Mortar Board hosts annual event to thank veterans

Senior Mortar Board members Morgan Kristensen from Minden and Jon Hess from Imperial staff one of the booths for students to come and write thank you notes to veterans and active service members. Senior Sarah Maginnis from Odell takes a minute out of her day to express her appreciation for the troops. Mortar Board hosts this event every year with booths in the Nebraskan Student Union and the Health and Sports Center.

Photo by Jessica Albin

After horrific injury, Ball overcomes odds

Surviving physical injuries following abuse, she faced formidable emotional scars

BY AUSTIN KOELLER
News/Feature Editor

In high school, Emaly Ball says she was just like many other students who don’t feel part of the in crowd. She hated math and spent her days drawing in the art room. She was not an athlete, making her feel an outcast, she said. “It was just average. Nothing like it is now,” she said.

“Now” for Ball, a junior family studies major from Kearney, is defined by events that began shortly after she moved from Lincoln to Loomis when she was 15. “I met a guy, and it was an abuse story,” she said. “It was fine at first, but it escalated into something that was really bad.”

Two years later, on March 11, 2012, the abuse reached a climax on a day that Ball will never forget. “He just decided to pick me up, throw me in his car and run the car off the side of the road,” Ball said. “I don’t remember it.”

She said that the doctors told her she flew headfirst into the windshield, and the car flipped twice before she was ejected from the sun roof. She flew 75 feet going 75 miles per hour down the road, landing on her left hip.

Ball woke up in a hospital bed at Good Samaritan. She had broken her pelvis in six places, shattered her tailbone, broken both arms, punctured and partially collapsed her left lung, lost all her muscle mass and was left with a traumatic brain injury. “The doctors were astounded,” Ball said. “They didn’t know why I survived.”

Ball was in the Intensive Care Unit for a week, and in the hospital for a month and five days. “They started to do small stuff after I started waking up,” she said. “They had me move side to side to distribute the blood because they didn’t want the blood to build up in certain parts of my back or anything. They would get me up and try to get my legs moving, but I couldn’t do anything. They had to carry me. It started out with just moving my feet back and forth — that’s all I could do.”

While the physical scars

BY JESSICA ALBIN
Asst. Editor/Copy Editor

Country music maverick and viral superstar Granger Smith announced plans for an extensive 65 city headlining fall tour in August. The YEE YEE NATION 2014 TOUR officially kicked off in Fargo, North Dakota, on Aug. 27 and will bring Granger to all corners of the U.S. throughout its run. Special guests Logan Mize and Jeff Allen will appear in various cities.

With a staggering two million+ dedicated followers via social media and the best selling independent country album in digital sales of 2013 to his credit, Granger has also released a new full-length documentary providing a behind-the-scenes look at the Granger Smith experience. The documentary offers a look into the ins and outs of life on the road as he, his band and his crew travel the country selling out shows in brand new markets, set unprecedented attendance records and bring fans the high-energy, unparalleled show they’ve come to expect.

In addition to bringing his consistently sold-out, electrifying live show to fans nationwide this fall, Granger will return to primetime national TV once again as his country boy alter ego Earl Dibbles Jr. appears for a new season of CBS Sports Network’s “Inside College Football.” By popular demand, Dibbles will deliver his personalized “Dip Em’ and Pick Em’” segments, making college football picks throughout the entirety of the season.

Hosted by Adam Zucker and analysts Randy Cross, Brian Jones, Aaron Taylor and Christian Fauria, this season of “Inside College Football” premiered Aug. 26 and airs each Tuesday from 8:00–10:00 p.m. EST.

See schedule of events on page 10

What discourages you from voting for a political candidate?

50% I don’t like their political values
10% Their commercials
10% They look funny
10% I’ve never heard of them
10% They have a weird name I can’t pronounce
10% I don’t vote

Granger Smith to play Nov. 14 in Kearney

Smith’s altar ego Earl Dibbles Jr. returns to CBS Sports Network

What are your thoughts on the early snow?

BY AUSTIN KOELLER
News/Feature Editor

Emaly Ball provides inspiration for other students. Her accident set her back in high school, but she pushes forward to success as president of the CIA at UNK.
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Who do these people think they are?

