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This week’s online poll question:
What are you most looking forward to this year?

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The University of Nebraska at Kearney sets the stage for the upcoming school year when it hosts its annual Blue and Gold Welcome Week events for students and community members last Friday (Aug. 23) through Sept. 6.

The 16-day event is designed to help students become familiar with the UNK campus before classes begin, as well as give the public a chance to interact with students, faculty, staff and alumni through a variety of activities. This year’s theme is “To UNK and Beyond.”

Students begin moving into residence halls Friday and classes start Aug. 26.

Blue and Gold Welcome Week kicks off with the Blue and Gold Community Showcase, the annual welcome festival where more than 200 businesses and campus organizations set up booths. Live entertainment, food and product giveaways highlight the showcase, which is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday in the center of campus.

The showcase includes a free picnic hosted by Chancellor Doug Kristensen. The event is for students, faculty and community members from 5:30 to 7 p.m. near Cope Memorial Fountain.

“Our Blue and Gold Showcase celebration is a great way to introduce new and returning students to campus,” said Chandra Daffer, First Year Program assistant director. “It gives them an opportunity to become engaged, find organizations they can become involved with and socialize in a fun, laid back atmosphere.”

Another popular Welcome Week event open to the public is Destination Downtown from 8 to 10 p.m. on Aug. 29. Hosted in Downtown Kearney: The Bricks, the gathering includes prizes, free food, student discounts at businesses, an eating contest and live music from Kearney-based band The Talbott Brothers.

Buses will run from the Nebraskan Student Union and University Residence South to downtown and back until 11 p.m. for Destination Downtown.

“Strong community involvement and participation from area businesses is key to making Blue and Gold Welcome Week events successful,” Daffer said.

“We have so many wonderful community partnerships. The businesses and people involved in our activities are able to give students a positive first impression of our community,” she said. “Their involvement really sets the tone by showing students how welcoming Kearney is.”

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BY ADRIANNA TARIN
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Battles of being brown: The balance of two cultures

BY ASHLYN TORRES
Antelope Staff

I always lived with my mom. She did most of the basic day to day "how to survive" type of things, and my dad taught me the core values of our culture. He taught me respect, discipline, the value of family and how much having an open mind is worth – whether it's about food or people.

When people see me, they assume I'm Mexican. I'm actually a mix, half Puerto Rican and half white. My dad gave me my brown half, and while I grew up in Kansas, he always made sure I knew where I came from and took pride in that.

Being in the middle of two cultures never really bothered me or confused me until I went back to Puerto Rico. I realized I didn't know how to act around "my people." I just stayed quiet because I didn't want to disrespect anyone with my "white humor" or my language. The fact that I didn't speak Spanish wasn't too helpful either.

Honestly I felt "too white" to be there. After spending a couple weeks in the Puerto Rico, things became easier. When I came home to the States, I was in that limbo area again. I had become accustomed to Puerto Rican way of life. I had been back to the "motherland" and figured out who I really was. The tables had flipped and I felt "too brown" to be here.

The same thing happened when I came to college and tried to join a sorority. I originally rushed traditional sororities and was accepted into Gamma Phi Beta, but after a couple weeks I realized I just didn't really fit in there. I was "too brown." So I dropped and rushed Lambda Theta Nu, a multicultural sorority. But again, after a few weeks, I felt "too white." Talk about not knowing where you belong. Don't get me wrong, I loved all of the girls in G-Phi and in Lambda Theta Nu, but I just couldn't find my place in the group.

Honestly, I felt like I was the only one who felt like this. Then I met Danny Penaflor, a Mexican freshman here at UNK from Lexington. We got to talking, and I realized I wasn't the only one who dealt with the struggle of how to act. "How we were raised is different than the American culture," Penaflor told me. "You want to give a good impression, but you just don't know how to act. Respect is a big thing in our culture."

I also met Manny Rangel, a Mexican junior from Schuyler. "The culture is different. In Mexican culture, a guy asks the parents if they can date their daughter, but in American culture a guy doesn't ask for anything except marriage," Rangel said. And he was right.

How I was raised, if you didn't like the food on your plate, you choked it down anyway because it is considered rude and disrespectful to push food aside. And honestly, I thought everyone was like that until I got to high school. But I've noticed in America, if you are served something that you don't like, you don't touch it and no one notices.

