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**Royalty at summer camp**

**UNK professor's camp gives foster kids a summer to remember**

**BY HEIDI ENGLAND**
Antelope Staff

Eight years ago, Sandra Cook-Fong, associate professor of criminal justice and social work, and her husband Dan started Royal Family Kids’ Camp to meet the needs of special campers who might benefit from a positive boost.

This week-long camp is free of charge for children in the foster care system ages seven to 11. All of the kids at Royal Family have either been abused or neglected at some point in their lives. A continuation of Royal Family, Teen Reach Adventure Camp (TRAC) is for kids ages 12 to 15.

Every year, camp begins the first week of June and runs from June 7-11.

Funding for Royal Family Kids’ Camp is entirely provided by grants and individual donations. The annual budget required for Royal Family is approximately $40,000 to $50,000.

Royal Family is a faith-based camp, and their goal is to make more churches aware.

“The mission of Royal Family is to create positive memories for the kids,” Cook-Fong said. “Everyone’s a winner. There is no competition.”

The majority of the kids who attend Royal Family have been sexually abused but currently also have excellent foster parents.

“Many times choices have been taken away from the kids,” Cook-Fong said. At Royal Family, the bad are balanced with the positives.

Royal Family is entirely staffed with volunteer workers that include nurses, professional counselors and photographers.

Sylvia Asay, associate professor of family studies and a volunteer of Royal Family since it began, serves as the assistant director. “I help with planning, training, and at camp I do a variety of behind-the-scenes tasks such as laundry, dining hall control, decorations and anything else that just needs to be done,” Asay said.

**“Some of these campers have never had a birthday before.”**

Sandra Cook-Fong
Associate professor of criminal justice and social work

More adults than kids camp out at Royal Family, with an average of 60 to 65 adults. Each adult is known as a “big camper” and is responsible for two kids.

Activities provided by the Nebraska camp and thoroughly enjoyed by the campers include fishing on the lake, scaling the rock climbing wall, horseback riding, miniature golf and arts and crafts. The annual week-long summer camp is funded entirely by grants and individual donations.

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**Congratulations and Best Wishes**

Graduates

“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You’re on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who’ll decide where to go.”

-Dr. Seuss
Gay soldiers: equal rights or pink nightmare?
"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy may discriminate more than protect

BY JESSICA KENYON
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Does it come down to color once again, as it did July 26, 1948, when President Truman signed Executive Order 9811 to end segregation in the armed forces and the civil service through administrative action (executive order) rather than through legislation?

Does “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” represent a fear of rainbow camouflage uniforms or a blatant disregard for a human’s sexual preference? Which side are you on when it comes to gays and lesbians enlisting their services for the country?

In a time when the United States is battling wars on multiple fronts, with Afghanistan and Iraq the largest, the tension between the gay and lesbian community and the United States government is a public debate. The issue has gone beyond the arena of military service and has found itself planted in the public court of opinion.

A Feb. 1 article in Reuters showed that 56 percent of Americans are in favor of allowing gays to serve openly in the military compared to 36 percent who are against it.

• On one side: people who believe that gays and lesbians deserve the same rights as straight soldiers

• On the other: people who feel that a nation full of gay soldiers will turn this country into a pink nightmare.

Active National Guard member and freshman music business major Daniel Anderson from Ogallala believes the policy has both pros and cons. “The policy keeps soldiers who are homosexual safe from the scrutiny and judgments of other soldiers, but when soldiers have to lie about their sexuality it can lead to trust issues between soldiers who depend on trust to make it out alive of a combat zone or any situation they might be in,” Anderson said.

All of this debate has been stirred by President Barack Obama’s support of a repeal to the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy enacted in 1993 by President Bill Clinton to prevent military applicants from being asked what their sexual orientation is before enlisting.

This policy also bars openly gay, lesbian or bisexual citizens from military service. The policy has encountered many obstacles, but somehow, has retained its effectiveness in a time where discriminatory laws are falling left and right. “I’m torn on this bill that Obama is trying to pass due to the fact that I think the current policy works just fine. If someone is homosexual, I would rather not know about it and continue on,” Anderson said. The “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy has come under intense scrutiny because the current military needs soldiers. Military recruiting has hit all-time lows in the past couple of years and numbers have been declining for several years more. Talks have resurfaced of a military draft being reinstated. During his January State of the Union address, President Obama made his first public statements about finalizing a plan to repeal the DADT policy. Pursued, Dr. Gregory M. Harek conducted the first study on the effect on gays in the military and used it to testify on behalf of the American Psychological Association. Since then, more studies have been conducted, but the APA writes that “empirical evidence fails to show that sexual orientation is germane to any aspect of military effectiveness including unit cohesion, morale, recruitment and retention.”

In a country that is reforming its policy over and over to make sure every citizen has an equal opportunity, why is it still an issue that gays want to serve in our army? In case you haven’t noticed, Americans aren’t lined up at the recruitment offices waiting to be signed up and sent to war. What about the economic impact of releasing soldiers because they were “ousted” or refuse to hide their sexual orientation when asked? A study was conducted in 2006 by the University of California Blue Ribbon Commission concluding that the DADT policy has cost the U.S. government $363 million. This includes “$14.3 million for ‘separation travel’ once a service member is discharged, $17.8 million for training officers, $252.4 million for training enlistees and $79.3 million in recruiting costs” – all because we are afraid that a gay soldier wouldn’t fight for his country as hard as a straight soldier. It will be interesting to see if President Obama follows through on his promise to repeal the DADT policy that keeps the United States backwards as a nation. Unless a fear of pillow fights in the fox holes condemns this country to retain the policy, the DADT world we used to live in should see its final moments die in 2010.

READ MORE ABOUT "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL" HERE
Normally I’m not the type of person who is a fan of remakes, so when I heard they were making another “Nightmare on Elm Street” you can imagine I was less than thrilled. Sometimes if it’s the second or third remake it’s OK, but I think once you get to number nine you’ve gone too far.

Either way, since I enjoy movies, I had to see what they could have possibly changed or added to make this version better.

Oh and did I mention I am the manager of a movie theater, so of course I’m bound to be at a theater all the time?

If you weren’t reminded the last eight times, “Nightmare on Elm Street” is about scary Freddy Krueger (Jackie Earle Haley) who stalks the dreams of Nancy (Rooney Mara) and her friends. They discover that they all share a common link from their childhood; they were all physically and sexually abused by Freddy before he was murdered by their vengeful parents. Freddy now kills off the others that alerted the parents about his transgressions before finally making his way to Nancy—who he leaves for last as she was his favorite.

My first excitement came when I noticed they decided to change Freddy’s look. This time around they decided to make him look like an actual burn victim. I thought it was a good change. It’s cool, and it looks more realistic.

Aside from the makeup changes to Freddy and a few minor changes to the whole movie, it isn’t worth seeing — again. If you’ve seen one you’ve seen them all.