Celebrity Apprentice is back.

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Who do these people think they are?

From Dennis Rodman to Gary Busey to people that make you say, “Which Real Housewives show was she on again,” the Celebrity Apprentice is back.

Donald Trump’s finger pointing simultaneouly with, “You’re fired,” is back.

And so are 16 new candidates on the upcoming season of the Celebrity Apprentice.

With a list comprised of the likes of Kate from that show about eight children on TLC, Gilbert Gottfried, Terrell Owens and Geraldo Rivera, this cast is sure not to disappoint.

Sure, viewers are going to wonder which Jonas brother was that again, but they’ve already played that game with the Kardashians.

The show, slated to premiere on Sunday, Jan. 4, on NBC is the franchise’s seventh celebrity version and 14th overall. This installment is premiering nearly two years since the most recent All-Star Celebrity Apprentice, which ran in the spring of 2013. Filming for this season was completed early in the year.

The term ‘celebrity’ on Celebrity Apprentice has always been used with a little bit of discretion. Seriously, who is this alleged snowboarder named Jamie Anderson?

When you look at the list of past winners you see a list consisting of Piers Morgan, Joan Rivers, Bret Michaels, John Rich, Arsenio Hall and Trace Adkins. What’s that mean? Probably not much, as long as you’re not Gary Busey you’ve got a chance.

In actuality, someone who is a musician or in the TV industry in one shape or another has the best chance. Does that mean Kevin Jonas is going to win? No.

According to history, T.O. has no chance either. The highest an athlete has finished was Lennox Lewis in fourth all the way back in the inaugural Celebrity Apprentice. But, if you thought Dennis Rodman times two was fun, Owens is sure to be good TV.

Kenya Moore, who is this season’s real housewife, is sure to square off against Kate Gosselin. Because what says fun like watching a “real housewife” go blow to blow with a mother of eight.

So what have I concluded about the upcoming season of the Celebrity Apprentice? There are three things:

– Terrell Owens is sure to be fun. Like really fun. He’ll probably agree to be project manager early on and flame out miserably, but in an absolutely spectacular fashion. Dennis Rodman was by no means great at the game, but was fun to watch, especially in his second go around in All-Stars.

– Apparently Kenya Moore has some competition as to who’s the realest housewife on this season of Celebrity Apprentice because Brandi Glanville is also on this season. Moore, who is on the Atlanta version, and Glanville, on Beverly Hills, are going to get an enormously huge fight that you’ll cringe at, but laugh ridiculously at because of how petty and absurd it is.

– Geraldo Rivera, the man who broadcasted the Good Samaritan trial in the finale of “Seinfeld” is going to be told, “You’re hired,” from the Donald himself, or so I think.
CAMPUS CRIME LOG

10/22: The CTW hall director reported she found alcohol in a room during health and safety checks. The resident was of legal age and was issued a conduct summons.

10/24: A male reported that he found alcohol in trash cans of a resident while doing health and safety checks at CTE. The residents were contacted and given a conduct summons.

10/24: A female called to report she had a student who would like to report being sexually harassed by a Chartwell’s employee at the Nebraskan Student Union.

10/24: A female reported that a male student she was advising said that he was not coming back to school and was going to "live the good life." The male has not been seen for a couple days. The parents later listed him as a runaway with the Alliance Police Department.

10/26: A subject reported that a friend that was staying with him came to his apartment after he had been drinking and broke the door lamp when he kicked the door open.

11/7: A caller saw a male push a female around 11:30 a.m. and thought that it was suspicious or that he might hurt her. The caller had no idea who the girl was and he thinks the subjects know each other. The officer tried calling the male subject involved and did not make contact.

11/8: An officer received a report of a possible liquor violation at CTW. After investigating, five people were issued MIP citations.

11/9: A subject called to report that he had some clothing stolen from the laundry room.
Beranek looking ahead to improve

Former freshman of the year has high expectations for team in upcoming season

BY DAVID MUELLER
JMC 215

Connor Beranek was turning heads playing basketball for the Doane Tigers in the 2012-2013 season. He was named Freshman-of-the-Year in the Great Plains Athletic Conference and averaged 15.9 points per game.

