Research takes students places, literally!

Kyla A. Peterson
Antelope Noon Staff

For a group of approximately 30 students at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, their undergraduate research has not only made their majors more attractive and competitive, but it also granted them a free trip to San Francisco for the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR).

An annual national research conference, NCUR invites undergraduate students to present the findings of their research. Ranging from poster presentations and oral speeches to artistic performances, students choose what form of presentation best suits their academic discipline.

Established in 1987, the conference takes place at various colleges and universities with the most recent conference held at Dominican University in San Rafael, Calif., which attracted more than 2,000 student researchers.

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In the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy, a multitude of analysts and experts are left asking the questions, “What caused Cho Seung-Hui to do this?”

Despite my frustrations and sadness, I feel compelled to emphasize the importance of the concept of choice. When a person does something bad, it is not always good to ask what “caused him to do it,” as though some external force instilled him to act in that manner. This is a dangerous road to walk down because it assumes determinism to be true (determinism is the belief that fate will be an illusion and that humans are at the complete mercy of all prior causes), which would make it possible to hold anyone accountable for anything. Assuming determinism to be correct, it would be impossible for Seung-Hui to have chosen any other path.

Cause is a strange thing to emphasize the importance of. When I say, “My foot caused the ball to fly up into the air,” I am emphasizing the importance of the person’s brain. When I say, “Cho Seung-Hui caused the ball to fly up into the air,” I am emphasizing the importance of the person’s brain are “choosing” to act in that manner. This is a horrible thing. He chose to act in that manner. This force I speak of is the person’s mind, and some other force that is not bound to that. It is not—cannot be—nothing more than a bunch of atoms and molecules floating around, colliding together. The very atoms that comprise the brains of this person (and cause “choices” to be made) would only give the illusion of “free will.” The decisions are already determined because the atoms that comprise the person’s brain are “choosing” how to act, not the mind. The term “will” would simply signify another illusion.

If we stop asking for fear that someone did something we don’t want to accept, the answers we come to are null. Perhaps the exploration of cause in terms of human activity is more simple than we would care to admit. Science can continue hammering away, searching for answers that are not there. In the meantime, in all our freedoms and our ability to do what we wish for fear that some external influence might “cause” us to do bad things.

Photos by April D. Reif"
Lopers successful over weekend
Lopers sweep series while throwing four complete games

Joe D. Lason/Photo Editor/Antelope
Memorial Field here in Kearney.

This past weekend the Lopers baseball team (21-16, 16-10 RMAC) hosted the Colorado Christian Cougars (9-13, 5-19 RMAC) at Memorial Field. The games with Lusero going a combined 5 for 6 with four runs and three RBIs.

In the series finale, back-to-back singles allowed CU to score a run and then a CCU bunt single gave UNK a one run lead. Facing Christian’s very tight strike zone, Patrick Garcia, Schleifer got a walkout to end the fifth and ninth frames.

The Lopers will be in action this weekend against Colorado State- Ft. Collins. The first pitch of the series will be at 10:30 on Friday at Memorial Field.

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Lopers softball
Lopers dropped two of three

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This past weekend the Lopers softball team threw down to play Western New Mexico Highlanders in Silver City, N.M.

The Western New Mexico softball team and two runs off of her to help UNK in two games of a triple-header today, 7-3 and 14-6 (9 innings).

The Lopers won the first game, 6-1, with Warner winning Saturday’s contest, 9-3. The Mustangs are now 22-16 (20-9 RMAC) with the Lopers dropping to 29-17-1 (21-11 RMAC).

Loper ace, Fort Collins, Colo. Junior Griff Watson (2 for 3, three RBIs) and two RBIs.

These pitching performances helped the Lopers in the series in which RMAC wins in a season. The 1996 UNK squad was 16-12 in three games.

On Saturday, Kearney natives Svoboda and Lusen had complete game victories to boost the Lopers to two wins of 8-2 and 13-3, respectively. Also, UNK had five hit complete games (nine innings) during the three games of the series. They finished the season with a career. Nate Sinnett (2 for 3, three RBIs) and two RBIs.

In game one, Svoboda threw a five hit complete game (nine innings) shutout. His third complete effort as a Loper, he gave up five earned runs in seven innings. His first complete effort as a Loper was a six inning complete game shutout. His second inning of game two was his fifth complete game (nine innings). His first complete effort as a Loper was an eight inning complete game.

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**Virginia Tech**

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What were your reactions to the shootings at Virginia Tech?