The movie is too predictable, and I spent the entire movie comparing the scenes to the original.

The only conclusion I came up with is this: Freddy Krueger was scarier in 1984 in the original. I can’t be just bashing on this movie though; all older movies are scarier. I guess in 2010 there is just enough that we have heard, seen or experienced to be afraid of anything.

“Nightmare on Elm Street” is rated R for its strong bloody horror violence, disturbing images, terror and language. “One, two, Freddy’s coming for you. Three, four, better lock your door.” Seriously you probably should. He’ll probably be back again in a few years. Look out for remake number 10!
Is homosexuality accepted or merely tolerated?

**Antelope Staff**

Our columnist Sara Giboney heard it in the movie theater watching the movie “Valentine’s Day,” but she couldn’t believe it.

In her column “Audience’s reaction to gay couple in comedy stuns me,” Giboney describes the audience reacting to a scene of a man giving flowers to his same-sex partner on Valentine’s Day.

How would that movie play on this campus? How would UNK students react to seeing a same-sex couple holding hands or kissing?

As the faculty advisor of the Queer Straight Alliance, assistant professor of counseling and psychology, Dr. Matthew Mims said it would be tolerated, but not accepted. “I don’t know whether we will ever achieve a safe environment. In a way some people hold on tight to their prejudice, as they do to their opinions.”

Spencer Wolfe, a 20-year-old junior from Lincoln majoring in theatre—who also happens to be gay—believes that UNK does offer a safe environment for homosexuals. Wolfe came out on the National Coming Out Day in his freshman year by sending a mass Facebook message to all his friends and contacts.

“It does not change who I am. It’s just some little bit, kind of like having brown hair or liking certain clothes. It’s just part of you, and it is no big deal.” Wolfe said people around him reacted with support instead of criticism or fear. “I got mind blowing support; every one of my friends congratulated me.”

Mims estimates that probably only 30 UNK students are living as ‘out’ homosexuals on campus. A far larger percentage lives a secret homosexual lifestyle.

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Dr. Matthew Mims
Assistant Professor of Counseling and Psychology

Wolfe believes that homosexuals live that hidden lifestyle, because they are raised religiously. This makes it extremely hard to find a same-sex partner, he says. “There are people who stick by one verse until the day they die, just because the Bible says it. They are afraid to question their religion— because it is given to them, and they were taught not to question it.” Wolfe believes that religion and homosexuality can be combined. He is happy he lives his life without trying to meet any expectations other than his own.

Mims said the university can and should improve itself by becoming more welcoming to the gay and lesbian population. He suggests the university change its policies by allowing people and their same-sex partners to stay in the residence halls. Currently, only people who are married are allowed to stay with their partner in the residence halls. And since homosexuals cannot legally marry, this privilege is only available for heterosexual couples.

“If you are gay or lesbian, you do not have as many rights as someone who is heterosexual,” Mims said. “I am always a little bit shocked. I can understand a person having conservative values for themselves; it is interesting that they are so outwardly forceful on imposing their values on somebody else. That shocks me.”

Mims actively supports one student organization to create a safe, supportive environment for homosexual students. The Queer Straight Alliance, or QSA, meets on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. By organizing different events, QSA attempts to make sexuality more discussable and tries to educate students on how to support gays and lesbians.

Wolfe believes that hostile behavior towards homosexuals “can only affect you, if you let it affect you.”

Big changes coming to the general studies program

Incoming freshmen will have new standards to abide by

**Antelope Staff**

Students already enrolled won’t need to worry, but fall 2010 incoming freshmen will have a new set of general studies guidelines to follow. All other students at the university will be “grandfathered in,” meaning they will stay on track with the old requirements.

Darian Snider, director of general studies and associate professor of German, said changes were carefully thought out. “We are striving to simulate more critical thinking skills that students can strongly develop to use as more independent thinkers in the workforce.”

Not changing: The general studies program still requires 45 credit hours of completion with 12 hours of foundational core, three hours of portal, 27 hours of distribution and three hours of capstone.

Transfer students having 24 hours

188 and offered in any department (Ex. ENG188).

Instead of taking English 1 and English 2, English 1 will be cut as a required class, leaving only English 2.

However, students will now have to score a 29 or higher on the English section of the high school ACT to be placed into their first UNK English class. If students do not score the 29, then they will have to take English 1—which will not count towards any credits, instead it will just act as a preparation course.”

or more of general studies credit are exempt from taking the portal.

Changes made: The biggest difference in the new general studies requirements will be the portal courses designed to develop critical thinking skills. Students are strongly encouraged to take the portal in the first two semesters. These portal courses are numbered course, an interdisciplinary course that focuses again on critical thinking.

Faculty have often been divided about the changes and even called for a vote of no confidence in the Faculty Senate two weeks ago. http://www.unk-antelope.com/story/?a=3659

Some teachers have voiced they are frustrated with changing over 200 courses to fit the new requirements.

Returning students can “opt” into the new catalog or stay with the catalog they had used. They can’t take their favorites from both.

The degree audit, still on WebEasi and WebSmart, makes this more confusing.

The new general studies requirements will be a huge change for students, but so will be getting familiar with the new system MyBlue.

Most people are timid—and sometimes confused— when faced with change, yet another reason faculty has not been 100 percent supportive.
Reflections of a graduate: A fellow student offers advice

BY JENNIFER KARDELL
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It’s that time of year again, time for finals, time for late night study sessions at coffee shops, time for nice weather and time for graduation. This is the time when most students lock themselves in the library or their dorms and knock out the last minute projects and presentations. This in turn can cause so much stress for students, especially those who are focusing on the ultimate college achievement—college graduation.

My story is a little different than most. I am currently a public relations major at UNK, and this is my second degree. After testing out the waters with my first degree, I decided it wasn’t for me. This is my second graduation in the last three years. I am much happier with my decision this time around and might be considered a “graduating” veteran. I would like to share some advice with those who are getting ready for their graduation day.

My first piece of advice to upcoming graduates is to keep the main goal in mind: graduation. In order to do this, remember keep your focus, know what you want and go for it. Don’t let anything influence your opinion because you have to do what’s right for you. Yeah this may sound cliché, but it’s true. You will be much happier in the long run if you make yourself happy rather than doing something to make others happy.

A second piece of advice is get involved with activities revolving around your major. It never hurts to gain any experience you can, big or small. Get an internship. Internships are a great way to gain experience, gain contacts, gain references and quite possibly, put a foot in the door for your future.

So far you may be thinking, “Yeah, I know this. I’ve heard it all before from professors and my parents,” but there is one thing you may not have heard from your professors and parents that could quite possibly be the most important piece of advice: have fun! Enjoy your time at college. Four years may seem like a long time, but in reality these could be the quickest four years of your life. Of course all the advice you hear about working hard and spending countless hours of studying is something you should do, but taking time for yourself is just as important.

