Webb motivated by just do it 'hacker mentality'

BY LACEY MCPHILLIPS
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Jason Webb, a senior applied computer science major, is a doer. "Less lecture, more building" is Webb's philosophy on learning.

While he admires the opportunities at UNK, the typical classroom setting doesn’t quite satisfy his drive to learn.

“I wish there was more of a hacker mentality,” Webb said. “More of a ‘Just do it and we’ll help you fix things.’”

Then again, Webb is not a typical student. During his time at UNK, he has gone above and beyond what was expected of him in the classroom. He is the president of the Association for Computing Machinery and has worked on numerous projects. Webb spends much of his time researching on the Internet beyond what is covered in class.

“I have the motivation,” Webb said, “to learn what I need to learn, and then build it and learn from my mistakes.”

Webb is helping to pioneer a new way of learning at UNK. Under the supervision of Dr. Sherri Harms, chair of the computer science department, Webb meets with a group of students twice a week as they work on individual projects. These

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What's next? Staying at UNK as a graduate student for two years, building more projects for his portfolio, and then using that to get into a ‘huge’ design school.

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AUDIENCE CAN GET INTO INTERACTIVE ART

Photo by Skylar Leatherman

Motion-sensing Nerf turret, electronics built into clothing and augmented reality air hockey were only a few of the featured exhibits at the Interactive and Generative Art Exhibition Tuesday night in the Nebraskan Student Union. This exhibition showcased a diverse range of unique projects completed this semester by CSIS students. Josh Wilson, a sophomore computer science major from Wood River, created a vest (right) that vibrates when the connected Xbox controller vibrates at a local Kearney residence.
'Summer to remember'
All players reach back for one perfect day

BY RYAN SEEFS
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Standing on a mound in front of 3,000 people screaming your name—a rock star for two minutes at a time. In the summer of 2007, I was that rock star for 20 minutes.

I pitched 10 innings at home in front of the best fans in Minnesota. But it all came with a price, one that many people fear more than snakes, heights, or public speaking.

The price of a bullpen pitcher in the Northwoods League was playing on the road in Madison, Wis. The Madison Mallards averaged 6,500 of the most under-the-influence, vulgar and ruthless fans you could ever experience.

Unlike many people, I live for those moments.

After watching the circus-like pre-game activities, which included the Mallard mascot descending upon the umpires’ meeting on a zip cord stretching from the right field foul pole to home plate, the game was flying by just as the mascot did prior to the game. Before I knew it, the sun slowly dropped below the horizon and we were under the bright stadium lights. It was the sixth inning of a 2-2 pitching duel.

The manager was standing at the end of the dugout closest to home plate. He had one leg on the third step of the dugout and the other hiked up on the second, arms crossed over his legs and his body leaning toward the field as if there was some level of gravitational pull drawing him toward the action.

I was at the other end: sitting on the bench in the back of the dugout preparing, knowing that it was almost my time.

As I reached the “bully” in the sixth inning—no pre-game routine could have prepared me for what I saw. Belligerent fans lined up around the fence on three sides, spilling their beer everywhere and ready for confrontation—a pack of hyenas ready to pounce on any piece of meat dangled in front of them.

While my catcher was getting his mask and glove positioned correctly upon his body, somebody shouted, “When did the circus get to town? I didn’t see any trucks!” I calmly turned to the intoxicated man and said, “‘Varsity Blues.’ Good movie.”

He was either caught off guard, or I was in the zone because I didn’t hear a single word after that. Before I knew it, the field umpire was running toward the bullpen dramatically pointing at me, indicating that it was my time pitch. As I ran out to center stage, the crowd let out a unified “boo.” I was so locked in that I didn’t hear it. I could feel it in the bottom of my stomach as my intestines vibrated.

The bases were loaded with no outs. After seven pitches, a strikeout, and a double play, I was walking off the battlefield without any wounds. I deliberated slowed my pace to soak in my surroundings one last time before I disappeared into the dugout.

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'Insidious' starts out as innovative, chilling

BY BRANDT BANZHAF
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 Spoiler Alert! Things going bump in the night. Objects being moved around. Ghouls jumping out to grab the innocent housewife.

 We’ve all seen this horror film before. Right? Not exactly.

 Directed by James Wan of “Saw” fame and produced by Jason Blum of “Paranormal Activity,” “Insidious” is an old-fashioned horror film at its best: a film not meant to be disgusting but to be downright creepy.

 Right from the start, the opening title flares onto the screen in blood-red, with the complement of jarring, deafening music. The movie tries to make your skin crawl, and sometimes it succeeds.

 The story begins with Josh (Patrick Wilson) and Renai (Rose Byrne) moving their seemingly normal family of five into a new house. Their oldest son, Dalton (Ty Simpkins), hits his head and falls into a coma.

 Am I watching "House"? Renai begins to see apparitions when they bring their son home.

 Haunted house? She believes the house is haunted, so the family moves out.

 “I only found one flaw with ‘Insidious’ The first half of the movie writes a check the second half just can’t cash.”

 Yup, haunted house.

 Only for the frightening presences to become even more real.

 WHAT?!

 The couple finds out from an amusing gang of ghostbusters that their son is haunted, not the house. Demons and ghosts are trying to enter his body from “The Further,” a dark other-worldly dimension.

 Whoo.