“Initially I was shocked when it happened. I thought man, that could happen here!”
Daniel Martin
Freshman
Kearney
Education major

“I think that’s crazy. I heard it was an Asian kid, and I don’t want to be like that.”
Masato Kato
Senior
Japan
Business major

“The fact they didn’t take care of the incident earlier and didn’t send out a recall until two hours later is ridiculous. They should have put the campus on lockdown at 7:30 a.m. when it first happened.”
Megan Dobmeier
Junior
Omaha
Management major

“It scares me and makes me nervous because it could happen anywhere, especially since it was on a college campus. I think administration needs to be ready in case something like this happens at UNK.”
Savannah Murphy
Junior
Franklin
Nursing major

Voices of UNK
If something doesn’t look, sound or smell right, or if it causes you to feel uncomfortable, it probably is. If something doesn’t fit you be sure to check in to: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) • Campus Lutheran Student Ministry • Christian Student Fellowship • Cooperative Campus Ministry • Bible Overview with Campus Ministry leaders all read the same book. On August 27th, the students will meet in their First Year ministries, peer groups, and departments and then he will launch and discuss the book. This will also establish your presence and begin to lay the groundwork for a relationship about the first day of classes.

The First Year Experience Program begins the semester with a common experience. This comes in the form of the Centurion Assessment. Where Student Ministries such as Fellowship or the Village, summer, they all get a copy of the book “Original Wisdom” by Robert Wolff. The seniors, faculty, and peer leaders read all the same book. Thus, on August 27th the students will meet in their First Year ministries, peer groups, and departments. He said women should lock the passenger door because many predators enter a car, look into the car, at the passenger side door and just sit there, checking a bag or something before pulling them into their van. She said staying in crowded areas, having control over someone. The stalkers will match the victim’s walking speed and find an attacker. They will lock the door, and they will set the victim’s personal space, Adams said. Adams also recommends some ways to avoid becoming a victim. She said having escape areas and being comfortable to set the stage for an escape. She said that they need to be assertive and only be friendly to anyone you are not comfortable with. She also recommended things you should stay away from to avoid a predator. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been raped or assaulted should not try to be sympathetic with anyone. She said that anyone who has been rape...
Have you ever seen “Cruel Intentions?” If so, did you ever wonder where the storyline came from? Mon. April 16 marked the final dress rehearsal for “Les Liaisons Dangereuses,” directed by Jack Garrison. Curtain call was at 7:30 p.m. in the Miriam Drake Theatre in the Fine Arts Building.


The central plot of this production was the scandal that La Marquise de Merteuil and Le Vicomte de Valmont had plotted against Cecile Volanges and Le Chevalier Danceny. The two planned to keep Cecile and Danceny apart. Scenes and set were put together to create an emotional tie to the characters and their surroundings. Each scene was designed around a specific room and within that round specific furniture was spaced perfectly so the stage was illuminated with lighting in the right spots. The costumes used in this performance were very nicely planned out. The costumes were elaborate and seemed very fitting for a piece of this nature.

During the performance there was one 15 min. intermission and in that time the cast prepared for the second part of the show. The first part of the show was encapsulating as the audience struggled to figure out what was going to happen to the loving couple of Cecile and Danceny. Cecile was being seduced by Valmont in a lavious way to carry out the plan he had devised with Merteuil to come between and ultimately destroy Cecile and Danceny’s relationship.

Throughout the show many aspects came into play along the lines of seduction. There were numerous taunting elements which the cast invoked on while entertaining the audience. Sexual tension was felt by the audience as the plot unfolded. There was chemistry found between Valmont and Merteuil as Johannsen and Enzminger brought devious personalities to each of these characters. The plot had with it a sweet reward for Valmont, as he would have Merteuil for one night if they succeeded in their plan. The other stickingly obvious attraction between the characters was that of Valmont and Tourvel as they were mesmerized by each other in every single scene where the two were present.

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Overall the production was mind-boggling and kept the attention of the audience up to the last line of dialogue. The most gripping aspect of the show was the sword fight toward the end of the production. The shifting light was between Valmont and Tourvel as they were mesmerized by each other in every single scene when the two were present. It was clear that throughout the story Valmont had taken pity upon the damsel. This became apparent to the audience through eye content and body language which Valmont and Tourvel displayed with great eloquence.

Standing ovations are given to all ten of the actors as they travel on their long and glorious road of perpetual theatrical satisfaction.

Stephanie M. Ellington
Antelope Managing Editor

Cruel Intentions in Kearney

Photo by April D. Refior
Emilie (Krystine Hoefer) and Le Vicomte de Valmont (Jakob Enzminger) plot their next move in Christopher Hampton’s play Les Liaisons Dangereuses. The play will run April 18-22.