This is something I have learned the hard way with both degrees I have achieved and something I regret not doing during my time at UNK. Burning the candle out at both ends is going to end up hurting you in the long run so take time for friends and yourself in between your studies. Never take your friends or the memories you create with them for granted.

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The end result: a feeling of relief you will never forget.

To my fellow graduates of UNK in spring 2010, congratulations and the best of luck on your future endeavors. To those preparing for graduation, enjoy your time and live life to the fullest. Your college years are some of the best years of your life.

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Welcome to the Family
Congratulations Graduates, remember to stay connected.
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It's a slam dunk

the best of college basketball

BY DREW HOSELTON
JMC 215

Year in and year out we are exhilarated by some of the best college basketball performances the game has ever seen. From a single player to an entire team, we wait for the next defining moment that will make someone a legend or a team left in the glory of college basketball's greatest forever.

This past decade provided some of the greatest individual performances the game has ever seen, but team performances ruled the decade.

Teams that were already at elite status kept their tradition rolling by building their resumes every season, and they are considered college basketball’s elites.

On the other hand, many others proved they belonged in the elites and made a name for themselves. With all these vying for the top spot in college basketball the past decade I thought it would be a challenge to put together a top 10 poll of the best men’s college basketball programs of the past decade based on their accomplishments and statistics.

I decided to ask other basketball fans what they thought of my list.

Chris Killin, a sophomore history major from Central City is a die-hard college basketball fan, who on any given night can be found in front of the TV watching a game.

Killin made his own list. He said, “I chose Florida as my No. 1 team because they appeared in the National Championship three times, winning twice in the decade and produced NBA players including Mike Miller, Joakim Noah and Al Horford.”

Picking the top team of the decade wasn’t the hard part, but figuring out where everyone goes after that was a bit of a tug of war of sorts.

Killin’s top three consist of national powerhouses with storied traditions dating back to the early 80s or earlier: Florida, North Carolina and Kansas. “Tradition wasn’t the reason I chose those as my top three. I based it off of overall winning percentage, final fours, championships and league titles each have won over the past 10 years,” Killin said.

Marty Levinson, UNK men’s basketball graduate assistant, says that North Carolina would easily be on the top of his list because for years they terrorized college basketball with easily the most talented players anybody has ever seen... "If it wasn’t for the NBA Draft, they probably would have won more titles than just two."

It’s easy to be biased when it comes to making your own list of the best college basketball programs, but when using stats and accomplishments as your measuring tool you’ll find there are a lot of twists and turns. The next time you and your friends are arguing about who was the greatest team the past decade, I invite you to check out the stats and accomplishments, because they never lie.

No roughing the passer, on or off the gridiron

BY CRAIG HALL
Antelope Staff

In recent light of Pittsburgh Steelers’ quarterback Ben Roethlisberger suspension by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell after Roethlisberger was accused of rape, some have argued that position on a field influences the decision of the commissioner.

If you follow the NFL at all, it is obvious that the league tries to protect the quarterback more so than any other player on the field. Even small late hits on a quarterback are called, and defenders are being asked not to bring a quarterback down when the defender is already on the ground.

It’s obvious why the league is doing this; the quarterback is the face of not only the team, but of the NFL. The most notable faces in the NFL: Brett Favre, Peyton Manning, Tom Brady and Drew Brees—all quarterbacks. So does in fact the league treat quarterbacks with more lenience off the field then other players?

Let’s start with the Roethlisberger...
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lenience off the field then other players? Let’s start with the Roethlisberger suspension. Roethlisberger was handed a six game suspension after violating the NFL’s player conduct policy. The quarterback was accused by a 20-year-old college student of sexual assault while at a bar in Milledgeville, Ga. In her statement to the police, the college student said Roethlisberger encouraged her and her friends to take numerous shots of alcohol. She was later escorted down a hallway at the nightclub, where she said the quarterback exposed himself. She said she tried to leave and went to a bathroom, but Roethlisberger followed her. Roethlisberger was cleared of the charges because the D.A. said the case lacked enough strength to pursue.

In another incident of a player breaking the player conduct policy back in 2007, defensive tackle Tank Johnson was suspended for eight games. Johnson was suspended after serving two months in jail for breaking probation, one of only several incidents with Johnson and the law. His run-ins included eight unregistered firearms found in a police raid and the shooting of his bodyguard while at a nightclub with Johnson.

So how do these suspensions correlate? Is there sufficient evidence to say because Roethlisberger was a quarterback he received a lighter sentence then Johnson. In my eyes Johnson, having served two months in jail, had already served most of his punishment. Maybe a two-game suspension would have been adequate. Meanwhile Roethlisberger basically is getting off scot-free and is going to sit for four games before the commissioner reinstates him.

In my opinion, no doubt the league favors quarterbacks— even in off-field incidents more than they do other positions. Goodell had a chance to set an example with Roethlisberger that quarterbacks are not above other players, and he failed miserably.
Nebraska key in repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

Human rights advocates focus on the swing vote of Nebraska Senators to push the new legislation through.

The reason that the Don't Ask, Don't Tell repeal is so important is that over 13,000 gay and lesbian service members have been discharged under Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

By Brie Maaske
Antelope Staff

The Declaration of Independence states that all people are created equal, and should have an equal opportunity to pursue happiness. In spite of this, the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law has been in place since 1993, prohibiting openly gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender individuals from serving their country.

Nebraskans might have a more important voice than folks from, say California or Washington State, as advocates for the repeal of the military policy “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” focus on the swing vote of Nebraska Senators to push the legislation through.

The Human Rights Campaign sent field staff to six states — Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Virginia and West Virginia — where congressional support for repeal is critical. Advocates for the change say the law should be repealed for the good of the military.

In March both Lincoln and Omaha were stops on the 26-stop national tour "Voices of Honor: A Generation Under Don't Ask, Don't Tell" aimed at repealing the law that bans gay men and lesbian women from serving openly in the U.S. military. Representatives also spent time in Kearney and Hastings.

For the last month and a half, Karl Bach, field organizer with the Human Rights Campaign, the nation’s largest gay and lesbian, bisexual and transgender advocacy group, has been working with two Nebraskans, building support for the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell.”

Bach said, “The reason that the Don't Ask Don't Tell repeal is so important is that over 13,000 gay and lesbian service members have been discharged under Don't Ask Don't Tell.”

The problem, Bach said, is that 800 of those service members were mission critical specialists. “In some cases, they were highly skilled people, Arab linguists and medics — and when the military found out their sexual orientation, 'Don't Ask Don't Tell' mandated that they be discharged.”

By July of 1994, the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military reported that the military had discharged 49 nuclear, biological, and chemical warfare specialists, 212 medical-care workers, 90 nuclear power engineers and 340 infantrymen.

