New exchange program
UNK builds academic bridge to China

Launched in October, the 1+2+1+1 program is based on reciprocal agreements with several universities in the United States, China, and the United Kingdom. The program, which is open to students in a variety of fields, provides a unique opportunity for UNK students to study abroad while UNK hosts students from participating institutions.

The program is designed to provide students with a global perspective and to enhance their understanding of different cultures. The program includes language courses, seminars, and cultural activities, as well as opportunities for students to engage with local communities and to participate in extracurricular activities.

The 1+2+1+1 program is one of several exchange programs that UNK offers to its students. Other programs include the exchange program with the University of British Columbia, the exchange program with the University of Auckland, and the exchange program with the University of Melbourne.

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For more information about the 1+2+1+1 program and other exchange programs offered by UNK, please visit the University of Nebraska at Kearney's website at www.unk.edu.
A puzzle as sweet as John Candy’s career

ACROSS
1. John Candy’s voice was heard in “The __ __ __ __ __,” scheduled for release on Earth Day in 1997 with arch-enemies of the planet Earth. (4, 4, 4)
5. John Candy appeared in more movies with the former cast of “Saturday Night Live” than any other entertainer; that number is __ __ __. (5)
9. The famous waterfall that Sheriff Bud Bloomer defends. (5)
10. John Candy might take this mode of transportation with Steve Martin. (5)
11. These western vehicles traveled east instead of west in the movie featuring John Candy’s final performance. (5)
13. Security Guard John Candy finds that he is taken __ __ __ __ __ at Wally World. (5)
15. John Candy might take this mode of transportation with Steve Martin. (5)
17. Director of “1941,” in which John Candy, Dan Aykroyd, Jim Belushi, Ned Beatty and Treat Williams defended the California coast against invasion. (5)
21. John Candy bungled more than any comedic sheriff in this role as a law officer. (5)
22. This is “Moore” from “Nothing But Trouble”—but not more of Bruce Willis. (1)
25. John Candy plays the brother to Tom Hanks in this 1981 romantic comedy involving a mermaid. (6)
27. His acting was as “sweet” as his surname. (4)
28. John Candy was Big Fan Eddie in “__ __ __ __ of the Year,” a 1993 fictional comedy about the Chicago Cubs. (6)
29. John Candy joined Kevin Costner in this serious conspiracy thriller about a president killed in Dallas in this film produced by Oliver Stone. (6)
31. John Candy told actress Maureen O’Hara that he was living on borrowed time; he predicted only living until this age. (6)
33. John Candy’s nemesis in the “Great Outdoors,” the two of them being brothers-in-law (1988). (6)
35. The state where John Candy, the burned-out air-traffic controller, takes his family on vacation in “Summer Rental.” (4)
36. John Candy might take this transportation with Steve Martin. (6)
37. How many years John Candy lived beyond the year he predicted he would die. (2)
38. __ __ __ Perlman was “Deputy Honey” and John Candy’s sidekick in “Canadian Bacon.” (6)

DOWN
2. To raise his ratings in the opinion polls, the American president, played by Alan Alda, declared cold war on this neighboring country. (6)
3. The holiday on which John Candy was born. (3)
4. Dan Aykroyd plays the role of a small-town judge in this fictitious burg. (3)
5. The Canadian city in which John Candy was born in 1950. (5)
6. John Candy played American-as-Apple-Pie Tom Tuttle in this 1985 movie with Tom Hanks about serving in the Peacecorps in southeast Asia. (6)
8. The surname of the fictional suburban family on the “National Lampoon Vacation.” (5)
12. The given name of a “Crummy” private eye; he is John Candy. (4)
14. John Candy’s occupation as Bud B. Bloomer in “Canadian Bacon.” (5)
16. His given name might sound like that of a car, but he was in nothing but trouble over a speeding ticket as a co-star of John Candy. (5)
18. The kind of team John Candy, as an ex-champion, whips into shape (They were Jamaican islanders competing in this Olympic winter sport). (5)
19. The surname of the actor named Bill, who joined the service with John Candy in “Stripes.” (4)
20. John Candy was somebody’s “Uncle __ __ __ __” in this film. (6)
23. John Candy played this role in “Spaceballs.” (5)
24. Veteran movie actor Rip Torn played this seafaring role in John Candy’s “Summer Rental.” (5)
26. John Candy played a cameo role in the “Little Shop of __ __ __ __ __ __” (1986). (5)
30. The surname of the actor whom John Candy helps spend $10 million in “Brewster’s Millions.” (4)
32. The given first name of the other “Wilson” Tom Hanks met in the movie “Volunteers” and later married. (4)
34. John Candy directed a 1994 comedy called “Hostage for a __ __ __.” (5)
There is a growing problem in American society today. Among numerous problems, one is at the forefront of my attention and necessitates a call to action. Discipline is lacking in our children of the modern generation. Many have a lack of disregard for morals, values, respect and obedience.