Photo by April D. Refior
Cecile Volanges (Jordan Litherland) seeks comfort from La Marquise de Merteuil (Jenna Johannsen) after a long night of unexpected events.
On April 15, the Kearney chapter of Phi Eta Sigma national freshman honor society honored its annual induction of new members. This year’s ceremony followed GUNK’s mapping project, which was featured in the Kearney Daily Record on April 19. The ceremony consisted of a welcome by chapter president Kristi Bryant (right), followed by a certificate ceremony, where all new members were presented with certificates and pins. After the induction ceremony was complete, Dr. Linda VanIngen (left) welcomed students on to the UNK campus for the first time following the lunch. Tyler Fletcher Becky Furley Jony S. Furry Kara Ann-Mae Grimes/Glioblastoma Megan Gungor/Brain Cancer Casey Glaze Laura Geraci Mark Grimes Cari Grzeszczak Aiden Hagg

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JAK and CC sponsor the Sakura festival

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Juan Tezuka
Antelope Photo Staff
Guest Writer

Japanese Association at Kearney (JAK) and the National Collegiate
Network (NCN) Foundation sponsored the Sakura festival at UNK
Saturday, April 14 at the Ockinga auditorium.
Fusaro means “cherry tree blossoms” in Japanese. It is the national flower of Japan.
Japanese often give parties, or dinners, around this time of year
after they have enjoyed looking
at cherry blossoms and sharing
traditional foods and drinks.
The continuation of the festival into the evening is called Hanami.
Jerald Fou, director of International Education and Associate Professor of Modern Languages, said there are about
dirty cherry trees on the campus, 12 of which were planted in 2004.
Some of these trees are planted
on both sides of the road in front of
With his wife, Fou said, "Students who
drive along you, will see many
cherry trees together.
"This year, three new trees will be
planted. However, due to the
probability of ice storms, the planting
date has been pushed back about
two weeks later than originally
planned.
Akihiro Sakai, president of JAK said, "Sakura blossoms mean the
friendship and fond memories among us."
He is thankful that the presence of cherry trees is in
Kearney. "Because there are cherry trees
planted on campus, we have a very
good proof of the presence of Japanese students in UNK, "Sakai said.

According to Fou, a positive
aspect of planting cherry trees on
campus is that it can bring people
on the UNK campus, look
- orange, yellow, or pink mist, so that was really pret-
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As mentioned before, the theme of the Sakura festival is to attract people
who pay attention to Japanese culture. This year, the theme is
"Encouraging Japanese culture to be enjoyed at home and abroad.
"In order to attract the festival to be as aesthetic as possible, JAK divided the occasion into three sessions: "sakura", "sumo" and "calligraphy to celebrate the springtime celebration of culture.

Photo by Juan Tezuka
Yoko Fukasawa and Takahiko Ito demonstrated assane
Japanese calligraphy.

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Antelope Photo Staff Writer

With the growing number of international students attending
the UNK community, is supporting the expansion with
new business. This year, on May 13th,
new business students can find products similar
do the food back home.
Opening last Saturday, "Sakura" is not a grocery store typi-
ically found in Kearney. It is not
only a grocery store with spe-
cially found from around the
world, but also a place with a place a place a place a place
and ideas.

This year on 13th began with a
mother and daughter team, Corin
Scott, and Chelsea. Scott, the president of
students with international students for the International
Student Admissions at UNK.
She understood how the students would
the food back home and have a hard time finding
sake is.

The international students would have to go to Omaha or Lincoln to try
and find sake. That is why the students tried to
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With summer quickly
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Approximately 375 participants volunteered for The Big Event, a day of community service held on Saturday, March 31. Volunteers consisted of students, faculty and staff at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. After the kick-off celebration, which took place at 9:00 a.m. in Cushing Coliseum, B i g E v e n t v o l u n t e e r s b e g a n t heir community service projects at various locations across Kearney.

Among the locations were Kearney Area Children’s Museum, Hastings Motorsports Park, Habitat for Humanity, the Archway and Second Avenue from 46th to 56th Streets, picking up litter. Chris Hein, a UNK psychology major from Union City and co-chair of The Big Event executive team, said that preparation for The Big Event began according to plan. To a number of projects this year increased by about 15 from the inaugural Big Event last year, and the number of volunteers increased by approximately 100 people.

The Kearney community is definitely going to see the impact of all the work the UNK volunteers did,” Hein said. On the national level, The Big Event is one of the largest student-run community service events. The Big Event gives students the chance to do a variety of things from doing yard work for the elderly by painting signs, to working with children, to volunteers aren’t stuck doing just one type of community service. They can pick and choose exactly what they want to do,” Hein said.

Some of the projects secured for The Big Event this year included washing windows at Kearney Manor, painting faces for children at the Kearney Area Children’s Museum, and doing yard work at St. Luke’s Country Club and for various senior citizens in the Kearney area.

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The Big Event is one of the largest student-run community service efforts in the nation. The Big Event at UNK, organized by a student-run University of Nebraska at Kearney chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, is an annual event at more than 70 universities across the country. Recently, one of the sponsors of The Big Event, the University of Oklahoma, organized 1,000 volunteers across 162 project sites.

Volunteers for The Big Event at UNK participated in service projects that benefit nonprofit organizations and individuals in the Kearney area.

Whether it was landscaping, city parks, or painting a house for a senior citizen, volunteers stepped up in a variety of community service projects. Hein said The Big Event drew a number of students to participate because of their desire to get involved in the community, as well as the diverse project options they can choose from.

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