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BY MAGGIE SOWL
Antelope Staff

Disability Week: defined by ability, not disability

Up and coming comedian Samuel Comroe will take the stage at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15, as the headliner for UNK’s 19th Annual Disability Awareness Week slated for Nov. 12 to 15.

Comroe, who was diagnosed with Tourette’s syndrome as a child, uses his comedic nature to shed light on his disability.

Jennifer Kotschwar, a junior special education major from Kearney and president of UNK’s Collegians for Integration and Accessibility, said Comroe is perfect to support this year’s disability awareness week’s theme, Spotlight on Abilities, because he uses his talents to create awareness and understanding toward Tourette’s syndrome.

Students can attend nine free events, including Comroe’s comedy show, all crafted to inform students and the Kearney community that individuals with disabilities should not be defined by their disabilities, but by their abilities.

“We do not want people to feel sorry for someone with a disability. We want people to be aware that although someone may have a disability, they are capable. The purpose is to make a shift from defining people by a disability to defining people by their abilities.” Kotschwar said.

Disability Awareness Week officially begins on Monday, Nov. 12 with the Annual Ability March, where students and community members can unite to advocate for abilities over disabilities.

Student Jessa Hoyt will present a seminar called Dis-abling the Bully, with
Honey Sunday

BY ADRIANNA TARIN
Antelope Staff

Every year, the members of Alpha Omicron Pi (AOII) go from door to door. They aren’t selling vacuum cleaners. They aren’t, like Napoleon Dynamite’s Uncle Rico, selling Tupperware. They sell Honey.

“We go door to door selling honey in the shape of a bear,” said Miranda Stanczyk, senior elementary education major from Fulerton. “The honey is $5 a bottle, and all proceeds go towards the Arc of Buffalo County.”

According to Stanczyk, the Arc of Buffalo County, a private non-profit organization, provides services and advocacy to people with developmental disabilities and their families.

The event, Honey Sunday, is organized by Executive Director of The Arc of Buffalo County Kristen Larsen. “In the past, the money we’ve raised went toward many different things including paying for an all-inclusive playground,” Stanczyk said.

“Our sorority loves helping the Arc of Buffalo County,” Stanczyk said. “Our organization has done Honey Sunday for a long time! This organization is close to many of the AOII members’ hearts.”

Last year, AOII raised over $3,000 on Honey Sunday, and they plan to do as well this year. The members of AOII are also planning many other community service projects this year.

“We are also doing our own philanthropy project called Drop ‘n Shop,” Stanczyk said. “Members of the Kearney community will be able to drop off their children at the Children’s Museum on Nov. 17 from 1-4 p.m., and we will watch and play games with the children.”

Throughout the year, the members of AOII will have been given part of their free time to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, The Kearney Area Children’s Museum, Peer Health’s October SOBERfest, Campus Kitchen, Back to School Program and Arc of Buffalo County.

Stanczyk talked about what impact volunteering for the many community service projects has done for her. “I love volunteering. Not only do I get to help people in need, but it also makes me strive to be the best person I can be. I have found that volunteering is a very gratifying experience.”

— Miranda Stanczyk
Brooke Poppe, a junior organizational communications major from Grant, monitors the booth as people vote for student government elections Tuesday.

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.

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Find answer on page 10 www.sudoku-puzzles.net
The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) received a boost from the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity Thursday, Nov. 1, as the benefit Stride and Ride raised an estimated $7536. The event held in Cushing brought in people of all ages for the fun, free refreshments, carnival games, and of course, walking, skating, biking or just hanging out for this great cause.

The atmosphere was festive throughout. People walked the track talking. A little girl on training wheels left a big college guy on rollerblades in the dust as he kept trying to cut across the gym to try to keep up, to no avail. Suddenly, a castle of plastic cups fell over to reveal a smiling college-aged male inside.

More than 150 people turned out for the event. It was, indeed, a successful night for everyone involved. People lined up for the different carnival games. Admission to the event was free and open to the public. Good will donations were accepted as well.