Growing up as a child, my family life was average. I had a loving mother who worked diligently to provide for her three children. I was taught respect, and morals and values were molded into my conscience. Never was I allowed to talk back to my mother or disrespectful to her. If so, I was punished either by grounding, standing in the corner or being spanked with a belt. I hated getting spanked, but as an adult, I realize the purpose for those tears of pain. My mother had a duty to protect others from my wrongful actions. If she continued to allow me to make mistakes, I wouldn't be the accomplished person I am today.

I was taught to be grateful for what I was so fortunate to have. When food was served at dinner, I was taught to eat what was provided on my plate. “There are starving kids in China,” my mother used to say. Throughout the country, I see children today that have severely derailed from this general idea of acting like a decent, respectful and kind human being.

I see children screaming on the floor of grocery store aisles while their parents try to console them by giving the little bastards whatever they want. This does not solve the problem; it makes a greedy, selfish and ungrateful child who will carry those traits throughout adulthood.

I see parents who allow children to eat whatever they want or ask children what they would like to eat for dinner. A child’s job is not to decide what he or she will consume for nutritional value. If it is left up to a child, candy and chips would be the sole diet. No wonder so many children are obese today.

I see children screaming at their parents, hitting their parents and saying “No” to their parents. Parents wonder why their kids are out doing drugs, drinking and having sex as young teenagers. Perhaps it is because their children had no self-respect or respect for their parents. Kids who grow up doing whatever they want will continue this trend throughout adulthood. That is why we have so many criminals.

My call to action: If you are a parent or plan to become one someday, take responsibility for raising your child. Realize you are molding and shaping a human being who will affect the lives of others and probably have children someday. Realize it is your responsibility to teach morals and values, to discipline when needed. Show your child you care enough about them to reprimand them when they commit wrongdoings, but remember to praise them for their successes as well.

A good, harsh spanking with a belt is needed sometimes; it’s not child abuse—it’s love!
Debate

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experience helping total-
itarian governments transis-
tion to democratic societies
which he would use as a "blueprint" for the United States.

“We need to empower
the Iraqis to govern them-
selves and also empower
them to defend their coun-
try,” he said. “When we
accomplish these goals, we
can come home.”

Although there was little
disagreement between the
candidates on many of the
issues, Ricketts and Kramer
presented differing views
on abortion.

Both candidates
said they would like to see Roe’s
to the 1971 Supreme
court which legalized abortion,
overturned by the
court. However, the candi-
dates disagreed about
whether abortions should
be allowed in special cir-
cumstances.

“Life begins at concep-
tion,” Kramer said. “The
only exceptions [for abor-
tion] are when the life of the
mother is at risk or in cases
of rape or incest.”

Ricketts said the states
should decide whether or
not abortion is legal and
gave his perspective on the
issue.

“I don’t think there
are any exceptions [to abortion],” he
said. “The child is innocent.
It is not the child’s fault.”

Both candidates
said they questioned the
absence of Don Stenberg
from the debate. According
to Ricketts and Kramer, the
third Republican candidate
refused to take part in any
debates unless all candi-
dates signed a pledge har-
rning negative advertising
from the campaigns.

“Don Stenberg has done
a great disservice to the
campaign,” Kramer said.
“I believe that Pete
Ricketts and I have behaved appropriately.
The time has come for him to
stand before the voters of
Nebraska.”

Ricketts agreed with his
opponent.

“We both have run posi-
tive campaigns and have
tried to portray ourselves
in the best possible light,” he
said. “A candidate’s record
should be open to scrutiny.”

The three candidates will
face-off in the Republican
primary on May 9. The can-
didate, who receives the
Republican nomination,
will then challenge
Democratic Sen. Ben
Nelson in the November
elections.

China

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many job opportunities
in China. “Now you have
to have a high education,” she
said.

Lin, a computer infor-
nation system major, is
one of the first transfer stu-
dents from Shenyang,
China.

“I think it [the program] is
very useful to get more
knowledge about culture
and knowledge,” she said.

Lin’s parents, who held
management positions,
helped her financially to
attend college. She said she
will graduate in two years
and plans to go back to
China.

After I come back to
China, I can do lots of
things such as analyze on
business,” she said.

Zang added that the
1+2+1 program at UNK is
also a great opportunity
for American students to learn
from Chinese students.