Important support comes from the top. President Obama put repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" on his list of goals in his State of the Union Address. “When the president sets out the State of the Union, it is really a checklist of what they want to accomplish in that year. If he is able to repeal 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell', he can check that off his list— and if he isn’t able to get this repealed, it will reflect poorly upon his efficiency as a president,” Bach said.

Bach says there is legislation to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell", entitled the Military Readiness Enhancement Act, which puts out a positive spin. The name, he said, “is a pretty amazing name for a bill. Like how can you be against military readiness enhancement?”

The Military Readiness Enhancement Act will repeal “Don't Ask, Don’t Tell” and put a non-discrimination policy in the military. And Bach says that Nebraska plays a significant part in getting this bill passed.

“As we need both senators to support the bill, both Mike Johanns and Ben Nelson, Nelson is of particular interest to us,” he said. “Ben Nelson is a member of the Armed Services Committee, and we think that it might be one or two votes shy of getting the bill passed out of committee.”

“If we get Senator Nelson to support the repeal of ‘Don’t Ask Don’t Tell’, we are very confident that we can move it into the full Senate and to the president’s desk.”

“Don’t Ask, Page 15"
Droids awarded to CSIS through Google grant

BY AMANDA HODGE
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The Droids are here—courtesy Google—and students are ready to make the most of the new technology.

"Using the Droid provides a modern approach to programming and allows us to connect to a younger generation," said Phil Lempke, a junior computer science and information systems major from Wallace.

Dr. John Hastings and the department of Computer Science and Information Systems (CSIS) at UNK have been awarded 15 Verizon DROID phones from Google’s AndroidEDU program.

AndroidEDU is designed to generate a new interest in mobile engineering and make computer science tangible for students by supporting a hands-on coding and testing experience. The award is the result of a competitive application process. Hastings’s proposal, titled “UNKLE! (University of Nebraska at Kearney: Launch Engineering)” is aimed to launch an interest in mobile phone computing.

An increase in mobile phone computing could increase UNK computer science program visibility throughout the community and nation. In addition, the CSIS department can begin to integrate mobile phone projects into a variety of courses, and culminate in a specific focus on mobile phone computing within the software engineering course. The phones will support undergraduate student research as well.

It’s not through their music or movies, but through their style

Interchange of pop culture between Japan/Korea

BY HEENAM GUK
JMC 215

In Korea, young women model themselves after the Japanese movie star Aoi Yu, who appeared as a main character in “Honey & Clover.” Since 2006 when the movie was released, Aoi Yu’s style has been popular among Korean girls.

Her character was very innocent and lovely, because unlike other existing Japanese actresses, she didn’t wear heavy makeup or fake tan. She could have had on makeup or not, even her freckles were exposed. Her disheveled hair made up with her strong charm: pure and natural.

The so called “apple hair” is her signature hairstyle. It’s a kind of a chignon or bun, unfinished, not neat but more natural and loose. So many Korean girls imitate the apple hair when they want to look pure or plain. Even Korean actresses imitate the style to be appealing like Aoi Yu.

However, there are girls who didn’t see or can’t remember her movie, but they know well about Aoi Yu’s apple hair.

Jihye Seo, a senior majoring in psychology from South Korea said, “We always study her makeup, like ‘non’ makeup, because we also want to look pure and natural. Her ‘apple hair’ is really cute and lovely, even easy to do. Being in full figure is not charming anymore, and we always go on a diet to be slender like her.”

On the other hand, Japanese young men emulate "BigBang," a Korean famous hip-hop group, Korean Exile. Exile is the most famous idol group in Japan in this decade.

Six entertainment sports daily newspapers (like Sports Hochi) give prominent coverage to their concert and popularity. In 2009, they even won the best new artist’s award in Japan.

In Korea, BigBang is very popular too, but their style is not accepted like it is in Japan. It’s always controversial, and their stage act is a little too raunchy for Korean broadcasts because they sometimes wear T-shirts printed with suggestive pictures and remarks.

But in Japan, the style is rather considered as new and unique. This point appeals to Japanese guys who are seeking something different and special.

Ikumitsu Tanaka a freshman aviation system management major from Japan said, “Japanese guys usually don’t like to imitate the style of other people. We like more to ’be me.’ But I like Big-Bang; they are so cool and so brand new. Most of all, they have a uniqueness. That’s exactly what Japanese guys want. We are fanatical for that!”

Photo by Amanda Hodge

Paden Hogeland, a junior computer science and information systems major from Kearney experiments with a Droid phone during class. Fifteen Droids were donated by Google to the Computer Science Department.