Co-chairs of the event were Sigma Phi’s Kevin Ripp and Ben Gove. Ripp, a business administration and pre-med major, said the purpose for was both to raise money and awareness for muscular dystrophy. “We began by raising money as a group to hold the event, obtaining donations from family and friends. Groups all over the nation hold the Stride and Ride event for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and we decided to implement some of our own choices, such as adding carnival games and prizes.”

Ripp said they could not have done it without the help of UNK campus, and he thanks them for their involvement. He said, “We also paired up with the DECA Association of Kearney High, who also raised money for the event.”

Katie Higgens, president of Kearney High’s Distributive Education Clubs of America said this is not their only MDA event as the charity that DECA raises money for happens to be MDA, but the decision to participate was a natural one. “Last year we had a large fundraiser in memory of Tyler Haller, a classmate at Kearney High who had muscular dystrophy. A lot of kids here knew him and there was quite a turnout.”

Higgens said, “MDA does so many great things to help kids with MD, such as summer camps and leg braces for families who can’t afford them. We are also glad to have the opportunity to bring awareness to an association that may not be as well known as some of the others of its kind.”

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straide and ride: Sigma Phi Ep hosts fun, games to raise $7,536 for MDA

People walked and talked and played games at the Stride and Ride event at Cushing last Thursday, raising more money than originally estimated, over $7,500.
Kearney’s guide to the galaxy

Planetarium provides extraterrestrial experience

BY AMANDA ARNOLD
Antelope Staff

Students are bracing themselves for the cold weather and the frustrations of the rest of the semester, making it easy to overlook the simple joys that campus has to offer.

The planetarium in UNK’s Bruner Hall of Science features shows on the first Friday of every month, and it’s a different experience each time. The show on Nov. 2 was entitled “The Horse’s Stable” because the primary focus was on the constellation Pegasus and surrounding neighbors.

Dan Glomski, the guest presenter for the evening, carefully pointed out important stars and pronounced their names clearly. In many cases, he explained the reasons for the stars’ names. “The Arabs are particularly responsible for keeping the constellations alive, and that’s why many of their stars’ names are Arabic,” he said.

Glomski also gave tips for finding certain stars and constellations in the actual night sky, which can be much trickier because of clouds and light pollution. He talked about the best times to view planets like Jupiter and Venus, and he shared his personal opinions for viewing the Andromeda galaxy.

“The Andromeda galaxy is actually too big to see the entire thing through a telescope lens, so I prefer just using binoculars,” he said. “This way you can get a view of the entire galaxy.”

Next planetarium show Dec. 7

Tickets are free and will be handed out at the door on a first come basis. The planetarium will accept any donation of dry or canned goods for a local food pantry instead.

Glomski has presented shows at UNK for three years and has several topics for each show so repeat guests will always be learning something new.

Currently, Glomski also works as a program director of the Sachtlen Observatory and an adjunct instructor at Hastings College. Before that, he was the curator of Astronomy at the Hastings Museum of Natural and Cultural History, so visitors of the planetarium can be sure that they are getting accurate and up-to-date information.

Glomski started presenting when the planetarium was finished in 2009 as a significant part of a $14 million project on campus. The projector was purchased with funding from a NASA Education Grant, making this planetarium the most modern one in the Midwest.

The planetarium can fit up to 60 people for each show where a Zeiss star projector emits an accurate image of the nighttime sky across the 30-foot dome.

“In here, the sky is always clear,” Glomski said. Even if the sky outside is cloudy or polluted, the planetarium will project the precise location of the stars in the place they would be behind the clouds.

The shows last about an hour, so even with the stress of classes and the seemingly endless daily schedules, it’s easy to squeeze a UNK planetarium show in while also learning about our infinite sky.