Another thing I noticed was how American's valued their families. The Latino world holds onto their families and spends as much time as possible with them. Once you moved out to go to college, you're always welcome back home even if you're 30 and need to get back on your feet. It's even common for grandparents to live with their kids and grandkids. But traditionally in the American world, once you move out for college, parents expect you to stay moved out. That's not saying they won't let you crash at their place or come visit, but it's the expectation that once you move out, you need to handle your own life.

"My mom told me recently that I was trying to embrace the American culture too much. You know, move out when you're 18, go to college, that type of thing," Rangel explained to me. "She really wants me close by. I'm always welcome to move back home."

Rangel had some of the same struggles when it came to choosing a fraternity. "I was originally rushing Pike, but most of my friends from back home chose torush Sigma Lambda Beta. I was just more comfortable with my 'brown frat;' my friends were there," Rangel explained to me.

Personally, I had never experienced racism until I got to Kearney. Where I grew up, everyone knew me, so it was never a problem. When I got to Kearney, I started dealing with a lot of people who didn't know me, and they all assumed the same thing.

I experienced people who didn't want to deal with me because they didn't think I could speak English – when honestly I can hardly speak a lick of Spanish. I've had people give me dirty looks at my job for helping a Latino family. I even have coworkers who cannot stand to be around Latinos because they can't understand them and are so short fused with them. It breaks my heart to see such a disconnect between the people of my two cultures, especially because everyone is honest-to-God just trying to get by.

I promise. We're trying. We're trying not to offend you. We're trying to fit in. We're just trying to have a good life. It's just so hard because we don't always know the right thing to say. We're trying to fully embrace two cultures and it doesn't always work. Believe me when I say we really are trying to make the best of it.
To the classroom and beyond

While we come to college with hopes of obtaining a degree, we can take the chance to leave with much more.

BY KILEY DIBBERN
JMC 215

We all begin and end in the same place, from the Chancellor’s Convocation in the Health and Sports Center on our freshman move-in day to the day we walk across the stage in the Health and Sports Center four, maybe five or six, years later. When we graduate from college, we all know we’ll walk away with a diploma, a framed paper with our name on it. Eventually that paper finds its way into a dusty old box in the basement. People no longer care about your major, the ‘A’ you got in music appreciation, or all of the semesters you made the Dean’s List. When we walk across the stage at graduation, we’ll all be handed the same thing. What we get to personalize, however, is that time between freshman orientation and graduation.

Our entire undergraduate experience is marked by decision-making. For most students, these decisions deal primarily with academic issues, from declaring a major to figuring out how to satisfy a science requirement even though you’re a major to deciding which courses to take for your minor. These decisions are made up of personal character development far beyond the walls of Biology 103. The best way to enhance your education is by participating in on-campus activities and organizations.

As a freshman, I made the bold move to go Greek. This was the first of many involvements I would find myself a part of while at UNK. I had no idea what I was getting myself into. I was instantly thrown into a support system of people who genuinely cared about my wellbeing and wanted to see me excel both academically and personally. I watched as new doors were constantly being opened before me, each with new opportunities, involvements, organizations, and people presenting themselves behind them. I soon began to forget why I came to college. Wait, I have to go to classes?

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I changed my major once or twice — maybe four times. I wouldn’t call my changing life plans indecisiveness, but rather, over the past three years I have found that I am constantly learning new things about myself. I have made countless memories, amazing friends, and have experienced personal character development far beyond anything I could have ever imagined.

This column isn’t about going Greek; it’s about getting involved and finding an organization that brings purpose, meaning and life to your collegiate experience. While for me, that organization happened to be a Greek one, I have also made friends and have found meaningful experiences far beyond the Greek community. I’m not here to say “Go Greek,” but what I’d like to get across more than anything, is “Go Involvement.”

Don’t make college all about getting a degree. Make your collegiate experience about getting an experience. While you’re here on campus, you have the opportunity to make new friends, network, learn new skills and ideas, and most importantly, build an amazing resume. It’s not the degree that lands you a job. But rather, it’s the experiences you gained while pursuing it.

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AmeriCorps recognizes UNK students' work with disadvantaged youth

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Eighteen students at the University of Nebraska at Kearney are being recognized for their service with disadvantaged children and special needs students in community-based after school programs.

Rural Corps of South Central Nebraska, an AmeriCorps Program, will honor its AmeriCorps members at an 11:30 a.m. July 30 awards luncheon at the UNK Alumni House.

The Rural Corps program is a campus and community partnership between the UNK Office for Service-Learning and Kearney Public Schools Foundation. In its fifth year, UNK AmeriCorps members serve the Kearney Community Learning Center and assist children with learning and enrichment activities in the after school program.