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Darin Jolly – LEBANON, NE
BT BS AGRIBUSINESS
AVIATION SYSTEMS MGT COMP
Lucas Jones – KEARNEY, NE
ED BS EXERCISE SCIENCE
Stacy Jons – AXTELL, NE
NS BS RADIOGRAPHY COMPREHENSIVE
Justin Judy – GLENVIL, NE
BT BS INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION COMP
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FA BA JOURN: PUBLIC RELATIONS
Damon Kasselder – ERICSON, NE
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BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
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Angela Keller – GIBBON, NE
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GR MSE COMMUNITY COUNSELING
Sean Kerby – DANNEBROG, NE
BT BS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT COMP
John Kerkman – LINCOLN, NE
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Summer Key – NORTH WILKESBOR, NE
GR MAE READING PK-12
Jake Klabenes – CLEARWATER, NE
GR MBA BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Valarie Klein – WOOD RIVER, NE
GR MAE SCHOOL PRINCIPALSHIP 7-12
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NS BGS GENERAL STUDIES
Michael Kling – MINATARE, NE
NS BS BIOLOGY
Nicole Kluthe – CAIRO, NE
ED BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6 EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED
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Bradley Kollath – OMAHA, NE
FA BFA VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS & DESIGN
Katie Kowalski – LOUP CITY, NE
ED BSE COMMUNICATION DISORDERS COMP
Brad Kraft – KEARNEY, NE
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Holly Krchaluk – LOUP CITY, NE
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Kirsten Kronberg – OMAHA, NE
BT BS FAMILY STUDIES
Timothy Krupicka – WAYNE, NE
GR EDS SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
Timothy Kulhanek – KEARNEY, NE
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Kevin Kurtenbach – GRAND ISLAND, NE
NS BS GEOGRAPHY
Mujahid Kuwa – LINCOLN, NE
FA BA INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
Joshua Lacy – COZAD, NE
NS BS POLITICAL SCIENCE
Linda Lange – RANDOLPH, NE
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Mary Lanksy – KEARNEY, NE
FA BA MUSIC
Kendra Larseny – MILFORD, NE
FA BM MUSIC COMP
Ryan Larsen – FREMONT, NE
FA BS JOURN: MASS MEDIA
Stacy Laue – KEARNEY, NE
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Merritt Lawson – KEARNEY, NE
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Brooke Ledesma – OMAHA, NE
GR MS BIOLOGY
Matthew Lentz – AINSWORTH, NE
NS BGS GENERAL STUDIES
Kara Lenz – KEARNEY, NE
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Peter Lillyman – KEARNEY, NE
ED BS EXERCISE SCIENCE FITNESS & WELLNESS COMP
Greg Locklear – LINCOLN, NE
BT BS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT COMP
Darrin Loecker – CROFTON, NE
GR MAE SPECIAL EDUCATION
Kelly Loeffler – NORTH PLATTE, NE
GR EDS SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY SPECIALIST
Maria Lopez – LEXINGTON, NE
BT BS INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION COMP
Jared Loschen – KEARNEY, NE
NS BS CHEMISTRY COMPREHENSIVE
Lacey Loy – GERING, NE
NS BS PSYCHOLOGY CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Barbara Lucas – KEARNEY, NE
NS BS GENERAL STUDIES
Brian Luce – KEARNEY, NE
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP BUSINESS ECONOMICS COMP
Cody Lusero – PAPILLION, NE
GR MBA BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
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NS BS PSYCHOLOGY
Ashley Luther – KEARNEY, NE
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ED BAE MIDDLE GRADES 4-9
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Anthony Mahood – PAGE, NE
ED BS EXERCISE SCIENCE COMP
Becky Manning – KEARNEY, NE
NS BS SOCIAL WORK COMPREHENSIVE
Matthew Marchio – OMAHA, NE
NS BS CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMPREHENSIVE
Juan Martileno – GIBBON, NE
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Laura Marx – NORTH PLATTE, NE
GR MAE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
Adam Marshall – ELM CREEK, NE
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Jacqueline Maucher – NORTH PLATTE, NE
GR MAE SPECIAL EDUCATION
Taylor Maulshey y – MINDEN, NE
NS BS HISTORY EDUCATION 7-12 PHYSICAL EDUCATION 7-12
Mallory Mawby – KEARNEY, NE
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Timothy May – IMPERIAL, NE
BT BS AGRIBUSINESS
Aaron McBride – OGALLALA, NE
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Jacob McCarthy – NORTH PLATTE, NE
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Christopher McKeon – KEARNEY, NE
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Jake McMillan – RALSTON, NE
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Melissa McMinn – GOTHENBURG, NE
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BT BS TELECOMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT
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FA BS JOURN: PUBLIC RELATIONS
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Kendra Moon – MINDEN, NE
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Sara Moore – CENTRAL CITY, NE
NS BS CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Kelly Morgan – NORTH BEND, NE
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Brent Morris – MARION, NE
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Ann Moyer – LINCOLN, NE
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FA BS JOURN: NEWS EDITORIAL
Matthew Mullen – KEARNEY, NE
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Jack Munford – FALLS CITY, NE
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Christina Murcek – OMAHA, NE
GR MSE INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY
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Stacy Neal – GRAND ISLAND, NE
BT BS FAMILY STUDIES
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ED BAE EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED
Thomas Neemann – SYRACUSE, NE
BT BS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT COMP
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NS BS CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMPREHENSIVE
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BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
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Janae Nienhueser – YORK, NE
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NS BA PHYSICS
Kendra Nollette — HASTINGS, NE  
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Michaela Nutt — COZAD, NE  
ED BAE MIDDLE GRADES 4-9

Darren Nutter — KEARNEY, NE  
NS BS CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Jessica Obermier — AURORA, NE  
NS BS PSYCHOLOGY

Ken Obermiller — GRAND ISLAND, NE  
GR MAE ART EDUCATION

Lucas Obermiller — LOUP CITY, NE  
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Erik O’Brien — HASTINGS, NE  
FA BS MULTIMEDIA

Megan O’Brien — MCCOOK, NE  
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Brian Oster — KENESAW, NE  
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Lauran Ostdiek — STROMSBURG, NE  
FA BA INTERNATIONAL STUDIES GERMAN

Sara Ostdieck — LAWRENCE, NE  
NS BS SOCIAL WORK COMPREHENSIVE

Joseph Ostrander — KEARNEY, NE  
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Kathleen Owens — ATKINSON, NE  
GR MSE SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Dustin Paccotta — COLOMBUS, NE  
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP

Amanda Palkowitsh — ST. EDWARD, NE  
GR MSEE SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Afton Palmer — OMAHA, NE  
FA BFA VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS & DESIGN

Josiah Parker — LINCOLN, NE  
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP

Bradley Parman — BENKELMAN, NE  
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP

William Pearman — MULLEN, NE  
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP

Danielle Penner — GRAND ISLAND, NE  
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Rachel Pesek — SWANTON, NE  
NS BS PSYCHOLOGY COMPREHENSIVE

Lisa Peter — ONEWILL, NE  
NS BS CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Bridget Peters — OMAHA, NE  
ED BAE MIDDLE GRADES 4-9

Andra Petersen — BURWELL, NE  
BT BS FAMILY STUDIES

Winter Petersen — VALENTINE, NE  
NS BS CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Kaitlyn Peterson — GOTHENBURG, NE  
NS BS PSYCHOBIOLoy COMPREHENSIVE

Kiley Peterson — GOTHENBURG, NE  
BT BS INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION COMP

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BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP

Brandon Pettigrew — KEARNEY, NE  
NS BS POLITICAL SCIENCE

Elizabeth Petto — OMAHA, NE  
NS BS POLITICAL SCIENCE

Margaret Pierce — BERTRAND, NE  
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP

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BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TRANSLATION-INTERPRETATION: SPANISH

Ana Stacia Placke — ST. PAUL, NE  
NS BS PSYCHOLOGY

Mark Porter — NELSON, NE  
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP

Tyler Powell — WOOD RIVER, NE  
BT BS AGRIBUSINESS

Lindsay Powell-Davis — WOOD RIVER, NE  
GR MAE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Danica Praeuner — NORFOLK, NE  
ED BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6 EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED

Whitney Prokupek — COLUMBUS, NE  
NS BS BIOLOGY COMP

Cynthia Propp-Mitchell — SCOTTSBLUFF, NE  
GR MSEE SCHOOL COUNSELING - ELEMENTARY

Nicholas Quintin — KEARNEY, NE  
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP

Rebecca Redl — MCCOOK, NE  
GR MAE SCHOOL PRINCIPALSHIP PK-8

Meghan Reinhard — HASTINGS, NE  
ED BAE MIDDLE GRADES 4-9

Jody Reiser — KEARNEY, NE  
ED BSE COMMUNICATION DISORDERS COMP

Chelsea Richards — ALMA, NE  
FA BA ENGLISH

Jared Riggert — GIBBON, NE  
NS BS SOCIAL WORK COMPREHENSIVE

Shane Riley — ARAPAHOE, NE  
NS BS HISTORY GEOGRAPHY

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FA BM MUSIC COMP

Scott Ritterbush — SCOTTSBLUFF, NE  
NS BAE HISTORY EDUCATION 7-12 SPEECH EDUCATION 7-12