Female CS students find options for their talents at conference

BY MANDY HINRICHS
Antelope Staff

Female computer science students attended The Rocky Mountain Celebration of Women in Computing conference in Fort Collins, Colo. Thursday, Nov. 1, and Friday, Nov. 2. The conference honors and supports women in the computer science field. The goal of RMCWiC is to encourage the career interests of local women in computing and provide female role models for women in computing.

Department Chair and Professor, Dr. Sherri Harms attended the conference with the students. Dr. Harms says the number of female students in the computer science program is very low. Only about 10 percent of computer science majors are female.

Because the number of females is so low on a national level, Dr. Harms encourages her students to attend this kind of conference. “Since we don’t have that many female students, having the ability to see that there is a lot of value in being a woman in this field is great.” Harms said.

Senior computer science major Rachel Decker of Kearney attended the conference for the second time. “I decided to attend the conference again this year because I made a lot of great connections and learned a lot of great tips the last time we went,” Decker said. “Also, it is really cool to see what different kinds of research students from other colleges are working on.”

At the RMCWiC conference, students were able to see and hear a variety of research papers and tour a super computing facility that analyzes weather related things as well as meets with sponsors like Google and Microsoft. Two keynote women speakers addressed the group, and the conference provided social support, facilitated networking with other computing professionals and exposed students to a variety of social and technological advances in the field.

At the conference, students present their research and network with leaders from academia, government, and industry. Some of the research that is presented at the conference is through computer science while some of it is feel-good research.

It is interesting that women often do different types of research than men, which is another benefit for women attending. “We see that a lot of research and projects that women do in this field tend to be things that help others,” Harms said. “Some things include apps that monitor a person’s diabetes or an app that will help measure the length of a feeding tube for a baby.”

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ABOVE: Karley Taylor, a sophomore occupational therapy major from York, gives Graidin Arnold, age 8, of Kearney, a tattoo during Trick or Treat Street last week. Arnold is the son of Lori Arnold. As parents and kids waited for their turn to visit the residence halls, children had coloring tables, tattoos, and candy to keep them busy.

ABOVE: The Student Council of Intertribal Nations hosted the Trail of Tears Walk at Cottonmill Park on Thursday, Nov. 1, as part of Native American History Month. Members of SKINS took turns telling attendees about the history of the Trail of Tears and culture of Native American nations that were involved.

ABOVE: Jamie Lopez of Gibbon is lead by Daniel Alarcon of Schuyler along the Trail of Tears Walk on Thursday, Nov. 4, at Cottonmill Park. Lopez was one of many to experience a little bit of what Native Americans had to endure on the Trail of Tears.

Photo by Ben Polk
RIGHT: Kameron Weber, a senior health and physical education major from Strasburg, Colo., inspects the aftermath of pumpkin chunking outside the Fine Arts Building Oct. 31. The pumpkins were plopped at a target on the building wall.
The 1848 Boy Scout Venture Crew out of Kearney encourages UNK students to participate and get involved in the hobby of war reenactment.

One crew member, criminal justice professor Joseph R. Carlson, Ph.D. has been reenacting for 19 years now. “I was recruited to be a soldier on the cannon crew at Fort Kearney and nine years later formed an infantry Civil War Boy Scout unit for the Archway,” Carlson said.

The local males and females on the crew have meetings throughout the year to learn about history and to train for reenactments. “We do it as a service to teach patriotism and a love for history,” Carlson said, adding that many crew members are UNK students studying history.

The 1848 Boy Scout Venture Crew follows the history of the battles as accurately as possible when reenacting. The clothing they wear is periodically accurate as are the historically accurate weapons, such as 58 caliber guns and black powder muskets.

“The weapons are almost identical. We try to be as accurate as possible, though we bathe more often,” Carlson said, “We have to keep their memory and their sacrifice alive and appreciate the freedom we have today.”

The battles themselves definitely keep the memory alive. The crew meets on a battlefield and depending on the number of people participating, either stay on the team of their crew or split up, meaning some must join the Confederate team for the battle. Observers may stand on the sidelines and watch; many come dressed in periodically accurate clothing. Young members of the crew participate as drummers while other members may be running cannons or battling on the field.

