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This is the time of year when families are getting together to celebrate the birth of Christ. That is not such the run up last minute details of the Kearney who are not near or who do not have the time or means to gather together, and celebrate what is who UNK students are doing their part to help.

On Sunday Nov. 25, 2007, UNK students gathered in the Ponderosa Room in the Nebraska Student Union to participate in a gingerbread house competition. The event brought 50 teams to show what you can do with a box of ginger crackers and a three cups of frosting.

The teams consisted of one to three people and as an admission fee to this competition, each member donated one can of food to donate to families who are less fortunate during this holiday season.

The contest consisted of traditional gingerbread houses, but some teams chose to take a different route, and built structures that portrayed to theme to Eastern cultures. Students came in and talked about their traditions. But to spice it up a little bit, we added the g"
The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) is a survey that UNK has participated in since 2002 and its purpose is to gather information about students who are involved with the Student Involvement Survey, and to track their graduation rates and academic performance. Havens said that due to the value of such information, the Student Assessment Committee will often work with other student groups such as the Student Life, Academic Success and even the Vice Chancellor’s office. These groups and individuals will also use this information to “learn about their students’ satisfaction and learning in general, and how to get their students involved,” Havens said.

The Student Assessment Committee at UNK is a group intended in representing students’ concerns surrounding several important assessment issues on campus. It was created for the first time to address diverse information and to educate and inform students about assessment at UNK. If interested in joining the Student Assessment Committee, students are encouraged to contact committee members or join which can be reached by email at assessment@unk.edu.
As Christmas approaches about 75 percent of Americans will prepare to celebrate what they perceive as a religious holiday. Most believe this is a religious holiday because of what an ancient text (the Bible) tells them passionately happened approximately 2000 years ago. So the story goes, a virgin gave birth to a male child (a double miracle at it were, since a clone of a female would be female), who turns out to be a divine person in the flesh. Interestingly, these claims of virgin birth and divinity are not at all novel. Montezuma, Alexander the Great, Buddha, and Genghis Khan, among others, were, all allegedly born of a virgin. The modern day yogi, Saty Bhairi Kaur claims to be a virgin birth. Now, before the readers say so what, Saty Biha Kaur should had a birthday party and guess how many people showed up. A hundred thousand, or approximately one million people showed up. This marked her birthday celebration. This person claims to be able to walk on water, fly without the aid of machines and perform miracles. These claims do not even meet an hour of time on the Disney channel and yet his claims, even in the light of 21st century science, are believed by millions of followers. For over one thousand years, the pre-scientific era of the second and third centuries, when the New Testament was actually written, and it is easy to understand how such claims were entertained. A careful examination of the Bible shows that it is one of the most honest and truthful religious books that we have, if the content is believed to be true and is viewed as a guide on which to base one’s life. In fact, it would be the worst book, if not for the Koran.

Recent events illustrate the importance of a perennial stance against the incense and Islamic faith and wish light. Gillian Gibbons was a British school teacher in Khartoum, Sudan. Last week she was charged with inciting religious hatred over her art, which featured a sticker who is a non-Prophet Mohammad. If Gibbons would have been convicted of this “crime,” she would have received up to 40 lashes (yes, from a real whip), six months in jail (and a fine), and fortunately, Gibbons was only “condemned” of insulting Islam and was sentenced to 15 days in prison and deportation from Sudan.