“It is a wonderful place
to study,” she said.

Dr. Fennie Murry, Jerald
Fox, Dr. Ada Leung, Dr.
Shahram Alavi and Dr. Seh
Seshdri also attended the
round table discussion
sharing their personal
experiences they made in
China.

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The Gamekillers OBITUARIES April 2006

Game Killed
Joe Magner
Rashid Theodore
Andy Tider

Ross Barton
Peter Moya
Mike Choi
Judd Engelbrecht

Instead, Rashid’s spicy prospect was beginning to show classic signs of eyeshift and to none other than, Man Candy, the sugar-sweet confection of a Gamekiller replay for his tokens at tapping cherries like Rashid’s lady-friend. And indeed, another game met its demise, as it is also a generally accepted rule amongst women that candy is the trust way to a woman’s heart.

TIDER, Andy, Teaneck, NJ
Andy Tider’s game was alive and well. Busting up the place and making the ladies say, “Doom.” His game was a fine thing—full of one liners, well-timed nods and boyish smiles. He was firing smoothly while he talked to a likesome young American princess named Starchae. Lines, like, “You should be called Starchae; Because you’re beautiful, and so is lace,” confirmed that his game was flying on all cylinders, until along came the future Half-O’Hamer himself, The Baller. The one Gamekiller with more moves than a nomad. Andy Tider could keep his cool, could have shrugged off The Baller’s play for his girl with a simple pump fake to the bar and a drive to the Starchae lane, but instead he got caught in The Baller full-court trap. And before he knew it, Tider and The Baller were reenacting Detroit vs. Indiana 2003. Andy Tider, you are the first player to turn an easy layup into a personal foul. Somewhere up there, Andy Tider, Wilt is laughing.

Theodore, Rashid, New York, NY
Where it not seen by many a witness as the death of Rashid’s game would remain a mystery belittling one of the many crime scene investigators portrayed nightily on television sets. For it is generally accepted truth that when men get off to a great start with a girl at a club, they soon expect to find themselves saucily working that woman’s torso into a tangle on the dance floor. With particular attention paid to the rubbing of the palms, the elbows, and of course the occasional posterior. But, Rashid’s case was peculiar, and no matter how fluid his conversational flow was flowing, his game saw no moments towards the aforementioned dancing routine, most especially as it pertained to the absence of any posterior-knocking.

Barton, Ross, McDonough, GA
Approximately at dinner or sometime early like that last Saturday morning marked the death of Ross Barton’s game. Which came as some surprise to Ross who thought for sure he was in the process of scoring at Club Vivasanca with a gorgeous piece-ware named Bunny-lower. But such is the fate of any man who tries to score while in the chill out room of a rove, especially if that chill off room is inhabited by the cuddly teddybear of a soul otherwise known as The Gamekiller, Seraphin. For as cute as rave girls can be in a pair of noon purple pajamas, it is best not to tell them so when they are in the middle of wondering why the Earth doesn’t orbit around you. Nor is it cool to try to cop a feel inside their fuzzy ane-piece and pass off as an opportunity lapse of depth perception. Nor is it cool to mention that all this music seems to be stuck on repeat. And these were just some of the many lessons Ross learned from Seraphin, the last of which came when Seraphin took his Bunny-flower home at 9 a.m. to, “Just, you know, mellow out and lounge on his warm, velvet comforter.”

Moya, Peter, Washington, DC
This is to mark the demise of Peter Moya’s game. Peter’s game had been happily working on a pair of foreign exchange students. Well aware that there’s so much that can be misinterpreted as charming and witty than when there’s a language barrier. Peter was about to go for broke, offering to teach them the meaning of his favorite (and only) foreign term: mingen à trois, when late date him a cruel blow, for in walked The Gamekiller, The Balladeer. A walking repository of meter and rhyme, The Balladeer is more than a pair of ripped denim jeans and an unruly hairtail. For as many music groups would agree— especially those who could care less about lyrics—a song sung is like eight octaves better than one spoken. Peter could have kept his game alive if he’d just kept his cool. But did he? Had no. He zipped out of his game and went all cappella on the foreign beauties. Leaving the girls with no choice but to nightcap at The Balladeer’s house where he delighted them to his latest chart tapping track, “Just the Three of Us.”