 I found myself thoroughly awestruck by the simplicity of “Insidious.” It wasn’t just the, “Oh no the music is tensing up! Something awesome is about to pop out,” moments but the way these moments began to creep into your mind. The half-glimpsed specters, the gloom, the shadows and the earsplitting music start to take a toll on your psyche.

 I found only one flaw with “Insidious.” The first half of the movie writes a check that the second half just can’t cash. The first half of the movie was brilliantly done, as if it had been done by the folks who made the “Paranormal Activity” films. Soft lighting, great camera work and an intense sense of anxiety had me on the edge of my seat (or cowering in it).

 The second half just seemed like a PG version of the “Saw” franchise. No blood or gore and just a meager attempt at a story line. After the roller coaster ride I was taken on in the first part, it was a long way down in the second.

 A slight letdown from all the pre-release buzz, but overall “Insidious” was a horror movie that kept the chills and anxiety coming from the start. Definitely a must see!

 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.

 Sudoku

 Find answer on page 7 www.sudoku-puzzles.net

 JUST IN TIME FOR SPRING

 As the weather continues to warm up, UNK employees have been working to get the fountain going again. A lucky passerby may even be able to see the fountain in all its glory for a few moments before it goes off for more repairs.

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Video game doom: Controversy surrounds violent video games

BY ASHLEY LEEVER
JMC 315

It was a typical Tuesday morning at Columbine High School in Colorado when two students, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, committed one of the worst school shootings in United States history, taking the lives of 12 students and one teacher. It was a massacre that many blamed on video games.

When the first official video game console was sold in 1972, this new technology took off over the next 30 years. Over 65 percent of American households play video games. But as this new technology evolves, so does the controversy surrounding it.

It all began with the video game “Doom” released in 1993. “Doom” popularized the first-person shooter genre, a concept focused on gun and weapon-based combat in a first-person perspective. This new genre of first-person shooter and video game violence erupted with games like “Call of Duty” and “Grand Theft Auto.”

With the release of violent video games, violent crimes, such as the Columbine school shooting have been linked to video games. Jerad Block, a psychiatrist from Portland, Ore., believed that because the shooters at Columbine were cut off from video games days before the shooting, the only way to express their rage was by acting out.

In a study conducted in 2006 by the Indiana University School of Medicine, children were tested by playing two different types of video games—one with violent content and the other without—for 30 minutes. After completing MRIs of their brains, scans showed that children who played the violent game had an increased amount of emotional arousal and a corresponding decrease of activity in brain areas involved in self-control, inhibition and attention.

Yet there are many gamers who would argue that video games have little to no influence over their daily lives.

“My friends and I have played on weekends where we play days and nights on end against other people, firing different assault rifles, shotguns, submachine guns, sniper rifles at the opponents,” said Brett Bebensee, a senior English major from Hildreth and an avid video game player.

Although there are those who believe that there are studies proving violence in video games increases actual violence in children, it is difficult to determine.

“Video games and violent movies have been blamed for events ranging from Columbine to the Virginia Tech slayings. What the people often forget is the studies done on violence and media are correlated,” said Dr. Krista Forrest, a professor of psychology at UNK. “Researchers can only say that violent video games are related to violent behavior. It could be that children who have violent tendencies are drawn to and more likely to play violent video games.”

But when teenagers, such as Devin Moore, an 18-year-old from Fayette, Ala., kill 3 men after playing “Grand Theft Auto” every day and night for a month, the public begins to believe there is a connection. After Moore stated to the police that,

“A DARK SIDE?

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2006 by the Indiana University School of Medicine

GAMERS

• The average gamer is 32 years old
• 2 out of 5 gamers are female.
• Gamers spend an average of 18 hours a week playing video games.
• 18-49 year-olds make up the largest percentage of gamers at 49 percent.
• The Wii is the most popular video game console with 65.32 million sold worldwide.

Statistics from http://www.onlineeducation.net/videogame

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COE Honors Ceremony May 5

BY JUSTIN GILSON
Antelope Staff

On May 5, the College of Education is hosting its 22nd annual Honors Ceremony and Reception at 6 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Fine Arts Building.

Students and their families will gather with facility members and friends to honor those students graduating who have excelled with excellent academic careers at UNK. The awards ceremony will feature Dr. Joan Lewis, a professor in the department of teacher education, as the Master of Ceremonies. Following Dr. Lewis, professors from each program department will be presenting the awards to outstanding students in their area of study in three different categories: Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude and Cum Laude.

During the ceremony, UNK will announce the winners of the University of Nebraska at Kearney Leaders in Education and Services award, or UNKLES. This award is given to outstanding school administration leaders within the Nebraska public school system who have gone above and beyond their duties as Administrators.

Following the awards ceremony a reception will be held for the award winners and their guests.

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Forensics team packin', delivering food

BY BROOKE ALSTROM  
JMC215

While preparing all year for the national forensics tournament in April was a major priority, the forensics team also found time to do community service through the Backpack program.

Beginning in the spring semester of the school year, competitors on UNK's forensics team began delivering boxes of food to local elementary schools. The Backpack Program is a part of the Food Bank for the Heartland and reaches out to Bryant, Central and Emerson elementary schools in Kearney.

"In forensics, we work and speak about persuading our audiences to take action along with other speaking events, which often highlight the human condition in many ways," said Grant Anderson, assistant director of forensics. "Beyond how caring the team is, this is an opportunity for the students to see how they can make a difference in their own community."