Where would followers of the Prophet get such a ridiculous notion that would cause them to be concerned about the naming of teddy bears?
The Ten Commandments. It must be remembered that Islam is one of the three Abrahamic faiths (Christianity, Judaism and Islam). The Second Commandment states, “You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.” This is interpreted as meaning that no caricatures of the Prophet Mohammad are allowed (including teddy bears, apparently). Now, step back two centuries to 2005. Remember when 12 cartoons, published on the 30th of September by the Danish newspaper Jyllands- Posten, showed the Muslim Prophet Mohammad in a variety of humorous and satirical situations. This triggered more, hundreds of people were killed, embassies were stormed, death threats raised, etc. Now, I promise you if the Koran said that the Prophet likes to have images of himself drawn, none of this would have happened. This is the result of believing that a particular religious dogma is actually true. Most absurd is the treatment of women in Islamic states (read Jihad by Ayman Hirsi Ali for a personal account). Even beyond the following statement: the Prophet Mohammad will receive punishment under Islamic law. Everyone of course. The seven men were convicted of kidnapping (presumably, rape could not be proven), but each of four of them received a sentence between one and five years in prison and between 80 and 1,000 lashes. As for the woman, and man who had been raped, they were sentenced to 90 lashes for what is termed “illegal mingling.” In Islamic countries, rape is viewed as a crime that one man commits against another man as it brings shame on the husband and/or the family. This is the result of believing that a particular religious dogma is actually true.
The Japanese celebrate New Year’s Day, Jan. 1 each year. Before 1873, the date of the Japanese New Year (Shogatsu) was determined by the lunar calendar and celebrated on the first day of the first month of the new year in the lunar calendar, as the contemporary Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese New Year. In 1873, after three years of the Meiji Restoration, Japan adopted the Gregorian calendar, which is used in most of the world, including the official New Year’s Day in modern Japan. It is one of the world’s most significant new year festivities and has been celebrated in Japan for centuries.

Sandwich maker to owner

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Most college students dream of owning their own sandwich shop. But for UNK senior Kayla McConville, the actual location can be hard, especially when looking for the perfect place to get started.

Since its opening in January, Jimmy John’s has built a reputation as a student-friendly, well in Kearney due to its fast service and college-friendly environment. The multi-touch screen with keyboard and barcode scanner allows the customer to choose from the many items to create their own combination of ingredients. Jimmy John’s is a huge hit all over the country, and the latest technology is what makes it so successful.

American New Year is a time to be a fun party with friends.

The Japanese New Year is a time of a kind of fun, celebrations, and best wishes. Jimmy John’s is an American New Year just as much as the Japanese New Year is Japanese New Year. America is a culture from America, which has its own unique traditions, and Japan is a culture from Japan, which has its own unique traditions. In the United States, the new year is celebrated with fireworks, parades, and parties. In Japan, the new year is celebrated with a visit to a shrine or temple. Many families go to temples and shrines to perform the New Year’s ritual, which involves praying for good fortune in the coming year.

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Science Club.

Sophomore Cal Harper, an athletic training major, finishes donating a unit of blood at Thursday's Red Cross Blood Drive hosted by the Health Science Club.

Left: Freshman Wes Thoene, a psychology major, is prepped by a Red Cross nurse and ready to donate blood at last Thursday's Red Cross Blood Drive Union hosted by the Health Science Club.

Photos by Derry Stover

The Health Science Club holds several events throughout the year, about one or two every month. The group's next community service project will be to send care packages and Christmas cards to troops overseas.

Another event the club puts together is an etiquette dinner, which helps students prepare for interviewing for professional schools, by helping them learn proper etiquette skills and techniques.

The Health Science Club also maintains a number of speakers and presentations about health topics and health care careers. The club is open to all students who are interested in health care careers. To find more information on becoming a member, students can contact Andrea McClintic in the Health Science office at mcclintic@unk.edu or at 865-8240.

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Health care is one of the most promising fields in the job market, and offers opportunities most students who become health care professionals. Luckily, students have the perfect resource right here on campus for taking advantage of this opportunity by choosing to pursue a career in health care.

The Health Science Program was established because of the high demand of health care professionals, and since its creation the department has been helping students obtain the necessary education for becoming health care professionals.

Peggy Abels, Director of Health Science Programs, says there are many benefits that attract students to health care.

"A great job market, good salary potential, opportunities for advancement, job status, job security and the ability to make a difference in people's lives are all reasons to pursue a career in health care," Abels said.

The department offers programs for many types of students with a wide range of interests.

"If considering health sciences, there's types of health careers that fit nearly all student interests, even if they're in computer science, business, administration, or legal-related fields," Abels said.

A total of 19 different health-related areas are offered through the department. They offer pre-professional programs such as pre-medical, pre-pharmacy, pre-occupational therapy, and pre-osteopathy. Students can also pursue a degree in health sciences in radiography, medical technology, and respiratory therapy. A health sciences minor is also offered.