There are also special types of battles called tacticles, which do not accurately follow the events that occurred in history. The teams meet on the battle field and either side can win depending on their fighting skills.

Crew members can travel to different locations and participate in other reenactments such as Fort Hartsuff in Burwell or even to other states to reenact battles in the exact places in which they happened.

Recently the crew had an anniversary party, where they hosted a pot luck, dressed in Civil War era clothing and danced to music that was popular or common during that time period. Throughout the year, the crew will meet regularly, host events at museums, reenact and march in the Veteran’s Day Parade in Kearney.

Anyone interested in learning more about the 1848 Boy Scout Venture Crew can find more information as well as contact information on http://1848venturecrew.xibus.com.
Senior Art Show

Sawyer created a fun, eye-catching mural that can be seen in the Fine Arts Building. In order for the mural to be perceived correctly, you have to stand at just the right angle for the mural to come to life.

Blomstedt is most proud of this body work she created with Acrylic. “What I aim for is a level of reality and a level of imagination.”

Photos by Hanna Jorgenson

Hannah Blomstedt and (right) Kalla Sawyer, along with Pamela M. Shunkwiler (not pictured) were part of this year’s Walker Art Gallery presentation of The Art Education Senior Show. Their work has been on display since Oct. 29 and will remain there until Friday Nov. 9.

See the shows in the Walker Art Gallery in the Fine Arts Building.

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information on preventing and stopping-bullying later Monday evening.

On Tuesday, Dr. Erin Bush will discuss her research on traumatic brain injury, Local agencies, Nebraska Assistive Technology Partnership and Frontier Home Medical, will showcase the newest technology available to help enable individuals with disabilities at the Access-Ability through the Newest in Technology event.

Students will be answering questions and discussing what it’s like to have a disability in an educational setting during Wednesday’s student panel discussion.

To go along with this year’s theme, the movie “I am Sam” will be shown Wednesday evening. The movie, which stars Sean Penn, portrays the fight of a developmentally disabled man fighting for custody of his young daughter.

Thursday, Nov. 15 the Center for Teaching Excellence will present Understanding Veteran Students in the Classroom, a seminar that discusses the differences between civilian and military life focusing upon the transitions that occur upon exiting the military and tips for veterans succeeding in an educational setting.

Comroe will conclude the week’s events Thursday afternoon with a personal discussion on bullying and his comedy show later that evening.

Kotschwar encourages everyone to attend as many events as possible stating, “The events are informational, yet still entertaining and help to show that disabilities do not define someone.”

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Harms says that these kinds of conferences are a great support group for women in the industry. “It helps the students see that you can be a woman and use your technical skills together,” Harms said.

Decker agrees that the RMCWiC conference is great support for women, and important for others to consider attending. “Going to class, you do not see very many female students in the CSIS classes. This conference makes us realize that we are not alone,” Decker said. “Also, I think it is important for women students to attend this conference because the speakers offer a lot of career tips as well as personal experiences they have had as a result of being a woman in computing.”

This year’s conference was hosted by the National Center of Atmospheric Research, Colorado State University, the Colorado School of Mines and the University of Colorado Boulder.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 8
Women’s Symposium — 4 - 8:15 p.m
History-Community Interest
Presentation — 4:15 - 5 p.m
Keynote Speaker: Skip Prince, USHL Commissioner — 7 - 8 p.m.

Nov. 10
Wildlife Society Canal Clean Up — 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
SAFH Chamber Orchestra — 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Nov. 12
LPAC Veterans Day Ceremony — noon - 12:45 p.m.
Dr. Fics Deep South Music Show — 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Phi Alpha Theta Pie and Movie — 5 - 7 p.m.
Concerts-on-the-Platte Series — 7 - 9 p.m.

Nov. 13
Native American Heritage Month — 6-9 p.m.