Amy Ross — GRAND ISLAND, NE  
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP

Jeffrey Roy — ORD, NE  
NS BS BIOLOGY COMP

Shawn Rubek — BLAIR, NE  
ED BS SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

Erik Runice — GRAND ISLAND, NE  
GR MAE SCHOOL PRINCIPALSHIP PK-8

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FA BFA COMPREHENSIVE STUDIO ART

Derek Ruppert — MCCOOK, NE  
NS BS INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Jewell Rupprecht — HILDRETH, NE  
ED BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6

Hayley Ryan — OVERTON, NE  
GR MAE SPECIAL EDUCATION

Eric Rybacki — FRANKLIN, NE  
NS BS PHYSICS COMPREHENSIVE

Jenna Rycek — KEARNEY, NE  
NS BS PSYCHOLOGY

Cristobal Salinas — SCHUYLER, NE  
FA BAE SPANISH EDUCATION 7-12 ENGLISH AS 2ND LANGUAGE

Grant Saltzgaber — GRAND ISLAND, NE  
NS BS PHYSICS COMPREHENSIVE

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NS BS RADIOGRAPHY COMPREHENSIVE

Abbie Sazama — ST. PAUL, NE  
BT BS INTERIOR DESIGN COMPREHENSIVE

Rodney Schall — KEARNEY, NE  
NS BS BIOLOGY COMP

Adam Schapmann — TILDEN, NE  
NS BS BIOLOGY COMP

Andrea Scheitler — VALENTINE, NE  
GR EDS SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY-SPECIALIST

Andrea Schick — NORTH PLATTE, NE  
ED BS EXERCISE SCIENCE

Ashley Schmidt — PALMYRA, NE  
ED BS SPORTS ADMINISTRATION COMP

Brittany Schmidt — YORK, NE  
NS BS PSYCHOLOGY

Kristen Schwarzlender — ARLINGTON, NE  
ED BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6

Nikki Scott — BROKEN BOW, NE  
ED BSE COMMUNICATION DISORDERS COMP

Sarah Scullery — LEXINGTON, NE  
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP

Jordan Seegers — KEARNEY, NE  
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP

Elizabeth Seger — PONCA, NE  
GR MSEE SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Christopher Senkible — CENTRAL CITY, NE  
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Zach Senkible — CENTRAL CITY, NE  
BT BS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT COMP

David Shabram — ORCHARD, NE  
GR MSEE INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Tracy Shafer — EDISON, NE  
NS BS CHEMISTRY COMPREHENSIVE

Kelsee Sharpe — TABLE ROCK, NE  
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP

James Shearer — OMAHA, NE  
NS BS BIOLOGY COMP

Nicole Shearer — BROKEN BOW, NE  
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP

Matthew Shearer — LUNDY, NE  
GR MSEE INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Bryan Talbert — MINDEN, NE  
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP

Meagan Smejdik — LINCOLN, NE  
FA BA TRANSLATION-INTERPRETATION: SPANISH

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ED BS SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

Kelsey Smith — BLAIR, NE  
BT BS FAMILY STUDIES

Nicole Smith — OMAHA, NE  
GR MSE SCHOOL COUNSELING - STUDENT AFFAIRS

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NS BS BIOLOGY COMP

Meghan Sole — KEARNEY, NE  
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP

Justin Spaulding — ARAPAHOE, NE  
NS BS RESPIRATORY THERAPY COMP

Cody Spencer — KEARNEY, NE  
BT BS INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION COMP

Angela Spotanski — KEARNEY, NE  
ED BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6 EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED

Katie Springer — AURORA, NE  
NS BS SOCIAL WORK COMPREHENSIVE

Michael Springer — BEATRICE, NE  
GR MA ENGLISH

Travis Steinhoff — CRETE, NE  
FA BAE SPANISH EDUCATION 7-12 PHYSICAL EDUCATION 7-12

Traci Stevens — MCCOOK, NE  
ED BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6

Emily Stickney — ALLIANCES, NE  
BT BAE VOCATIONAL BUSINESS ED 7-12

Luke Stobel — GERING, NE  
ED BS SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

Tera Stokeland — DEWITT, NE  
NS BS PSYCHOLOGY

Jacqueline Stoltenberg — ORD, NE  
FA BS JOURN: NEWS EDITORIAL

Kellie Stopak — OMAHA, NE  
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP

Anne Stott — KEARNEY, NE  
GR EDS SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY-SPECIALIST

Manon Strayer — GRAND ISLAND, NE  
GR MAE READING PK-12

Christina Struebing — KEARNEY, NE  
GR MSEE INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Stacey Stubbs — MINDEN, NE  
NS BAE SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION 7-12

Janeen Statham — NORFOLK, NE  
NS BS PSYCHOLOGY

Christine Suchland — KEARNEY, NE  
GR MSEE SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Evan Suhro — VALENTINE, NE  
NS BS BIOLOGY COMP

Trenton Sweet — MINDEN, NE  
FA BS ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION

Hannah Swink — IMPERIAL, NE  
GR MBA BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Jennifer Swirczek — BROKEN BOW, NE  
GR GPA ENGLISH ARTS