Since his transfer to UNK, he is still drawing much positive attention playing guard. In his sophomore season he did not disappoint Loper fans, averaging 17.9 points per game and 6.3 rebounds per game. “It was a step up from NAIA to Division II,” said Beranek about the transition from Doane to UNK.

Connor said he should have been playing for the Lopers from day one. Getting closer to his hometown, Ravenna, played a pivotal role in his transfer. He said, “I enjoy going home every once in awhile and watching a Ravenna game or going home to see my family.”

Paul Beranek, a legendary coach of the Ravenna Blue Jays and Connor’s father, had the opportunity to coach his son in high school and watch him grow as a player. “I got to spend more time than most fathers ever do, almost 24/7. We really got along pretty well. It wasn’t always an easy go, but 98 percent of the time is was a blessing to watch him grow and achieve his goals.”

In his four years of high school, Connor said his father created many unforgettable moments. Surprisingly, playing for his dad was not much of a struggle for Connor. “I really enjoyed it. A lot of people thought we would go home and talk about basketball, but not really. Being at home with him, we talked about normal stuff. But I really did enjoy playing with him because it was another time for me to spend time with my dad,” Connor said.

Beranek credits much of his talent to starting at a young age. Connor said going to basketball camps and playing frequently helped develop his game.

Coach Beranek had different thoughts about his son’s skill set. “He is freakishly tall, but can handle it like a guard, he can post, he does it all. That is the way I taught all of my sons,” Paul said.

Connor said he looks up to his older brother Drake, who was a Loper before transferring to UNL for basketball in 2010. “He’s had a big impact in my life. I go to Drake for advice when I’m struggling with my game,” said Connor. He also looks up to NBA superstar Kevin Durant. He noted that they have similar body builds.

Connor has high expectations for his team in the upcoming season: to finish in the top four of the conference, win at least 20 games and make it to the NCAA tournament. His individual goals are quite simple: “Make first team MIAA.”

Just like any other competitor, Connor feels jitters before each game. “I’m nervous before every game. I’m shaking, and I get butterflies. But after the tip and a few possessions, the nerves go away,” he said.

Eating two toaster strudels before every game is his new pregame ritual he established last season to help him relax.

Connor hopes to pursue his dreams of playing basketball overseas after his college career is completed. After that, he plans to follow his father’s footsteps by becoming a teacher and coach.

“”I’m just a country boy,” said Beranek. He enjoys hunting and fishing in his free time. Beranek also noted that in high school, baseball was one of his favorite activities. Connor is in his junior year and is majoring in physical education. He strives to play basketball overseas after college.

Follow The Herd

Men's basketball preview

BY SHANNON COURTNEY
Antelope Staff

As they hope to build on where they left off in the 2013-14 season, winning 10 out of 13 games and finishing 6th in the conference, the 2014-15 men’s basketball team aims to finish in the Top 4 and move on to the MIAA tournament.

Previously as an offensively dominating team, they hope to improve and focus on their defense this season. Kevin Lofton, co-head men’s basketball coach, says the biggest thing for the team this year is to focus on getting better and staying healthy. “We have also embraced a lot of new faces so we must work toward getting everyone on the same page.”

Upcoming games:
Nov. 15 - Colorado School of Mines | Home
Nov. 21 - Chadron State College | Away
Dec. 1 - Doane College | Home

Sudoku

Find answer on page 9  www.sudoku-puzzles.net
Women scrimmaged before opener on road

BY SHANNON COURTNEY
Antelope Sports

Considering the talented group and the amount of speed they offer, the 2014-15 women’s basketball team hopes to have more wins than losses this year.

Kevin Chaney, women’s head basketball coach, said they are very excited to get started with the season, but also have some concerns. “We lost some very experienced players early in the school year, which was an unexpected blow, so we will suit up nine for the first game (Nov. exhibition game against alumni) and hope to get our others back from injury soon.”

Chaney says because of the injuries they lose depth, which calls upon the other players to step up and stay healthy. “We must work harder and smarter than our opponents, adjust to playing a lot of minutes and stay healthy.”

Photo by Hannah Backer
Alumni Jade Meads drives the ball to the hoop against current teammate Kelsey Fitzgerald. Meads is an All-American graduate from 2009 and Fitzgerald is a sophomore.