Nov. 14
UNK Health Science Club - Red Cross Blood Drive — 2 - 7 p.m.
Loper Action

BY AARON URBANSKI
Antelope Sports Editor

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Men’s Football
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The team followed that up with a huge win over South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Racking up seven touchdowns, the Lopers won 59-7.

They are set to play Fort Hays State (4-6) next Saturday at UNK.

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Nov. 16 — MIAA Semifinals
Nov. 17 — MIAA Finals

FOOTBALL
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Nov. 13 vs. Hasting College
Nov. 15 at Wayne State College

WRESTLING
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Nov. 17 — UNK Holiday Inn Open

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Record season falls short
After 3-game win-streak, Loper soccer falls one game short of post-season play

BY AARON URBANSKI
Antelope Sports Editor

It was the best of times, and the worst of times for senior captain Jen Kotulak following the UNK soccer team’s 5-1 loss against Fort Hays State (14-6-1) to close out the season.

Despite an impressive three-game win streak against MIAA opponents Missouri Western, Lindenwood and Truman State heading into the season finale with Fort Hays, the loss would ultimately eliminate the Loper’s chances of achieving the school’s first postseason birth since its inception in 2009.

“Our win streak at the end of the season was one of the coolest things I have ever been apart of while playing for UNK,” Kotulak said. “I was really proud of the way we handled adversity as a team while winning a double overtime game at home against Missouri Western and two games on the road versus Lindenwood and Truman, Kotulak said.

“Obviously we were hoping for a better finish against Hays, but we hung together as a team. That’s something I hope the girls build on moving forward.”

Despite missing the MIAA conference tournament in the school’s inaugural season with the league, the team’s 9-7-2 season marks the first winning season for the program in only four seasons of play.

“The talent is there for this team to make an impact on the league going forward,” Kotulak said. “The younger players definitely have the right mindset to keep building on everything we accomplished this season and I think they’re ready to take that next step into the postseason.”

Along with Kotulak, fellow seniors Sara Chapman, Marissa Niday and Maggie McClure will also be leaving the team due to graduation. The group represents the first recruiting class and played a crucial part in building UNK Soccer into what it is today.

“Coach (Maessner) has done a really great job of getting the program in the right direction and I am really honored to have been a part of this team. The support we got from our coaches, the university, and the community is something I’ll look back on and cherish the rest of my life,” reflected Kotulak.

LOPER WRESTLING WRAP-UP

BY AARON URBANSKI
Antelope Sports

Coaches:
Marc Bauer
Head Coach, 13 seasons

2011-2012 Record:
12-3 overall, 7-0 RMAC

Postseason Results:
RMAC and NCAA Regional Champions
2011-2012 NCAA Division II National Champions

Key Returning Wrestlers:

Overview:
The UNK Loper wrestling team will look to defend its title as the nation’s best Division II Wrestling squad after receiving a No. 1 preseason ranking from the Coaches Association with 146 total points and five of the eight first place votes.

The Lopers will also look to make their mark in the squad’s inaugural season in the MIAA after being picked to finish first in the conference’s coaches and media preseason polls as well.

Fellow MIAA member Central Oklahom also received a top-five national ranking with 141 points and will look to spoil UNK’s hopes for back-to-back championships in 2013 as the second best team in the MIAA.

Who’s Out:
Although Head Coach Marc Bauer’s program seems to reload every year with high-caliber athletes, the Lopers will have to replace former All-American standouts Ross Brunkhardt (184 lbs.), T.J. Hepburn (149 lbs.) and Joey Wilson (165 lbs.) from last year’s national championship squad to be successful in 2013.

In addition to the three All-Americans, the Lopers will also lose the services of national qualifier Jordan White (125 lbs.) Caleb Kociemba (174 lbs.), and Kazuhiro Fujinawa (133 lbs.).

Who to Watch:
Despite losing three former All-Americans from last year’s squad; senior Raufeon Stots, junior Mark Fiala and sophomores Matt Lenagh and Kevin Barrett should provide enough firepower to help pace the Lopers to a successful season in 2013.