Anderson, who is also a full-time member of the Rural Corps of South Central Nebraska, an AmeriCorps program, presented the idea to the team at the start of the semester, and the team quickly accepted the challenge. Members from the team get up early each Friday morning in order to deliver boxes of food to students in need at Kearney elementary schools. Over three months, the students have consistently pushed to see the food delivered, and they understand the importance of this project, Anderson said.

"The Backpack Program is an amazing opportunity to give back to the community I grew up in," said Cassie Lareau, a junior economics major from Kearney. "I think it's especially important to be involved with organizations that help children, because as cheesy as it is, they are our future."

The team encourages other students to help out the team and learn more about how the backpack program works. You can add community service to your resume, and have an amazing experience while giving back to Kearney's youth.

For more information contact Grant Anderson at andersongs@unk.edu

Junior economics major Cassie Lareau landed on the list of quarter finalists at the National Forensics Tournament at UNK April 2-3.

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From left, Brooke Alstrom, Kara Loffler and Cassie Lareau take a time out for a photo at the National Forensics Tournament in April.

UNK Forensics Team representatives are, from left, Cassie Lareau, Katie Lamb, Kara Loffler, Brooke Alstrom and Robert Friedman.

A crowd anticipates the opening ceremony for the National Forensics Tournament. This was the first year UNK has played host to the nationwide competition.
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David Walsh, a child psychologist who has co-authored a study connecting violent video games to physical aggression, believes that violent video games have an effect on the developing teenager’s brain.

You saw sex, violence, and drugs increase. People that are analyzing it and looking at it are people who don’t play video games and don’t try to understand it,” Bebensee said.

Just as there has been an increased amount of violence in video games, it has also become more popular in other forms of media. “Violence sells. I think movies as well as other forms of media have all become more violent. This isn’t just a characteristic of violent video games,” Forrest said.

State governments have even begun to see video games as dangerous. The state of California has fought for years to ban the sale of violent video games to minors and giving a fine of $1000 to those that do. The law, which hasn’t gone into effect, has been appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court and is still up for debate.

Even with increased amounts of violence in the media, violence in adolescents is at the lowest rate in 30 years. The Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) has seven different types of ratings they place on games with descriptions of the content that appears in the game. “I think games are rated M for mature so that most people understand what is and isn’t reality. The problem is that 12 year olds are playing these games because their parents allow them to,” said Jake Fritz, a senior criminal justice major from Hildreth.

The controversy of violence in video games continues to grow but psychologists and gamers alike believe parental involvement and control is the best alleviation route.

“Like any other activity that children and adults overdo, I think the family as a whole benefits from limiting time on the computer and TV. I often let my kids earn time on the computer by playing outside or engaging in physical activity,” Forrest said.

As Bebenese stated, “Why are we looking at technology when we should be looking at their parent situation, their household and why kids are playing these video games? Like the saying goes, one person can ruin it for the whole group.”
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Birge, Dusty L. — Benkelman
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp

Gordon, Matt G. — Benkelman
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12

Wilson, Suzanne M. — Benkelman
CNSS BS Psychobiology

Peterman, David James — Big Springs
CNSS BAE Social Science 7-12

Breuer, Helen Elisa — Blair
CNSS BS Geography

• magna cum laude, pkp, h
Seefus, Ryan Mark — Blair
CE BS Sports Administration, Jour: Public Relations

Boden, Beth Sue — Brady
GR MAEd Curriculum and Instruction

Battmancer, Keller Cody — Bridgeport
GR Eds School Psychology

Moore, Amber Rae — Bridgeport
CE BAE Middle Grades 4-9, Mild Moderate 7-12

Foster, Lyndseey Leigh — Broken Bow
CE BS Exercise Science

Steffens, Jaime Lyn — Broken Bow
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

Wehrbein, John David — Burchard
GR Eds School Psychology

Hansen, Sara M. — Cairo
CBT BS Family Studies

Webb, Tier Dawn — Cairo
CNSS BSE Mathematics 7-12

• cum laude
Shoemaker, Charlie — Cambridge
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12

Root, Diane Elizabeth — Central City
GR MSeEd Instructional Technology

Paxton, Heather Arlene — Central City
GR MSeEd Speech-Language Pathology

Kadleceld, Courtney — Ceresco
CE BAE Elementary Education, English as a Second Language

• Honorable Mention
Kaus, Michael Anthony — Chadron
GR MS Biology

Cooney, Ben William — Clay Center
CFAH BS Broadcasting

Gehrung, Brent Steven — Columbus
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12

Korte, Andrew Joseph — Columbus
CNSS BSE History 7-12, Physical Education 7-12

Pillen, Morgan M. — Columbus
GR MSeEd Speech-Language Pathology

• PKP
Wagner, Nathaniel R. — Columbus
CBT BS Business Administration Comp, Criminal Justice

• Summa Cum Laude, H
Poppert, Taterra Leigh — Cozad
GR MAEd Reading PK-12

Ross, Jaytie Laane — Cozad
CNSS BSE Mathematics 7-12, History 7-12

Limbach, Mary Catherine — Crawford
GR MAEd Curriculum and Instruction

Cooper, Gina Lorraine — Cretes
GR MSeEd School Counseling Student Affairs

Faimon, Brittani Lee — Cretes
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