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Aqualopers take win in Omaha over St. Marys

The UNK swimming team won six events and set several pool records in a 110-58 victory over the College of St. Mary Saturday afternoon in Omaha.

This was the Aqualopers’ second straight win over CSM this season.

UNK started the day by winning the 400 medley in a pool record time of 4:21.46, nearly seven seconds faster than the Flames.

Swimming lead on that squad was Tekamah junior Skylar Tatreau. She won the 400 individual medley three events later in a pool record time of 5:01.66. Not only was the time 23 seconds faster than the runner up but it also moves her up three places to fifth on UNK's all-time list.

Next, junior Brianna Monter (Omaha North) won the 200 breaststroke in a pool record time of 2:43.69 with the 400 free relay team placing first in 3:51.18. Also setting a new Lied Fitness Center Pool record, this foursome included Tatreau and freshman Kylie Kenedy (Omaha Burke).

Finally, sophomore Kenzie Eubank (Ft. Collins, Colo.) won the 50 free in 27.61 with Ralston junior Alex Prochaska taking gold in the 500 free (6:05.63).

UNK is at Morningside College on Nov. 14 and then stays in Sioux City for the Mustangs Invite the next day.
Lady Loper soccer seniors say farewells

BY NIKKI THOMPSON
Sports Editor

Transitioning into a college lifestyle is hard enough, let alone while trying to juggle practice, games, travel with a full-time class load and homework. But for these four, being a student athlete has never been a chore. The squad, as the seniors have come to call themselves, remembers struggling through the first weeks of 2-a-days together. Now after four years, 73 games and 39 away trips, four seniors have beaten the odds. Over 6,930 minutes played together has bonded teammates into friends and even further into a family of competitors.

Meet the Squad

"We believe in ourselves..."
Coach John Maessner

Jillian Stoumbaugh
Major: Business administration and Spanish language
Westminster, Colo.
Position: defender

Delanie Phillips
Major: Psychology
Minor: Family Studies
Omaha
Position: center midfield

Lauren Hoeft
Major: Chemistry Comprehensive emphasis in Biochemistry
Holdrege
Position: center back

Kaitlyn Taylor
Major: Geography and GI Science
Omaha
Position: forward
FOUR QUESTIONS FOR FOUR SOCCER SENIORS

1. What does it feel like to be a NARP? (non-athlete regular person)

J says: Horrible…like what do I do with this thing called “free-time”?

L says: I don’t think that it has completely set in that I am no longer an athlete, but I’m enjoying the extra time!

D says: It’s weird. I have all the time in the world now and I can’t use the excuse that “I’m out of town for soccer” for class.

K says: Being a NARP means lots of Netflix and naps. I’m thoroughly enjoying it thus far.

2. What did you enjoy most?

J says: Meeting my best friends and learning some tough lessons about life in the meantime.

L says: The relationship building side of soccer was my favorite. I was able to meet other athletes outside of soccer through SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee), which wouldn’t have happened without soccer.

D says: I enjoyed being a role model. I loved signing autographs for kids and being able to coach them at camps.

K says: The best memories as a student athlete are all the road trips with my teammates.

3. What will you miss most?

J says: I will miss everything so much since I am so in love with the sport.

L says: I will miss my teammates most. We created a lot of bonds through soccer and it will be hard not seeing them all the time.

D says: I will miss my teammates the most because we became so close over this last season that it will be hard not seeing them every day.

K says: I will definitely miss the girls the most. I’ve made some of my best friends on this team and they have helped me overcome a lot of obstacles in my college career.

4. Can you match the senior to their celebrity crush?

Chris Evans

Taylor Kitsch

Ryan Reynolds

P!nk

K says: Definitely Taylor Kitsch (Tim Riggins) & Ryan Reynolds. Yeah!

J says: P!nk. J says: Definitely Ryan Reynolds. – Hey!

L says: Chris Evans.

D says: Pink. D says: Definitely Taylor Kitsch (Tim Riggins).


Answer Key:

What's next?

What are your plans for after graduation?

J says: Attend law school.

L says: I plan to attend pharmacy school and eventually become a pharmacist.

D says: Attend grad school.