Hannah Swink — IMPERIAL, NE  
GR MBA BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Nicole Swink — GRAND ISLAND, NE  
FA BAE SPANISH EDUCATION 7-12 ENGLISH AS 2ND LANGUAGE
Patrick Tenen – AUBURN, NE
NS BS CHEMISTRY COMPREHENSIVE
Sally Thayer – IMPERIAL, NE
ED BSE COMMUNICATION DISORDERS COMP
Nicholas Theis – GRAND ISLAND, NE
ED BS EXERCISE SCIENCE COMP
Jessica Thompson – CURTIS, NE
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Bryan Todd – KEARNEY, NE
NS BS PSYCHOLOGY
Caleb Trembly – NORTH PLATTE, NE
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Tucker Turner – OVERTON, NE
ED BS SPORTS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Tesa Valdez – GRAND ISLAND, NE
ED BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6
EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED
Jordan Van Winkle – CHAPELLE, NE
NS BS COMPUTER SCIENCE COMPREHENSIVE
Joshua VandenBerge – KEARNEY, NE
BT BS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT COMP
Ashley VanDeventer – OMAHA, NE
NS BS CHEMISTRY (ACS APPROVED)
Courtney Veeder – PAPILLION, NE
ED BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6
Cynthia Vencill – KEARNEY, NE
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Alivia Virgil – MEAD, NE
NS BS BIOLOGY COMP
Rita Vogel – HOWELLS, NE
ED BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6 EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED
Kilee Vogt – BUTTE, NE
ED BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6 MILD/MODERATE K-6 FIELD
Collette Wagner – ARLINGTON, NE
NS BS PSYCHOLOGY SOCIOLOGY
William Wagner – AINSWORTH, NE
NS BSE BIOLOGY EDUCATION 7-12
Cody Waldman – HICKMAN, NE
NS BS SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION 7-12 SPANISH EDUCATION 7-12
Christopher Walker – KEARNEY, NE
ED BS EXERCISE SCIENCE
Brooke Wallman – ADAMS, NE
NS BS PSYCHOLOGY COMPREHENSIVE
Ashley Wegener – LINDSAY, NE
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Robert Wegener – PALMER, NE
GR MAE SCHOOL PRINCIPALSHIP 7-12
Katherine Weimer – OMAHA, NE
GR MS BIOLOGY
Rachel Weinberg – KEARNEY, NE
FA BAE MUSIC EDUCATION K-12
Nathan Weiss – KEARNEY, NE
NS BS MATHEMATICS COMPREHENSIVE
Jodi Welk-Tunheim – ALLIANCE, NE
GR MAE SPECIAL EDUCATION
Kelli Wenhoff – HUMBIREY, NE
ED BS EXERCISE SCIENCE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Lindsey Wendt – SCOTTSBLUFF, NE
FA BS ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION
Jordan Westgaard – KENESAW, NE
NS BS CHEMISTRY COMPREHENSIVE
Belinda Westfall – SIDNEY, NE
GR MAE SCHOOL PRINCIPALSHIP PK-8
Maryka Weverka – ARAPAHOE, NE
GR MAE SPECIAL EDUCATION
Ashley Weyers – LINCOLN, NE
ED BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6
MILD/MODERATE K-6 FIELD
Matthew Whitson – HOLBROOK, NE
NS BAE SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION 7-12
Levi Wicks – HASTINGS, NE
NS BS BIOLOGY COMP
Karen Wille – GRETNA, NE
GR EDS SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY SPECIALIST
Jeff Williams – LINCOLN, NE
ED BAE HEALTH & PHYSICAL ED K-12
Joseyline Williams – BENKELMAN, NE
GR MBA BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Kurtis Winters – GORDON, NE
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Audrey Wise-Carrier – KEARNEY, NE
GR MSE SPEECH/LANGUAGE/PATHOLOGY
Chelsea Wolf – EUSTIS, NE
ED BSE COMMUNICATION DISORDERS COMP
Corrina Wright – BELLEVUE, NE
BT BS INTERIOR DESIGN COMPREHENSIVE
Jamie Yendra – GIBSON, NE
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Tricia Young – KEARNEY, NE
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Out of state graduates
John Tomco – ANCHORAGE, AK
GR MAE PHYSICAL ED MASTER TEACHER
Sandi Clark – YORK, AL
GR MAE SCHOOL PRINCIPALSHIP 7-12
Apryl Neorontas – MOBILE, AL
GR MS BIOLOGY
Thomas Lopez – PINON HILLS, CA
BT BS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT COMP
Danielle Polacripo – SHERMAN OAKS, CA
NS BS CHEMISTRY (ACS APPROVED)
Matthew Salmons – VENTURA, CA
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Joseph Gonzales – LAKEWOOD, CO
ED BS SPORTS ADMINISTRATION
Rachel Hadacheck – ARAPAHOE, CO
ED BS EXERCISE SCIENCE COMP
Elizabeth Howell – BERTHOUD, CO
NS BS SOCIAL WORK COMPREHENSIVE
David Land – LAKEWOOD, CO
ED BS SPORTS ADMINISTRATION
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ED BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6 EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED
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GR MS BIOLOGY
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Josh Hagel – ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL
NS BS BIOLOGY COMP
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GR MAE PHYSICAL ED EXERCISE SCIENCE
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ED BS SPORTS ADMINISTRATION COMP
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NS BS CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMPREHENSIVE
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FA BA PHILOSOPHY
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GR MS BIOLOGY
Heather McClain – PHILLIPSBURG, KS
NS BS RADIOGRAPHY COMPREHENSIVE
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Derek Ross – ST. FRANCIS, KS
FA BA PHILOSOPHY
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GR MAE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
Leo Alberti – BEMIDJI, MN
GR MAE ART EDUCATION
Chelsey Pazhig – MANKATO, MN
GR MS BIOLOGY
Bret Basye – WARRENSBURG, MO
GR MAE SCHOOL PRINCIPALSHIP PK-8
Christy Sandell – KANSAS CITY, MO
GR MS BIOLOGY
Christina Wallace – CAMDENTON MO
GR MAE SPECIAL EDUCATION
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GR MAE SPECIAL EDUCATION
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GR MS BIOLOGY
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GR MSE INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY
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GR MS BIOLOGY
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GR EDS SCHOOL COUNSELING - STUDENT AFFAIRS
Goldie Willis – NOLENVILLE, TN
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GR MSE SCIENCE EDUCATION
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NS BS SOC SCI COMP/WHISTORY
Sharon Hyak – VICTORIA, TX
GR MS BIOLOGY
Penny Upshaw – RUTHER GLEN, VA
GR MS BIOLOGY
Douglas Dearden – TROUT LAKE, WA
GR EDS SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
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BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
International Students
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EDS SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
Surabhi Bhattaral – NEPAL
BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
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NS BS BIOLOGY COMP
Samantha Hanna – BAHAMAS
GR MS BIOLOGY
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ED BS EXERCISE SCIENCE
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GR MAE CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
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ED BAE EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED
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BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Huijie Lu – CHINA
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Happy Macwan – INDIA
NS BGS GENERAL STUDIES
Raquel Moura – LONDONO, BRAZIL
ED BS RECREATION/PARK/TOURISM MANAGEMENT COMP
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BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Maasa Nakamura – JAPAN
BT BS INTERIOR DESIGN COMPREHENSIVE
Mari Nakamura – JAPAN
BS SOCIOLOGY
Monica Page Ruiz – HONDURAS
GR MAE CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
Hiroki Takei – JAPAN
FA BFA VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS & DESIGN
Roseline Toure – COTE, D’IVOIRE
BT BS BUSINESS ECONOMICS COMP
Sapana Upadhyay – NEPAL
FA BS JOURN: NEWS EDITORIAL SOCIAL WORK COMPREHENSIVE
Huilihui Xian – CHINA
GR MAE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
Xia Wan – CHINA
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Shuting Wang – CHINA
BT BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Mario Rojas Wuman – COLUMBIA
FA BA STUDIO ART
Kumi Yamamura – JAPAN
BT BS FAMILY STUDIES
Yang Yang – CHINA
NS BS CHEMISTRY (ACS APPROVED)