Stots returns to the Lopers as a defending national champion and has been tabbed as the No. 1 Division II wrestler at 149 lbs. Barrett is currently ranked third nationally at 285 lbs.

Top 10 Preseason Division II Wrestling Squads

1. Nebraska-Kearney (146)
2. St. Cloud State (142)
3. Central Oklahom (141)
4. Newberry University (138)
5. Grand Canyon (135)
6. Findlay (129)
7. Upper Iowa (117)
8. Notre Dame (76)
9. Ouachita Baptist (75)
10. Wisconsin-Parkside (74)
After mom urged her to find ways to be independent in elementary school, CARFIELD MADE UP DIFFERENCE WITH TOES

“I write, pick things up, type, fold laundry, make my bed, do dishes and play video games with the use of my toes.”  
— Sable Carfield

BY JOENE CROCKER  
JMC 215

It’s not what Sable Carfield, a senior psychology major from McCook, can’t do, but what she can do that might amaze others. Every day Carfield achieves tasks such as unzipping a backpack, taking notes or grabbing a cell phone, with the use of her toes.

“It’s easier with my toes because I have better grip,” she said.

At her birth, Carfield was diagnosed with two conditions. “Amelia is a birth defect described as lacking one or more limbs, and Phocomelia is characterized by undeveloped limbs. I have them both,” she said.

Her right arm is absent and her left arm length from shoulder to fingertip is approximately eight inches and has only two fingers, her index and middle finger. In spite of her loss, she makes up the difference with her legs, feet and toes.

“I write, pick things up, type, fold laundry, make my bed, do dishes and play video games with the use of my toes,” she said.

In elementary school, first through fourth grades, a para worked side by side with Sable. “In fifth grade, my Mom wanted me to be more independent and suggested to the para that I start doing more on my own. So, she stepped back, which meant, she went to the back of the room and only assisted when I needed her. My mom told me, ‘You don’t want Mrs. Donohue to go on your honeymoon with you.’”

Carfield recalls one school experience from first grade when she was teased by a classmate, so she kicked him in return. “He never teased me again,” she chuckled. Fortunately for her the principal was her uncle.

That year a guest speaker, also disabled and missing both arms, visited her classroom. “He told my class, ‘OK guys, she’s not the only one. There are others out there like her.’ That helped my classmates not look at me differently,” she said.

Driving was never an issue. She started practicing at ten. Her father’s job required driving on country roads and through fields to check oil wells, so she got plenty of experience. She can put the car into drive and maneuver the steering wheel with her left arm.

As normal as any teenager, she had her first accident at age 16 when she was racing another vehicle. “I was being stupid,” she confessed.

Shopping at Wal-Mart can be tricky, especially retrieving items from an upper shelf, but she said, “That’s when Nate, my fiancé, comes in handy. I tell him, ‘you are going with me.’”

Nate Weintz, a high school sweetheart and now college sweetheart also, recently proposed to her. An engagement ring now adorns one of her fingers.

In offering advice to others, the three words of wisdom Carfield quickly referenced were from a motto her mom referenced were from a motto her mom taught her years ago. “Don’t give up.” Those words have been applied over and over in her daily living. “I knew I would need to figure out how to do things or how to handle situations, and I usually can get it accomplished,” she said.

Doing the dishes challenges her the most, but it’s not impossible to Carfield. “I sit on the counter and use my feet to wash. Once I took a fall and thought I broke my tailbone,” she said.

Weintz sees his fiancé as very independent. “A lot of people in her position are not. They rely on other people,” he said, and then added, “My parents taught me it’s not what people look like, but it’s what’s inside that matters.”

Carfield said her greatest strength is keeping her cool. “I usually can shrug it off when people stare at me. My parents taught me I will have that all of my life. It’s an obstacle that I need to overcome. They helped me a lot to be able to grin and bear it,” she said. In the midst of the looks from both children and adults, she remains cool, calm and collected.