K says: I plan to pursue my masters in Urban Planning.
Competition tough to study in U.S.
Japanese language student eager to connect to Kearney point of view

BY AKIHO SOMYE
Antelope Staff

Because Japanese students usually start to learn English when they are in a middle school as compulsory education, students can develop expertise in writing and reading English, but it is hard to acquire skills for speaking and listening to English.

As a result, Japanese students often study abroad, and Japanese universities cooperate with American universities so that they can exchange students for a few weeks or even a few years.

Junior from Kansai Gaidai University, Hiroyuki Muramoto, 21, came to UNK on Aug. 18, with plans to stay here for one year. Kansai Gaidai University is a one of the famous Japanese international universities in Osaka, Japan, that focuses on learning foreign languages more than other Japanese universities.

Muramoto majors in English and minors in education in Japan, but he was always interested in studying in the U.S.

“I have wanted to study abroad since I entered my university, and that was the reason why I chose to go Kansai Gaidai University. I am interested in learning about communication and psychology in an American university,” Muramoto said.

“My university has many connections with 52 foreign countries such as 163 schools in America, 19 schools in Canada, 19 schools in Australia and many European countries to study abroad. I researched many universities, and then I found UNK. It has the full support for the students, especially exchange students, and I thought that UNK has the best environment to study what I want to learn, so I decided to come to UNK.”

Yet, it is not easy for Kansai Gaidai University students to study abroad. They have to compete with other students, he said.

“In my university, there are four exams to be able to study abroad. First of all, I had to pass the TOEFL test, 500 points

Japanese students go 'home' for weekend in Maxwell

BY AKIHO SOMEYA
Antelope Staff

Certain things such as puppies and a warm family dinner bring the same joy to families everywhere.

Tessa Bennett, a computer information technology major, lives in Randall Hall. But one and a half hours away from Kearney in Maxwell she has family, and a puppy, she wanted to share on Nov. 1.

On campus she has some really good Korean friends who live on the same floor with her: Yeonjin Jo from Seoul, South Korea, whose major is English; and Eunkyung Lee from Anyang, South Korea, whose major is also English.

Tessa has another friend, Jordan Sherman from Dorchester, a psychology major. She invited them all to have a good time with her close friends and to show them her hometown.

Maxwell, with a population around 300, is a much smaller town compared to Kearney, and Bennett wanted to give others a feeling for American culture.

When the students arrived at Bennett’s home, they were greeted by a small puppy, Fluke. He is a Miniature Dachshund and outgoing. Lee said Fluke warmed her heart. “Fluke is the same as my puppy that I have raised. When I saw him, I miss my puppy in my hometown.”

Tessa’s mother, Amy Bennett, was preparing tomato spaghetti and garlic bread. Sherman said, “Having a good dinner with good friends is always impressive.”
Play It Forward collects 200 pieces of equipment

BY NICK STEVENSON
Antelope Staff

Evan Calhoun joins Nick Stevenson of The Antelope to talk about the success of the student government Play It Forward campaign.

Calhoun, a junior business administration major from North Platte, is the deputy secretary of community relations for student government. The Play It Forward campaign took in over 200 pieces of equipment.

If you are interested in donating to the Special Olympics, or want to give equipment for student government contact student life offices in the Nebraskan Student Union.

You can also email President Connor Schulte: schultec2@lopers.unk.edu or Vice President Hayden McKelvey: mckelveyhs@lopers.unk.edu

Sudoku answer:

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Controversial posters encourage students to vote

Junior Sara Moseman votes for her favorite poster design and the most powerful message. Visual Communication Design students work with the American Democracy Project and the student chapter of American Institute of Graphic Arts to create powerful posters encouraging students to vote about important and controversial topics. The posters are displayed upstairs in the union and around campus for voting.

REMEMBER TO VOTE: Voting ends this Friday.

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may have healed over time, the emotional scars are something that Ball said she will never get over.

"I have periods of flashbacks. Driving is hard for me," she said. "I know I'm the one driving, but every time I go past a steep ditch or I go over a bridge I freak out. I will scream a blood-curdling scream over the smallest bump, because I have that flashback. I clinch on to the steering wheel. I can't do anything. I just have to get past that. As time goes by, there are still hurdles that I'm still trying to fight through."

