fundraiser. Each player receives a souvenir shirt, a sponsor gift and a chance to qualify for televised state finals on April 9 at 29 in Lincoln. Players can reserve a seat by registering online at NebraskaSportsCouncil.com.

In space permitting, entries will also be accepted on-site at the qualifiers. The top 10 percent of all players at each qualifier tournament will advance to the finals. Those with questions are encouraged to access this FAQ via the site. Questions may also be sent to 304-307.

Other officials stressed that the tournament, a non-gambling event, has no value, and there are no cash or prizes of value at stake. All proceeds from the fundraiser, which is being coordinated by Dailey and Rehman, will be used to help keep participant fees low for future events.

 Tradition continues; Loper wrestlers get RMAC wins

Dr. John Del Zotto, member of the UNK tennis teams since 2002, qualified for the USTA Division II National Championships. The event will be March 10 and 11 at Boston University. It is the second time Del Zotto has qualified for the Division II nationals, finishing ninth, 39-4.25 in 2005.

At the 2005 NCAA indoor meet, Rehman was national runner-up in the shot put, fifth, 56-0.75. Also earning All-American honors were Culverhouse, eighth, in the 1500-meter run, and Zile, 10th, in the 3000-meter steeplechase.

In track and field at UNK, the Division II national championships will be March 10 and 11 in Boston.
Opportunities abound at Spring Career Fair

Businesses seek out students for potential employment

Jacqueline A. Stoltenberg
Staff writer

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“You've odds of being successful in a career fair, particularly when the employers are taking the time to come out, they have a particular product, which was in this case UNK students that they are interested in,” she said. “You are much more likely to get an interview and potential offers than sending out a letter or answering a Web site.”

Kneen added, “A lot of the companies... come to us because they have hired UNK students before, so they're happy with the quality of the students work from the past and often times that is what brings them back to us.”

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