Carfield makes impossible tasks possible by adapting. “I’ve actually had a lot of people come up to me and say that I’m an inspiration,” she said.

Carfield sets no limits. With college graduation in sight, the psychology major wants to be a high school psychologist and plans on enrolling in grad school at UNK.

Photos by Joene Crocker
ABOVE: Sable Carfield, a senior, accomplishes everyday tasks at home and in the classroom through the use of her toes. At birth, she was diagnosed with both the Amelia and Phocomelia syndromes, which for her affected the growth and development of her arms, hands and fingers.

LEFT: Sable Carfield says fiancé Nate Weintz, a sophomore business administration major from McCook, comes in handy shopping at Wal-Mart because he is tall and can reach and grab items she cannot.
Perhaps it was the fact that George Lucas kept releasing re-mastered versions of “Star Wars” Episodes 4, 5 and 6, but I’ve always had the feeling that the “Star Wars” saga wasn’t finished.

Now, with the recent news of Disney buying Lucasfilm last week for $4.05 billion, the saga will continue with three more films. The first of the sequels to the original trilogy created in the 1970s is slated for released in 2015.

Though Lucas has the intent to retire in a few years, he will stay on as a creative director along with the current president of Lucasfilm, Kathleen Kennedy. As someone who grew up surrounded by “Star Wars,” this was big news.

“Star Wars” was always a part of my life. With a dad who loved the original trilogy, I became well acquainted with the light saber slinging and force wielding Jedi in my early childhood. All my siblings were affected. There were times when my brother would walk around with a blanket as a cape, a yardstick for a light saber and popcorn tin on his head playacting Darth Vader.

When the second set of trilogies began to be released in the late 1990s, it was a family affair. Regardless of the negative critiques that many had over the most recent adventures in the galaxy far, far, away; my family enjoyed the chance to reenter the world of light sabers and pod racing. I, personally, loved the films and having a chance to see them in theatres.

However, when I learned the news of Disney’s most recent acquisition, I was perplexed and frankly quite unsure as what to think at first.

Things can really only go one of two ways. Either the films will tank and the “Star Wars” saga will forever be clouded by embarrassment, or, Disney’s creative genius will pull through and the saga will live on to inspire several more generations. I sincerely hope for the latter.

Disney has a fantastic record of epic sagas. From “Pirates of the Caribbean” to the princess films, Disney has succeeded in almost every genre. Disney’s innovation and Imagineers would be able to revamp the “Star Wars” saga and take it to the next level. The next three films will be sequels to the original trilogy. Though I am unsure what George Lucas has dreamed up for the future trilogy, Disney will have the creative team and funds to create a superior set of movies.

Another positive aspect I consider is the treatment of other companies Disney has bought, such as Pixar in 2006 and Marvel in 2009. Disney has painstakingly attempted to keep the creative authenticity of both companies through the films that have been produced since they’ve been bought.

Simply look and Disney and Marvel’s most recent film “The Avengers.” The action-packed comic adventure not only was wildly popular, but it seemingly satisfied the fans of these comics and films. The film itself had intelligent dialogue, difficult action sequences and an intricate plotline.

George Lucas was a pioneer in the film industry when it came to science fiction and the creation of an original story that has captured the hearts of several generations. Now, the future of Star Wars rests in the capable hands of Disney. Many critics and fans choose to be negative about the prospect of three more Star Wars films, but I choose to be positive. I am putting my faith in Disney’s Imagineers, and I hope that the force will be with us once more.

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The voice of Yoda was provided by Frank Oz, who is also the voice of the Muppets’ Miss Piggy.

It took as many as 10 puppeteers using both hands to operate Jabba the Hutt.

John Williams won an Oscar for the Star Wars score. The music was later named by the American Film Institute as the Greatest Film Score of All Time.

R2-D2 is named after a piece of film editor’s jargon which means “Reel 2, Dialogue 2.”