Despite her accident, Ball was able to graduate high school with the help of her teachers. From there, she decided to make the transition to college.

"Back in the hospital, everyone kept telling me, 'You can't go to college now.' That's really what some of these doctors were telling me," she said.

On a whim, Ball called the college to see what her options were. She was directed to David Brandt, director of Disability Services, who helped her with a plan for a smooth transition to college.

"He told me to take my time, come and talk to him and that he would get me involved with CIA at first.

"I felt that I would be judged because I was a crutch," Ball said. "Socialization, for me, has been really hard since the wreck. It was difficult for me. But, after the first Disabilities Awareness Week that I went to, I got really involved because I met members of the group. They were accepting, so I got out of my comfort zone and did that."

Soon after joining CIA, elections were held for the organization. Ball decided to run for president and won.

"Ever since then, it has given me the confidence to put myself out there and get involved more," she said.

However, Ball said, being a leader was difficult for her.

"It was really hard for me at first because of the abuse," she said. "I didn't think it was going to be as hard as it was. But because of the abusive situation I had been in, I always had to be the follower. I always had to do what I was told to do. It was odd for me to be in the other situation being a leader."

As the president of the group, Ball said that it is her responsibility to make sure that everything is organized and to make sure that there is a good deal of management and ideas.

"She is very committed to anything she does and especially CIA," Quin Becker, a junior industrial distribution major from Holdrege and a CIA member said. "She tries to really improve the organization, to increase membership, and to make it a friendly organization. She is trying to make us more of a cohesive group so we can get to know each other and make it more fun to belong."

Brandt, who serves as the advisor for CIA, said that Ball's dedication to the group is "first class."

"She continues to grow as a leader and as a president and she has learned that the position isn't always an easy place to be," he said. "She has learned — and continues to learn — the aspects of responsibility and helping others to take on leadership roles. Emaly has a promising future and what she experiences in her place as President of CIA will assist her in reaching her goals."

David Laker, director of Academic Success Services at UNK, said that he appreciates Ball's commitment to whatever she takes on.

"I think she is doing great things in CIA," he said. "As a leader, she is always growing. I appreciate that she is willing to always push herself to learn new things."

Nov. 17-20, CIA will hold Disability Awareness Week, featuring a week of events that aim to raise awareness for disabilities.

On Tuesday, the group will hold the event titled "Speaking with the Experts" in which members of CIA will have the chance to tell their stories and offer advice to students and members of the public.

Ball said that it’s very therapeutic for her to tell her story.

"The more I talk about it, the more I can think about it and synthesize it, and come to peace with everything that's happened to me," she said.

Ball said that last year, she had two women come up to her and say that they were happy to know that they were not alone.

"I think I healed them a little bit," she said. "That brings me satisfaction. If I can talk about my story and what I go through on a day to-day-basis, if it helps someone else, then at the end of the day I've done my job."
Senior art exhibition features Beavers, Bloomfield, Powell, Trampe

KEARNEY – Four art majors will have their senior projects displayed through Nov. 21 in the Walker Art Gallery inside the Fine Arts Building.

The Art Education Senior Exhibition features the work of James Beavers, Blue Hill; Elizabeth Bloomfield, Minden; Tara Powell, McCook; and Kara Trampe of Amherst. They will host a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Nov. 9 as part of the exhibition.

The Walker Art Gallery is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

RIGHT: Kara Trampe: Portrait Studies using marker and watercolors. “People are immediately judged by their physical appearance, positively or negatively,” Trampe said.

FAR RIGHT: James Beavers: Bronze, ceramic. “My pieces portray a resilient effort to refine my techniques, just as I have proceeded to build confidence in myself,” Beavers said.

MORE about the exhibit: http://unknews.unk.edu/2014/11/04/senior-art-exhibition-features-beavers-bloomfield-powell-trampe/

Q&A with Granger Smith

Q: What are you looking forward to about playing in Kearney?
A: Nebraska! It’s one of our favorite states to play.

Q: Where do you get your inspiration for your music?
A: Life.

Q: What is the difference between you and your alter ego Earl Dibbles Jr.?
A: He dips a lot more.