Goranson, Wesley A. — Cretes
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

• cum laude
Hagan, Brittnay Sue — Culbertson
CE BAE Elementary Education, Middle Grades 4-9

• Honorable Mention
Rippen, Kelly K. — Culbertson
GR MSeEd School Counseling Student Affairs

Andersen, Benjamin Wayne — Curtis
CNSS BS Physics Comprehensive

Jones, Michael S. — Curtis
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

Wills, Heather Dawn — Curtis
CNSS BS Biology Comp

• Honorable Mention
Stanton, Jeralyln Marie — Dannebrog
CE BAE Elementary Education

• Honorable Mention, H
Kubalik, Emily A. — Davenport
CNSS BS Psychology

Summa Cum Laude

Clancy, Benjamin S. — Dawson
CNSS BS Psychology Comprehensive

• H
Dutton, Nicholas Elsworth — Doniphan
CBT BS Construction Management Comp

• Honorable Mention
Klahn, Betsy A. — Doniphan
CE BA E Middle Grades 4-9

Stromer, Jeremy — Doniphan
CNSS BS Physics Comprehensive, Mathematics Comprehensive

• Summa Cum Laude, H
Williams, Stacie M. — Doniphan
CE BAE Elementary Education, Early Childhood Unified

Fugleberg, Cale Allen — Eagle
CBT BS Aviation Systems Management Comp

Kleinsasser, Donald Alan — Elba
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12

Svec, Nicole A. — Elkhorn
CBT BA Business Administration

• Honorable Mention
Brodine, Mason Riley — Elm Creek
CBT BS Business Administration

McCarter, Robbie L. — Elm Creek
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

Keys, Kristin LaRae — Elsberry
CE BAE Elementary Education, English as a Second Language

Schutz, Stephen John — Elwood
CBT BS Business Economics Comp

• Honorable Mention
Malcom, Brennon David — Eustis
CNSS BS History Social Science Comp

• Summa Cum Laude, PKP, H
Sanders, Wesley G. — Eustis
CNSS BS Mathematics, Psychology

• Honorable Mention, H
Bartak, Brooke Elizabeth — Ewing
GR MSeEd Community Counseling

Mach, Sarah Grace — Fairbury
CBT BS Interior Design Comp

• magna cum laude, MB
Pitkin, Charles Ashley — Fairbury
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

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   Early Childhood Unified
   • Cum Laude, H

McPherson, Rachel Rae — Hastings
   CFAH BS Jour: Advertising

Renzelman, Lana J. — Hastings
   GR Eds School Psychology

Zysset, Alexandra Leigh — Hastings
   CFBH BA Economics, Spanish
   • Magna Cum Laude, H

Wittwer, Elizabeth Ann — Heartwell
   CE BSE Communication Disorders
   • Honorable Mention

Bailey, Dustin Alan — Holdrege
   CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp
   • Honorable Mention

Boysen, Zaneta Zari-Aidam — Holdrege
   CE BAE Early Childhood Unified
   English as a Second Language

Crawford, Russell Allen — Holdrege
   CE BAE MIderate 7-12

Feusner, Chelsea M. — Holdrege
   GR MASEd School Principalship PK-8

Hinze, Creighton Joel — Holdrege
   CE BS Exercise Science

Jones, Kayleigh Ann — Holdrege
   CE BAE Elementary Education
   • Honorable Mention, H

Lindstrom, Jenni L. — Holdrege
   CFAH BA Criminal Justice
   • Summa Cum Laude, H
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Richardson in love
With history, art and MONA

BY SABINE FRANKE
JMC 215

If asked if you liked your job, what would you say? Could you honestly say, “I do?” Graduating senior Jennifer Richardson says, “I absolutely love working there!”

With a major in history and a minor in art history, working at the Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA) is a perfect fit for her. It was here that Richardson found her passion.

Karen Humphrey, office supervisor at MONA, said that what started out as simple volunteer work in the MONA gift-shop let to Richardson becoming a paid part-time visitor security representative and assistant to MONA’s director of education. Yet, as much as Richardson loves working at MONA, she says her main focus always was on school, “Always put school first and find a job where working hours are flexible enough to allow a change if things get too overwhelming.”

Richardson’s interest in art is a family affair with both her mother and sister working in artistic fields. Both women are a great motivation and inspiration to her.

Further encouragement to pursue a career in art history came from a quite unexpected source. During high school, Richardson worked in a drive-in restaurant. Her boss had been rejected by her dream employer, the CIA, and had made it her mission to place high school students in jobs that fit them. She nurtured Richardson’s interest in art by taking her to museums and art expositions and motivated her to study art history.

Not only does Richardson enjoy her career choice, but she has excelled both academically and professionally. Richardson has held the Chancellor’s Scholarship throughout the her four years at UNK and has received various additional academic scholarships.