Members also serve in Kearney Public Schools classrooms, assisting struggling children and special needs students with reading and English Language Learning.

UNK students are provided a stipend while serving, and after completing their service, receive an educational award to use for purposes such as paying off student loans, tuition, books and other education-related expenses.

Students from the 2012-13 grant year who will be honored include:

Cairo – Angelica Young
Columbus – Adam Niedbalski
Cozad – Brookie Bachman
Culbertson – Sarah Koch
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Silver Creek – Courtney Cave
Wallace – Laura O’Brien

Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity named one of nation's top chapters

UNK PRESS RELEASE

The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity Iota Gamma chapter at the University of Nebraska at Kearney has been recognized as one of the nation’s top chapters for the 27th consecutive year.

The fraternity won the Raymond L. Orians Excellence Award at PIKE University, the Pi Kappa Alpha International Fraternity’s annual Academy and Awards Ceremony in Memphis, Tenn., hosted Aug. 2-10.

The UNK chapter also received the PIKE International Programming Award for finishing first of all Division III schools as defined by International Fraternity Participation and Athletics.

Also at the conference, Pi Kappa Alpha received a scholarship plate in recognition of exemplary academic achievements, the International Work Day Award and the Level III recruitment Recognition for increasing their initiatives by 20 percent.

Pi Kappa Alpha won the 25-Man Commitment Award for sending more than 25 men to PIKE University events and the 100 percent Phi Phi Kappa Alpha Club Award. One hundred percent of all Pi Kappa Alpha members must donate to the Phi Phi Kappa Alpha Club to receive the award.

PIKE members Ryan Figgins of Omaha and Brock Shuler of Plattsmouth were recognized as Garnet Level members for their attendance and contribution at PIKE University events.

The Iota Gamma Chapter of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity was chartered at UNK in 1986.

In the past year, the chapter contributed nearly $20,000 to nonprofit organizations. Pi Kappa Alpha organizes a haunted house, which benefits the food bank in Kearney. This fall, the fraternity will host PIKE Spike, a co-ed volleyball tournament at the Big Apple Fun Center.
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New social media page makes it easy

ANTEOPE STAFF

UNK is changing with the times. You can now follow the official UNK social activity calendar online all on one page.

The page also features the new UNK Social Media Directory. All social media accounts can be found in one place at http://www.unk.edu/social.

The change came as a result to who responded to student and patron requests for information regarding university social media accounts.

Don't see your university social media account listed? Groups can send an email with a link to your university Facebook, Twitter or YouTube (or other social media) account and the names of your account administrators so information can be added to the list.

For spring commencement, UNK Communications and Marketing launched a campus wide social media campaign – all focused on helping students celebrate their day.

If you haven't already, follow UNK on Facebook: facebook.com/UNKearney and Twitter: @UNKearney using the hashtag #lopergrad on Twitter to gather and curate posts, reTweet and share them.

If you missed graduation for instance, on Facebook, staff created a 2013 Spring Commencement event.

For your campus events, you will continue to see opportunities to share photos, memories, congrats and best wishes.

Check out the page online at http://www.unk.edu/social

Blue and Gold Welcome Week

Blue and Gold week is an annual event to kick off the start of a new year. It offers new and old students a chance to meet and make new friends.

Wednesday, Aug. 28
5 to 9:15 p.m. – Campus Ministries Kickoff Night. Students are welcome to attend any of the UNK individual ministries kickoff events: 5 p.m., The Navigators; 5:20 p.m., The Newman Center; 7 p.m., Vantage Point or Chi Alpha; 8 p.m., University Lutheran; 9 p.m., Christian Student Fellowship; and 9:15 p.m., Campus Lutheran.

Thursday, Aug. 29
5 p.m. – Welcome Back BBQ at Harmon Park. Sponsored by Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Friday, Aug. 30
5 p.m. to close – Big Apple Fun Night at Big Apple Fun Center. UNK Students with their student ID can purchase go-kart rides for $3 and are eligible for other discounts.

Saturday, Aug. 31
10 a.m. to 11 p.m. – Bus trip to Nebraska State Fair. Pick up and drop off at Nebraskan Student Union. UNK will provide transportation from campus to the State Fair in Grand Island. Students are responsible for the $10 gate fee.

See page 7 for more events.
The infamous topic of changing your major in college is one I am very familiar with. With 80 percent of the undergraduate population changing their major at least once—and on average three times over their college career—students should be aware that changing majors is common, and on an even higher note, it is OK. Although many believe the ease of changing majors is absurd, I believe we, as students, should embrace the opportunity.