Q: What made you want to pursue music as a career?
A: George Strait and the movie ‘Pure Country.’

Q: What kind of music do you try to create?
A: Relatable, a voice for our fans. Music that can impact the good days and the bad or make one the other.

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in TOEFL ITP, and the grades of classes that I have ever taken.” Then, there are the reading and listening test and an English interview, and finally a Japanese interview, Muramoto said. “Each process is severe because there were 700 applicants, but only approximately 150 applicants could pass all processes. If I passed these four processes, it is not the end. I had to get an 80 percent grade per class.”

As the result of this long process, he could finally be an exchange student from his university.

Now, Muramoto says he enjoys his new life everyday with many friends at UNK. He joined the Japanese Association at Kearney and served as a vice president. He had to decide to take all opportunities even though UNK is a totally different environment from Japan.

He said he tries to make his limited days full at UNK. “I am very glad to meet many international people here at UNK, and also I’m looking forward to meeting new people until I go back to Japan next year in May. I study hard and want to get a lot of experiences— as much as I can.”
Fascinated by storytelling

Ten years ago, Jacob Rosdail fell in love with visual storytelling — and has been doing it ever since

BY ANA C. SALAZAR
JMC 215

Like thousands of teenagers all over the world, assistant professor Jacob Rosdail had trouble deciding what he wanted to do when he grew up, but was sure of one thing. He didn’t like math.

“I was one of those high school kids that didn’t really know what they wanted to do, but I knew that I liked talking and playing with cameras. I went to a broadcasting camp when I was in high school, and it was like the most fun I ever had.”

In said camp he got to experience playing with cameras and act as a news anchor, and although it was fun at the time to be in front of a camera, he knew his place was behind it.

From that moment on, he knew that playing with cameras was going to be something he did for the rest of his life.

“I fell in love with visual storytelling and playing with toys, and that’s basically what I have been doing for the last 10 plus years, playing with cameras and toys.”

Rosdail joined the Communications Department at UNK as the new video production teacher, and as any new member he is excited about the possibilities. Right out of graduate school, he is ready to embrace this new challenge.

But before deciding to take the extra step in his career and go to graduate school, he had a variety of jobs that allowed him to do just what he liked, play with cameras.

“I did documentaries for public television for three years, and before that I did car ads, local car ads.” Between journalism, documentary films and advertisement, he specialized in editing and was making good money. But, one thing was missing.

“I was making films but I wasn’t trained in how to make documentaries. I wanted to learn of the craft of storytelling,” he said. That drove him to decide graduate school was the next step in his career.

“I wanted to know the why to the how, I knew how to make films but, I just knew I wasn’t doing it right, or formally right.” While in graduate school, Rosdail had the opportunity to teach through a university production company. There, he mentored students with limited experience but hired by the “Wrought Iron” production company. Moved by students, he decided teaching was something he wanted.

Rosdail said, as much as he loves making films, “What I like is helping students, helping people who are excited about telling stories to tell stories, and if I can get them the tools they need for that. That is exciting to me.” He said those are also the same reasons he chose UNK and teaching.

“Mr. Rosdail brings exceptional video skills that our department needed. He knows his way around the Adobe products and also brings outstanding experiences,” says associate professor Nanette Hogg.

Hogg said that Rosdail is great with students and teaching, something that he loves and that might be the it factor for his success at UNK. “Of course, first are his experiences and skills that are demonstrated in his documentaries. He is a very likable person and appears to connect with the students.”

He plans on using his experiences to get students to join him developing projects for which he and Jeff Wells, an assistant professor of the history department, recently received a $16,833 grant to work on the “Kearney Goes to War” project focused on World War II survivors around the Kearney area and those influenced by the war.

Although Rosdail feels accomplished in his career as a documentary maker, he said he knows that UNK is the right place to be because it is not only a good place for him to teach the type of classes he wants to teach, but he is the video production teacher which is a plus.

“I hope, I feel, like I’ve made some good films, and I want to keep making better films and hopefully I can find collaborators and willing students to help me do that,” he said.

As far as how he feels with opportunities? “The sky is the limit as far as that goes; I can set what the barriers of quality are,” and being part of the UNK team the word “limit” might just mean limitless.