Choi, Mike, Queens, NY
The once vanillagame of Mike Choi died this past weekend at a charming park near to locals as a killer pickup scene. The evening had begun auspiciously when Choi was asked by a beautiful lass what he did for a living, to which, Choi replied convincingly, “Philanthropy.” Oh any other night such a cavalier lie might be rewarded with an equally generous tongue-to-tongue reciprocation, but on this night, Choi

MAGNER, Joe, Acton, MA
It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of Joe Magner’s game. A game once respected for its ability to overcome great resistance. It was, in the process of doing just that, charmingly dismantling the defenses of a bubbly blonde sorority girl, when Joe turned and saw someone beside her, instantly watching their conversation. Alas, this person was a Gamekiller, and none other than the over-educated, pseudo-academic, knower of everything, known as IQ. The Gamekiller whose sole pleasure in life is using his enormous brainpower to extricate girls just like Joe’s. And so it was that IQ quickly and seamlessly steered the conversation to the dilemma of game. Now you don’t, Joe asked if the conversation was for real. Setting himself up for an intellectual mumbling. By the time Joe had finished struggling to hold onto IQ’s train of thought, he had lost his hold on the girl. Natura non contrariatur. Joe. Natura non contrariatur.

Engelbrecht, Judd, Brainerd, MN
Judd’s game was proceeding along nicely as it followed closely behind the toned and tanned posterior of his athletic date, Beth, on a bocce mountain bike ride through the hills of San Francisco. When all of a sudden something punctured Beth’s tire, leaving it and subsequently Judd’s game, gasping for air. For while Judd tried to repair the tube, along the path came The Gamekiller who has never consulted the thesaurus, known simply as Early Man. And, as all damsels in distress will do, while Judd tried to vain to remove her tire from the wheel frame, she gradually grew weary of his laundry list of excuses and began to turn her attention to Early Man whose brain might resemble a slimy mold, but whose biceps require their own zip code. And before Judd could say, “Ugh, Byer. I thought we were on a date here,” Early Man had picked up Beth, perched her on his shoulders, and took a curtain-like pride about showing her each and every hill of San Francisco, then Sacramento, then Santa Barbara, and finally, San Diego.

Keep Your Cool. Axe Dry.
In March 2003, "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown, was released with little fanfa-
re. According to Boltz, this is uncharacteristic of
the hardback had been out
the paperback to
couple of months, the price of the hardback steadily
ting about it, and wanting to
the hardback, he said. "They had
in retail stores and theatres, but
the hardcover, not the paperback."

Traditionally, after a book has been around for a cou-
ple of years, the price of the hardback steadily drops,
taking a big cut when the paperback is released.

"It was released in April, and it didn't happen with "The Da
"The Da Vinci Code" machine, to increase public-
and generate more money.

"A lot of people thought this book was going to be hit."

The actual time frame [surrounding "The Da Vinci Code"] is uncharacteristic of many books," said Boltz. "The book has been out for a very long time and made no
way to do it."

"It's a literary tradition as alco-
the hardback trade size, or illustrated ver-

"It's all politics."

"No, they finally just released the paperback to coincide with the movie's release, so they just piggy-
backed."

Apparently, all of this hype and release date manipulation has paid off. The paperback of the book was recently released, and sales are booming.

"We've sold a hundred
copies since its release [two weeks after Da Vinci]. And that's just the small mass-
megastores, coupled with the public it-
no time has Dan Brown said
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"It created a hell of a lot of
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"It's all politics."
And activities.

Overload of homework, tests and extracurricular things is a common problem. "It was just fun to get up on stage and just play music," Williams said. "Winning battle of the bands last year was a huge surprise to us, because it was our first one ever."

It gave us a tremendous boost of confidence and assured us that we really had something here," Nathan Rogers, a guitarist for Oh So Evident, said.

"The hallapalooza last year was one of our first shows," Williams said. "We went into it just thinking we were going to have some fun and hope we would sound good.

I think we were all surprised when we heard our name called as the winners. I was really happy to have received such a good complement about my music."

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It gave us a tremendous boost of confidence and assured us that we really had something here."

"Balancing the band with work and school is always a challenge," Rogers said. "Sometimes I have a big test tomorrow and I have to put it on hold, because it is practice night."

"Sometimes I have to make some late nights. But the band is something that I have to have in my life. I would rather have it than to lose my friends and have to find a place that will let us play band practice, unless you know someone or own a house.

Even though their schedules seem to be extra tight, Rogers said, "It's a variety of music and so it's not too hard on me."

"We posted a bunch of flyers around town and in my opinion, Mike Rohner showed up to our last show."

"We have changed a lot since then. I think the last one was for a time when I was young."

"As the band and musicians, I think we really like songs that are easy to remember and get a reaction, so winning battle of the bands was huge for us, because it was our first one ever."

"Winning last year was a really cool accomplishment for us, because it proves that we can actually put out our music, and people will enjoy it in this area.