Since she will be graduating soon, Richardson has already started the job hunt. She has applied for a job as a graduate assistant in UNK’s history department. However, she could also imagine working in a business-oriented job that deals with museums where she could apply all the knowledge she acquired through studying at UNK and working at MONA.
Porter, Benjamin Scott — Kearney
CBT BS Business Administration Comp
Magna Cum Laude
• Honorable Mention, MB
Proctor, Andrew Michael — Kearney
CNSS BS Chemistry Comp
• Summa Cum Laude, PKP, H, MB
Rash, Stephanie Jeanne — Kearney
CBT BS Business Administration
• Summa Cum Laude
Rowe, Lerrin Nicole — Kearney
CE BAE Health and PE K-12
• Summa Cum Laude
Sage, Alyssa Rae — Kearney
CE BSE Communication Disorders
• Honorable Mention
Schleifert, Megan Lynn — Kearney
CNSS BS Chemistry Comp
• Summa Cum Laude, PKP
Thiel, Frank — Kearney
CFAH BS Organizational Communication Comp
Cum Laude
Tidwell, Melissa Darlene — Kearney
CFAH BS Spanish Translation and Interpretation
Cum Laude
Todd, Bryan Charles — Kearney
CNSS BS Psychology
Trorey, Kaylee M. — Kearney
CFAH BA Jour: Advertising
• Magna Cum Laude, H
Webb, Jason — Kearney
CNSS BS Applied Computer Science
Wheston, Kevin James — Kearney
CFAH Jour: News Editorial
White Adrianne Renae — Kearney
CNSS BA Psychology
Wood, Jason K. — Kearney
CNSS BS Psychology
Zapata, Anthony Paul — Kearney
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp
Zikmund, Mitchell Craig — Kearney
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp
Zinnel, Ryan — Kearney
CBT BS Business Administration Comp
• Summa Cum Laude
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Van Dusen, Kelsey Leigh — Kearney
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Harpman, Brian T. — Kanesaw
GR MAEd Reading PK-12
Prell, Leslie Ann — Kanesaw
CBT BS Business Administration Comp
Summa Cum Laude
Thompson, Robby E. — Kanesaw
GR EdS School Superintendent
Brooks, Emily Marie — Kimball
GR MAEd Art Education
Nunn, Kyle E. — Kimball
CE BS Sports Administration Comp
Business Administration
Sudbeck, Elizabeth Christina — Laurel
GR MAEd Curriculum and Instruction
Laughlin, Selena M. — Lawrence
GR MAEd Instructional Technology
Barajas, Richard — Lexington
CFAH BA Philosophy
Granillo, Jesus Daniel — Lexington
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp
Hanna, Erin Lea — Lexington
GR MEd Instructional Technology
Lauby, Michelle L. — Lexington
CE BAE Mild Moderate K-6
• Honorable Mention
McKenna, Tomye — Lexington
GR MAEd Special Education
Truax, Phillip Jon — Lexington
GR MEd School Principalship 7-12
Williams, Kayla Marie — Lexington
CNSS BS Radiography Comprehensive
Reyes, Sandra — Lexington
CNSS BS Political Science
• Honorable Mention
Donnelly, Kristin M. — Lincoln
CBT BS Interior Design Comp
• Magna Cum Laude, PKP
Ernstmeyer, Scott J. — Lincoln
GR EdS School Superintendent
Farley, Kevin Patrick — Lincoln
CBT BS Business Administration
Hotovy, Sada Marie — Lincoln
CNSS BA History, English
• Summa Cum Laude
Jumps, Jillian M. — Lincoln
CFAH BS Jour: Advertising
Means, Kyle R. — Lincoln
GR MAEd Physical Education
Moser, Brian Robert — Lincoln
CFAH BAE English 7-12
History 7-12
• Honorable Mention, H
Moss, Katie Lorraine — Lincoln
CFAH BAE Language Arts 7-12
Nason, Margot Elise — Lincoln
CNSS BS Criminal Justice Comp
Neumann, Megan J. — Lincoln
CE BS Exercise Science Comp
Russell, Rachel Anne — Lincoln
CE BAE Health and PE K-12
• Summa Cum Laude
Schneider, Nathanial S. — Lincoln
CBT BS Construction Management Comp
Shaw, Gordon Kirk — Lincoln
GR MEd Instructional Technology
Willman, Eric Brent — Lincoln
CE BAE Elementary Education
Mild Moderate K-6
Jakub, Jordan James — Lincoln
CNSS BS Psychobiology
Koch, Shelly R. — Lindsay
CNSS BS Psychology
Hendricks, Brooke Ellen — Litchfield
GR MEd Speech Language Pathology
Richards, Nicole Marie — Lodgepole
CNSS BS Radiography Comprehensive
Day, Mathew Boyd — Loup City
CNSS BS Biology
• Magna Cum Laude, H
Hill, Casey LaVonne — Loup City
CBT BS Business Administration Comp
Jaeschke, Sara A. — Loup City
CE BS Exercise Science
• Honorable Mention
Bomgard, Patricia Lynn Ridgley — Martell
CFAH BS Organizational Communication Comp
• Cum Laude
Rosentraeder, Amy S. — Mason City
CBT BS Business Administration
Stoetzel, Samantha Dawn — Maxwell
CNSS BAE History 7-12 Business 7-12
• Honorable Mention
Burrows, Christi Ane — McCook
CE BSE Communication Disorders
• Honorable Mention
Hovlick, Susan Michele Cash — McCook
GR MAEd Special Education
Messinger, Kari Marie — McCook
CNSS BS Respiratory Therapy Comp
Plastiel, Kimberly — McCook
CE BAE Middle Grades 4-9
• Summa Cum Laude
Reicks, Nathan J. — McCook
CBT BS Business Administration Economics
Rittenhouse, Jennifer Ann — McCook
GR MBA Business Administration
Weidner, Jarod — McCook
CNSS BS Biology
Cum Laude
Heyt, Thomas K. — Merna
CE BS Exercise Science
Rush, Nicholas Alan — Merna
CBT BS Business Administration Comp
Roth, Joel Thomas — Milford
CBT BS Agribusiness Comp
• Honorable Mention
Wergin, Krista Renae — Milford
CFAH BS Organizational Communication Comp
• Cum Laude
Hinrichsen, Jordan Brian — Minden
CBT BS Family Studies
• Honorable Mention
Osterhufer, Jessica E. — Minden
CBT BS Family Studies
• Cum Laude
Schrader, Heather — Neligh
CE BAE Elementary Education
English as a Second Language
• Honorable Mention
Underwood, Jess Clark — Neligh
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12
Ziegenhein, Amanda Irene — Neligh
CBT BS Business Administration Comp
Statz, Nikolaus McHale — Nelson
CNSS BS Criminal Justice Comp
Baumert, Nikki M. — Norfolk
CBT BS Business Administration Comp
Becker, Elliott F. — Norfolk
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp
Frohberg, Alexandra R. — Norfolk
CNSS BS Biology Comp
• Magna Cum Laude
Jirovsky, Clayton Conrad — Norfolk
GR MSED Community Counseling
O’Gorman, Tyler Patrick — Norfolk
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp
Schmidt, Chandler J. — Norfolk
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12
Altig, Mary Louise — North Platte
GR MAEd Special Education
Chessmore, Kristi L. — North Platte
GR EDS School Psychology
Hackbart, Trishia Lynn — North Platte
CNSS BS Criminal Justice Comp
Hatch, Laurie Lee — North Platte
GR MAEd Special Education
Heinzen, Robert John — North Platte
CFAH BA English Music K-12
Cum Laude
Hille Sarah S. — North Platte
CNSS BS Criminal Justice, Psychology
Mark, Staci — North Platte
CNSS BSE Mathematics 7-12
Physical Education 7-12
Ripple, Jessica Ann — North Platte
CE BAE Elementary Education
English as a Second Language
• Summa Cum Laude
Skiles, Bret Michael — North Platte
CBT BS Business Administration Comp
Twarling, Ben Walter — North Platte
CE BS Sports Administration
Carmony, Brent Michael — Odessa
CE BAE Health and PE K-12
Buell, Kayla Marie — Ogallala
CE BAE Elementary Education
Fruit, Tanner Christian — Ogallala
CE BS Exercise Science
Cum Laude
Holscher, Cal James — Ogallala
CE BS Exercise Science Comp
Meyer, Katiana N. — Ogallala
CNSS BS Criminal Justice
• Magna Cum Laude
O’Neil, John G. — Ogallala
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12
Rudolph, Kaitlin Elisabeth — Ogallala
CE BAE Mild Moderate 7-12, History 7-12
• Magna Cum Laude
Clatterbuck, Ashley Christine — Omaha
CFAH BS Organizational Communication Comp
Hughes, Abigail Lynne — Omaha
CBT BS Business Administration Comp
• Magna Cum Laude, H
Johnson, Sonja — Omaha
CNSS BSE Mathematics 7-12
• Honorable Mention
Kocanda, Bryan Paul — Omaha
CBT BS Construction Management Comp
Krupski, Michael Joseph — Omaha
CFAH BS Broadcasting
• Honorable Mention
Lloyd, Nicholas Allen — Omaha
CNSS BS Psychology
Miller, Debra L. — Omaha
GR MAEd Special Education
Obradovich, Christopher Joel — Omaha
CNSS BS Criminal Justice Comp
Peterson, Kevin L. — Omaha
CBT BS Business Administration Comp
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Rhine, Jason Thomas — Omaha
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12
CE BAE Elementary Education
Early Childhood Unified
• Honorable Mention