I personally, am on my third major. I spent my first two semesters in a world of psychology figuring out how everything “made me feel.” I then decided that creativity was key, and found myself in advertising and public relations, which then lead me to where I am today. Becoming a successful businesswoman has never appealed to me more than now, until next semester. Just kidding!

Although many may speculate that students similar to me are just lost and confused about where their life is heading, their speculations are wrong. We may not know exactly what we want to do, but we definitely know what we DO NOT want to do, and hey, there is nothing wrong with that!

The idea of permitting a limitation on how many times we can change will only lead to negative outcomes. If the average undergraduate student changes their major at least three times, why limit the number of times we change. We obviously have a hard time choosing just one, or it just takes us time to figure out who we are. The idea that we are not stuck in one area for the rest of our college careers, or even worse, our lives, can be comforting. It is for me anyways.

I know that I am not the only gypsy soul who as ever attended college and looked at that list of majors and thought, I want to do them all. And for those who start to believe their actual major is “partying” and come back to reality halfway are just other victims of undergraduate confusion.

On a more serious note, there are some students who never do quite find their perfect niche in the college world, but the unlimited amount of times to explore those clouded areas removes some of the pressure that is put onto us as college students.

For now, I am going to dive right on into the new world of business that I am hoping will be the niche I fit in with for the rest of my time here at UNK, but for the rest of those who are just average Joes like myself at three major changes, or those that go beyond that, I say, good for you! Do not give up until you find what feels right for you, even if it takes a few minor steps towards a “major” decision.

BY HAYLIE GREESON
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Academic and Career Services
The Academic & Career Services office is a part of the Division of Student Affairs. We assign academic advisors, coordinate majoradvisor information, and assist Deciding (undeclared) students with class schedules, selecting a major and other academic concerns. We also serve students, alumni, faculty and employers as the primary resource for career development and job search assistance. We provide services such as individual career counseling, practice interviews, resume/cover letter critiques and 3 annual career fairs. The menu to the left has links to more details about the various services we provide.

• To DECLARE your major you can either go to the Academic and Career Services (ACS) Office in the Student Affairs building, room 140
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Blue and Gold Welcome Week

**Sunday, Sept. 1**
5 p.m. to close – Big Apple Fun Night at Big Apple Fun Center. UNK Students with their student ID can purchase go-kart rides for $3 and are eligible for other discounts.

**Monday, Sept. 2**
7 p.m. – Mud Tug 2013 at the fields west of the Frank House. Teams consist of 6 “tuggers” with two alternates and can register online through Intramural Sports. Men's, women's and co-ed divisions will compete, with a celebrity pull also planned. Sponsored by Intramural Sports & First Year Program.

**Tuesday, Sept. 3**
6:30 p.m. – Soccer Blue & Gold Scrimmage at Foster Field.

**Wednesday, Sept. 4**
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Student Organization Fair on Campus Greens. Getting involved at UNK will enhance your college experience. Stop by the fair to get information from 150+ Student Organizations at UNK and talk with current student leaders to find out where you can get involved.

4 to 6 p.m. – Blue Gold Brigade Information Night. Come and have some popcorn or a slushy and check out what the student organization is all about!

**Thursday, Sept. 5**
4:30 to 6:30 p.m. – Loper Tailgate at Cope Stadium/Foster Field. All UNK students should enter through south gate for a pregame barbecue.

6 p.m. – UNK football vs. Washburn University. The Lopers host their Pack the House event when they open the season under the lights against a new conference rival.

**Friday, Sept. 6**
Noon – UNK volleyball vs. William Jewell.

7 p.m. – UNK cross country Loper Time Trial at Meadowlark Hills Golf Course.

8 p.m. – UNK volleyball vs Chadron State.

9 to 11:30 p.m. – Outdoor concert at Campus Greens featuring Them and Us. Beat box pioneer Killa Kela and DJ Ami Carmine headline a show that mixes commercial and electronic music. They take songs you know, mash them up, remix and weave them between beat boxing and vocals. Kela and Carmine have worked with artists such as Justin Timberlake, Pharrell, Prince and The Black Eyed Peas.

**Saturday, Sept. 7**
Noon – UNK volleyball vs Black Hills State

6 p.m. – UNK volleyball vs South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

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3rd place: Brooke Alstrom, “Women under fire”

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2nd place: Kole Kluver, “Gaming purveyors weigh in”
3rd place: Adrianna Tarin & Katlyn Duden, “Blockbusters signal summer”

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