It was just fun to get up and play in front of people and get a reaction, so winning last year was just icing on the cake."
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Intramural season winds down

Students battle for softball honors

The Lady Lopers battled Fort Hays State University (FHSU) and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS) in the intramural softball season. The Lady Lopers are playing for the intramural t-shirts during the double-elimination softball tournament, which is scheduled for the end of the season.

The Lady Lopers trailed the FHSU Lady Blues 1-0 in the bottom of the fifth inning, but fought back with a five-run inning to secure their win. The Lady Blues scored a run in the top of the sixth inning, but the Lady Lopers scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to take the lead. The Lady Lopers' Homefield Advantage ensured their victory, as they defeated the FHSU Lady Blues 7-2.

The Lady Lopers played the UCCS Lady Saints in the next game, and they came out on top with a score of 11-2. The Lady Saints scored four runs in the top of the second inning, but the Lady Lopers answered with seven runs in the bottom of the second inning. The Lady Lopers secured their victory with a score of 11-2, and they were named winners of the double-elimination tournament.

The Lady Lopers are currently at the top of their division and are looking to secure their victory in the next game. The Lady Lopers are also preparing for their next match against the University of Nebraska-Kearney, who is also at the top of their division.

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Lopers sign two new players
Incoming Nebraska freshman look promising

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The UNK men’s co-head basketball coaches announced that Lincoln High School’s Josh Parker and Cambridge’s Waad Vonte have signed national letters of intent to play for the Lopers next season.

They join Ravenna’s Drake Beranek and Bellevue West’s Jeff Martin as UNK recruits.

“We lost a great player in Chris Dean. Josh is a 6’9” forward who can play inside. We signed the others because they can make an impact on the perimeter. We like to find quick N Barsa recruits who can help us,” Co-Head Coach Tom Knopp said.

“We like to find first look at Nebraska players when recruiting...”

Coach Tom Knopp

State.

Vonte was also named captain of the Omaha World Herald’s, Lincoln Journal Star’s Class D-1 All-State teams and the McCook Gazette’s Area Player of the Year.

Finaly, he joined Beranek on the World Herald’s All-Class Second Team.

Parker averaged 13.5 points and 3.1 rebounds to help the Links to a 12-10 record and made five consecutive NCAA tournament appearances, one of the longest streaks in NCAA Division II.

Knopp said, “We only lost one person, so it is impossible that we’ll continue to sign players, unless we happen to find an impact player. An impact player would be a player that can make a huge impact on our team, one that could be the difference in two or three games. If we did sign, we would probably be a Division I or amazing JUCO player.”

Returning for the team next year are All-American forward Dusty Jera and All-Conference performers Chad Burger and James Lane.

In your next question...
Students and faculty presented their various research projects at the eighth annual UNK Student Research Day last week. Ken Nickels, the dean of the graduate studies program at UNK, was the event coordinator.

“It’s an opportunity to highlight student research and creative activity on campus and to identify and recognize the faculty that make these opportunities available to the students,” Nickels explained.

He said students took part in oral presentations and poster sessions. Oral presentations were from the departments of political science, communications, psychology, sociology and social work. The poster presentations were from the sciences, the behavioral sciences particularly, but also from the art department. Nickels added that the works on display included all of the award-winning art pieces from this past academic year.

“They have been jury-chosen and won a number of awards,” he said.

According to Nickels, the process for entering work in the Student Research Day is very easy.

“There is a simple submission process that is all done electronically. There is a form to complete online and the students then must submit an abstract that is displayed in our program,” he explained. “Students just work with their faculty advisor on completing these things. There is no fee and we have judges that look at the posters and we give awards at a reception.”

Robert Hartman, a graduate student studying health and physical education from North Platte, had a poster presentation displaying the data he collected for his research. “I did a study on the effect of dynamic versus static stretching on 30-meter sprint performance in trained division II track athletes,” Hartman said. “I found that dynamic and static stretching both decrease sprint time.”

The judging for this year’s Student Research Day began at 9 a.m. and went until noon. From 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. there were a number of oral presentations, one with the guest speaker for the day’s event, Nate Eiden, a former UNK student who received the National Geographic Society internship award last year. The awards reception closed out the day’s events from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For a listing of all student research projects, visit the research day Web site at http://www.unk.edu/acg/radstudies/ugr/index.php?id=13144 for the program.

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From left to right: Suzana Cook, Faithe Knoll and Jenna Hull next to their display for their research project. Cook, Knoll and Hull worked collaboratively on neutral words in gender contexts.

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Research day displays student talent

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