Sommer, Jacqueline Ann — Omaha
GR MAEd Art Education

Zolten, Maureen F. — Omaha
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12

Zulkoski, Mark Allen — Omaha
GR MAEd School Principalship PK-8

Peter, Sara Jean — O’Neill
CBT BS Family Studies

Bish, Marcus A. — Ord
CBT BAE Vocational Business 7-12

Kastler, Dru A. — Ord
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

Woollen, Jace W. — Ord
CBT BS Construction Management Comp

Tarkin, Tyler Drew — Orleans
CE BAE Health and PE K-12

O’Brien, Kyle T. — Oskosh
CE BS Exercise Science

Hickey, Rachel Ann — Overton
CBT BS Family Studies

McCart, Jessica Dawn — Overton
CNSN SS Radiography Comprehensive

Morales, Alejandro — Overton
CFAH BA Jour: Public Relations
• Magna Cum Laude

Gallagher, Anthony Charles — Page
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp

Schluckebier, Charles Daniel — Palisade
CFAH BAET A K-12

Adams, Emily Christina — Papillion
GR MAEd Art Education

Carper, Adler Amianna Elaine — Papillion
GR MAEd Instructional Technology

Dada, Mobolaji O. — Papillion
GR MAEdSchool Principalship 7-12

Moore, Melissa — Papillion
GR MAEd Instructional Technology

Oldman, Dawn Kathleen — Papillion
GR MAEd School Counseling Student Affairs

Sievers, Alison L. — Papillion
CFAH BS Jour: Advertising

Gyhra, Lori Lee — Pawnee City
GR MAEd Instructional Technology

Kulus, Brad Scott — Phillips
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp

Ziola, David E. — Phillips
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

Mick, Nelson Albert — Pierce
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp

Barth, Caleb — Pilger
CNSN BA History

Jensen, Jared Broderick — Blair
CNSN BS Criminal Justice Comp
• Honorable Mention

Kush, Clayton R. — Platt Center
CFAH BS Jour: Sports Communication

Halstead, Samantha — Pleasanton
CNSN BS Psychology
• Honorable Mention

Hermesch, Michelle Rae — Plymouth
CE BS Exercise Science
• Summa Cum Laude, H, MB

Millius, Nicole Lynn — Plymouth
CNSN BS Social Work Comp

Doty, Kaitlin Nan — Ralston
CFAH BS Organizational Communication Comp

Achtenberg, Abby Marie — Ravenna
CNSN BS Psychology

Luth, Clintom M. — Ravenna
CNSN BS History Social Science Comp

Treffner, Shelley A. — Ravenna
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

Wolfe, Caitlin L. — Ravenna
CNSN BS Respiratory Therapy Comp

Hoffman, Landon W. — Red Cloud
CBT BS Agribusiness Comp
• Cum Laude

Sinidlar, Natalie Marie — Republican City
CFAH BFA Studio Art Comprehensive
• Summa Cum Laude, PKP

Pratt, Callie J. — Riverdale
CNSN BS Biology Comp

Schmitt, Dawn Elizabeth — Rushville
GR MAEd Speech Language Pathology

Sullivan, Jennifer Ann — Saint Libory
CE BAE Early Childhood Unified Elementary Education
• Summa Cum Laude

Brase, Leanna A. — Saint Paul
CNSN BS Social Work Comp
• Summa Cum Laude

Granger, MaLania Luella — Sargent
CE BAE Elementary Education

Kaup, Mitchell Ryan — Schuyler
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

Knutson, Paul Michael — Schuyler
CBT BS Business Administration Comp
• Honorable Mention

Sweet, Dallas John — Schuyler
GR MAEdSchool Principalship 7-12

Mason, Michael O. — Scottsbluff
GR Eds School Superintendent

McGee, Lindsey Anne — Scottsbluff
GR MAEd Speech Language Pathology

Sulu, Phillip Anthony de Jesus — Scottsbluff
CNSN BS Social Work Comp

Cousins, Teresa Michelle — Seward
CNSN BS Political Science

Luethke, Tiffani Nicole — Seward
CFAH BS Organizational Communication Comp
• Honorable Mention

Wergin, Rachel Nicole — Seward
GR MAEd Speech Language Pathology

Schmidt, Jenna M. — Shelby
CE BAE Elementary Education

Kirkover, Amber May — Shelton
CNSN BS Criminal Justice Comp

Ames, Kelsi Lynn — Sidney
CFAH BAET A K-12
• Honorable Mention

Kurz, Joni Marie — Sidney
CBT BS Business Administration Comp
• Cum Laude

Smith, Brandon J. — Sidney
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CNSN BS Geography and GIScience

Bauer, Nicole Marie — Spalding
CNSN BS Social Work Comp

Diessner, Kassandra A. — Spalding
CFAH BS Family Studies

Pritchard, Jeannie M. — Spalding
CE BAE Elementary Education

Physical Education K-6
• Honorable Mention

Arens, Jason Edward — Springfield
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• Honorable Mention

Harrington, Mathew David — St. Paul
CE BS Exercise Science Comp

Jorgensen, Cody L. — St. Paul
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Horwart, Amanda Jean — Stamford
GR MAEd Speech and Language Pathology

Hegeholz, Debra Kay — Staplehurst
GR MAEd Curriculum & Instruction

Richardson, Jennifer Michelle — Stratton
CNSN BA History
• Cum Laude

Borg, Jason J. — Stuart
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp

Kauf, Lucas Andrew — Stuart

CBT BS Business Administration Comp

Kohle, Chad S. — Stuart
CBT BS Construction Management Comp

Jones, Robert C. — Sumner
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

• Cum Laude

Brennan, Samantha Jo — Sutherland
CE BAE Elementary Education
Early Childhood Unified
• Magna Cum Laude

Paulman, Debra — Sutherland
GR MAEdSchool Principalship PK-8

Fox, James Owen — Tilden
CBT BS Aviation Systems Management

Larson, Tracy Lynn — Tilden
GR MAEd Instructional Technology

Oelsliger, Kelli Rae — Tilden
CNSN BS Psychobiology
• Summa Cum Laude, PKP

Paprocki, David Scott — Trenton
CNSN BS Chemistry Comp
• Summa Cum Laude, PKP, H, MB

For Tomjack, UNK was luck of the draw

Being involved made his experience ‘awesome’

BY BRANDT BANZHAF
JMC 215

Matt Tomjack had a decision to make. Where would he spend his next four years of college? He could have been rational about it, but that wouldn’t be his style.

With acceptance letters from UNK, UNL, Kansas State and others on the table, the decision became easy. "I couldn’t decide which college to go to. I figured the easiest thing would be to draw them out of a hat," Tomjack said.

Tomjack reached in and pulled out the sheet of paper. “I broke into a smile when I saw it was UNK.”