Graduation
MAY 5, 2010
**Graduation Latin Honors**

### Summa Cum Laude
- Elizabeth Ackerman – Omaha (H)
- Adam Akerson – Sidney
- Nicole Blaschko – Ravenna
- Brittany Brown – Cambridge (H, MB, PKP)
- Grant Campbell – Tecumseh (H)
- Katrina Chavez – Minden (H)
- Katie Chramosta – Minden
- Thomas Dwyer – Bartlett
- Tyler Fletcher – Spencer
- Casey Glatter – Kearney
- Mark Grimes – Raymond (H)
- Shana Guthrie – Holdrege
- Abigail Harris – Omaha (H)
- Rebecca Hoesing – Laurel (H)
- Matthew Howe – Wood River (H)
- James Jelkin – Kearney
- Angela Keller – Gibbon (H)
- Angela Keller – Gibbon
- Zhu Liang – China
- Brandon Mizner – Grand Island (PKP)
- Elizabeth Petto – Omaha (H)
- Grant Saltzgaber – Grand Island (H)
- Meagan Smejdir – Lincoln (H, MB)
- Luke Stobel – Gering
- Janeen Stuthman – Norfolk
- Sally Thayer – Imperial
- Alicia Virgil – Mead
- Rita Vogel – Howells (H, MB)
- Cody Waldman – Hickman (H)
- Ashley Wegener – Lindsay (H, MB)
- Lindsey Wendt – Scottsbluff (H)

### Magna Cum Laude
- Lacey Batt – Gering (PKP)
- Jeremy Bauer – Lincoln (H)
- Michelle Bergholz – Grand Island (H)
- Jacqueline Blunck – Osmond (H)
- Crystal Bonin – Deshler
- Kristie Bonner – Battle Creek
- Olivia Call – Fairbury
- Cole Carrather – Spalding (PKP)
- Julia Catsinas – Waverly
- Trisha Dunn-Rinke – Wallace (H, PKP)
- Kent Feuerborn – Sidney
- Stephanie Folkers – Lexington
- Kaitlyn Forbes – Palmer
- Seth Ford – Bertrand
- Jessica Foster – Grand Island
- Mae Gunzelman – Omaha
- Maxwell Hadensfeldt – Gering
- Sarah Halkyard – Alda
- Janae Harris – Wauneta
- Eric Hinze – Axtell (H)

### Cum Laude
- McKenzie Hoehn – Kearney
- Trevor Hyatt – Lexington
- Amy Jacobson – Kearney
- Becki Jameson – Minden
- Holly Krahulik – Loup City
- Kendra Larsen – Milford
- Stacy Laue – Kearney (PKP)
- Jared Loschen – Kearney (H)
- Julia Lyons – McCook
- Becky Manning – Kearney
- Thomas Neumann – Syracuse
- Casey Nelsen – Callaway
- Kendra Nollette – Hastings
- Lucas Obermiller – Loup City
- Brittany Schmidt – York (H)
- Nikki Scott – Broken Bow (MB)
- Jordan Van Winkle – Chappell (H)
- Ashley Vandeventer – Omaha (H, MB)
- Kelli Wemhoff – Humphrey

### Honorable Mention
- Patrick Ackerman – Holdrege (H)
- Chelsey Allen – Ainsworth
- Chelsea Archer – Beatrice
- Holden Armstrong – North Platte (H)
- Katherine Bauer – Seward
- Ashley Blaha – Kearney
- Amanda Brabec – Clarkson
- Rachael Broadwell – Hastings
- Krista Burgland – Kearney
- Krista Calderon – Harvard
- Sara Cappel – McCook
- Kaleb Cruise – St. Edward
- Amanda Davidson – McCook
- Melissa Edson – Omaha (H, MB)
- Emma Edwards – Omaha (H, MB)
- Sebastian Edwards – Arapahoe
- Ryan Etherton – Lincoln
- Stacy Gappa – Grand Island
- Jennifer Golter – Litchfield (H)
- Jenny Hamilton – Hayes Center
- Michael James – Nebraska City (H)
- Mary Johnson – Lexington
- Kathryn Kowalski – Loup City
- Timothy Kulhanek – Kearney
- Mary Langa – Kearney
- Qi Liu – China
- Alexis Luther – Lexington
- Mallory Mawby – Kearney
- Heather McClain – Phillipsburg, KS
- Jacob McGlade – Omaha (H)
- Clay McPeak – Valentine (MB)
- Ashley Mertens – North Platte
- Melissa Monzon – North Platte
- Kendra Moon – Minden
- Kelly Morgan – North Bend
- Michaela Nuch – Cozad
- Angela Ohri – Spencer (H)
- Anthony Olson – St. Edward
- Sara Ostdiek – Lawrence
- Josiah Parker – Lincoln
- Bridget Peters – Omaha
- Rory Petska – Ord
- Scott Phillips – Hays, KS
- Danielle Policarpio – Sherman Oaks, CA (H)
- Chelsea Richards – Alma
- Alexander Sandoz – Valentine
- Kristen Schwarlander – Arlington
- Stacey Stubbs – Minden
- Cynthia Vencill – Kearney
- Kilee Vogt – Butte
- Brooke Wallman – Adams
- Rachel Weinberg – Kearney

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ITALIAN 101 HELPS STUDENT ORDER PIZZA AT RESTAURANT

What began as a typical dining-out experience quickly turned into a scary situation yesterday when sophomore Danny Rivers and his friends realized that the Italian restaurant they had chosen for lunch... was completely Italian-speaking.

Looking for something more authentic than local favorite Pizza Palace, Danny and his friends decided to try a new place.

“We just don’t have any Italian here. Although, we are looking forward to seeing what they have to offer and work, they do it in a way with legal issues and making it genuine that don’t try to be it’s a creates a way. 

Round after round, the menu has been changing secret menu items like the 300 Balsamic tomato. One night behind the bar, watching and playing that it for the group, Danny Rivers did.

“I’ve been taking Italian 101 this semester,” Danny explained, “so I was pretty confortable in that environment. Once I heard him say ‘amici’ I knew he wasn’t mad at us or anything, so I just stuck with what I remembered... ‘saluti,’ “il mio nome è Danny,” that kind of stuff.”

After breaking the ice, Danny managed to tell the waiter that he and his friends wanted one very much good pizzas on the large. It was exactly what they received, much to everyone’s surprise.

“It was a good day,” Danny added. “Professore Vacanti would’ve been proud of me. Or maybe I should say would’ve been fiero di me.”

Professore Vacanti refused to comment.

FRESHMAN JUST REALIZES HE SPENT HIS ENTIRE STUDENT LOAN ALREADY

A frightening moment happened Saturday night as freshman Dirk Polston pulled a knife on him after a fight over a $10 extra cash back offer.

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