A native from Wahoo, Tomjack wanted to make the most of his college experience. He became extremely involved on campus. He was a student senator for the College of Education, member of the Sports Administration Club andLegians for Integration and Accessibility and an intern for the UNK athletic department. On top of everything else, Tomjack also founded the Loper Legion, a student organization that congregates at athletic events and cheers and hollers for their Lopers.

Still, that’s not even the most fun Tomjack has had here at UNK. “Being a community advisor was awesome. Meeting all the new freshman and being the enforcer of rules was definitely the best part.” He has been a community advisor for three years and is now also a mentor for the Thompson Scholars Learning Community.

Joe Jasper, a fellow Thompson Scholar mentor, said Tomjack knows how to have fun. “There is always something going on across the hall, either studying or what sounds like a small party,” Jasper said.

UNK hasn’t been all fun and games for Tomjack though. Well, maybe a little bit. He has been working for the athletic department for a couple years now and the experience has surpassed his expectations. “Working for the athletic department has been a dream of mine since I’ve been here at UNK. Being able to see how things work and the managing of all the events has been invaluable.”

The opportunities Tomjack received here at UNK will surely help him acquire his dream job. “I want to be in charge of events management at a Division 1 University. The experience I have received here at UNK will no doubt help me get where I want to be.”

These opportunities sure have paid off. Tomjack recently received a job in the athletic department at the University of Florida.
Paging Dr. Oelsligle

Psycho biology major looks to pre-med

BY BO NESSLIEIN
JMC 215

Even at a young age, senior Kelli Oelsligle had dreams of being in the medical field. A small town farm girl from Tilden, number five out of seven siblings always found herself fixing the injuries of her brothers and sisters. “Growing up on a farm had its fair share of injuries. It seemed we were always jumping off of something.”

Oelsligle’s desire to help others has kept her very grounded in her educational pursuits. As early as a sophomore in high school; psycho biology was her main focus. Both attending UNK and her choice for a major were very easy choices for Oelsligle. In addition to wanting to help others, Oelsligle’s sister attended UNK. “My sister came to UNK, she chose psycho biology also;” so UNK has become a bit of a family tradition.

Oelsligle had some encouraging words for new prospective students. “Get involved, join clubs, find some interests and discover others with the same interests.”

Oelsligle is involved in the university daycare program, LPAC and Campus Kitchen as the under graduate coordinator and she is also the president of her Psychology Club. “It makes the time go faster. You really get to know other people who have similar interests with you so you find people that you can hang out with, even outside classes.”

Oelsligle also stresses the importance of time management and prioritizing. She said she experienced culture shock as a freshman. There was not anyone to wake her up or keep track of her. She had to self regulate, and it took a while to get the hang of it. “I always joked that sleep was a minimal,” she said, reminiscing about her freshman year. She learned to utilize a day planner and wall calendar as well as know her boundaries. “I really had to learn to say no.”

Finding the right niche to do all she wanted to do took some time, however, her work ethic in combination with good time management placed her on the dean’s list for the last three years. Looking on to the future, Oelsligle has her sights are set on two places: UNMC and Kansas. “UNMC because it’s local and they have a really good program, and Kansas because they have a good rural physician program.”

Oelsligle said she would like to work at a hospital for a while then eventually open her own practice as a general practitioner, or specializing in obstetrics.

“So from the roots of a small town farm girl with a knack for fixing the family boo-boos to an aspiring pre-med student, Oelsligle is to become a successful doctor. One day she will hear the musical sounds of, “Dr. Oelsligle, paging Dr. Oelsligle.”

Above and beyond

Zysset finishes double major, minor

BY GREG DAVIDSON
JMC 215

To many UNK students, May 6 signals the end of the semester, and the beginning of summer break. But for senior Alex Zysset, graduation begins the next chapter in her life. Zysset will graduate with not just one degree from UNK, but two. “I’m a Spanish and econ major with a math minor,” Zysset said. “I liked the Spanish in high school, and I thought it would be beneficial to communicate with more people. And I just liked the econ math. It’s a more practical kind of math.”

The oldest of three children, Zysset originally chose UNK over UNL based on the smaller campus size. “I liked seeing people I know all the time,” Zysset said. “Plus, I like the smaller classes, and getting to know the professors over the course of four years.”

Zysset, who is originally from Hastings, also enjoys living in the city of Kearney. “It’s about the same size, but Kearney seems a lot bigger with restaurants and shopping. I think it’s a nice town.”

Along with being a full-time student working towards the two degrees, Zysset found the time to work a part-time job, participate in extra-curricular activities and still have the time to hang out with friends. “I don’t really know how she does it,” said senior Josh Beck, a friend of Zysset’s, “I don’t think there are many people out there that can do what she does.”

She is a teller at Platte Valley State Bank, as well as a volunteer with the theatre department and the foreign language honor society. Zysset was even named the “Outstanding Junior” for the econ department last year.

Between work and homework, Zysset enjoys spending time with friends at several places across Kearney, such as Thunderhead Brewery. “I also like to spend time reading and watching movies, and playing random board games. I love learning random facts.”

Zysset said that she is very excited about graduating, and starting the next chapter in her life. She has applied to multiple graduate schools across the Midwest, and hopes to get responses back from them soon. “I just want to get where I am going figured out and get started on the rest of my life.”

Congratulations, grads!
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