Marina Nyffeler, a UNK student from Columbus, is enrolled in the department's radiography degree program. Nyffeler, who is currently in her first year of clinicals in Rapid City, S.D., credits much of her success to her program.

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The Loper men's basketball team lost a close one in the final seconds to rival Fort Hays State Friday night in the Health & Sports Center. A night of spectacular shooting and costly turnovers saw the Tigers, now 4-1, drop UNK to 2-5 on the season. Fort Hays connected on a three point play and took advantage of two late Loper turnovers to get the win in what was the blue and gold's fifth game in the last 12 days.

The Lopes, down by 15 in the first half, came back and seemed to get the "W" when they took possession with 32 seconds left and were up 75-74. A jump ball that went to the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a jump ball that went...
Sports

Wranglers prepare for annual tourney

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Saturday, Dec. 9, the UNK Wranglers hit the mat and put their matches on the books as they compete in the Loper Open starting at 1 p.m. at the UNK Health and Sports Center.

“The tournament is not a huge tournament but there will be very tough competition and matches to match up with,” said UNK head coach Kevin McCurdy.

A few junior college derbies did pretty well last year so we’re excited to see what they look like this year, McCurdy said.

“Very few junior college teams are good enough to attend this open tournament and there are only a couple teams that are debuting,” Kevin McCurdy said.

To attend this open tournament anyone can bring any school’s team to wrestle. One does not have to be an NCAA school to compete in an open tournament. As for a dual, this type of meet is sanctioned and only NCAA, varsity wrestlers are allowed to attend.

“We always expect to do our very best. Personally, when I go into a meet I don’t worry about the outcome, but focus on trying my hardest and concentrating on wrestling the best that I can,” McCurdy said.

The Loper Open is the first open tournament the Wranglers have competed in a Christmas break. Though the Lopers will be practicing hard during Christmas break they hope their hard work and dedication to their sport will pay off.

“We want to go hard on our first open tournament of the season because it will help prepare us for our upcoming duals,” McCurdy said.

A home meet brings familiarity and a good fan base. Always nice to wrestle in your own gym. You practice every day in your own gym and don’t have to travel half home after a long day of wrestling,” McCurdy said.

This past weekend served the top loper wrestlers in Las Vegas, not gunning for butting their ranks at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Intercollegiate. Out of 54 teams, the Lopers placed 26th overall, scoring 25 points. The Loper’s scores were the best among the non-D1 schools that attended this tournament.

Las Vegas was not the only place one could find UNK wrestling. While seven teammates were in Las Vegas, Hyo Ken, competing in the Bill Smith Open in behalf of the Huskers individuals placed. Matt Farrell, junior, of Omaha (184 lbs.) and Wade Vachon, of Tecumseh (174 lbs.) won their respective weight classes while Taylor Meier, sophomore, of Imperial (165 lbs.) was runner-up in his division.

In a season that seemed as though the Nebraska Cornhusker football team would finish among the top of the nation, a six and seven record was all too disappointing. Husker coach Bill Callahan, was given a raise by their Athletic Director Glen Peterkonin, which seemed to put Callahan in the seat for a much longer stay than the November dismissal they both received.

Bill Callahan, who came to Nebraska as a possible savior of a faltering program, who had just a nine and three season and a game with UCLA game win, led as a coaching failure. A failure not because of his off the field personality, but a failure. A failure not because in his four years he could not hold his job, but a failure because in his four years he underachieved (the defense). Sam Cosgrove.

If he could have kept his job, had he been the defensive coach, Kayla Laird.

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South through the Lopers this past weekend as they won two in a row beating Kansas. In a system that is putting p great offensive numbers, six by Kansas. In a system that is breaking records as well. The passing records, the defense was answering to all Nebraska's offensive underachieved (the defense). Sam Cosgrove.

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Guest Writer

With the price of a gallon of gas rising each day to a new record high, how are full-time students affording a college education and transportation? The national average has reached just above $3.20 per gallon, a far cry from a year ago when it was $2.22 per gallon, according to AAA.com.

Many full-time students are so involved with campus and extracurricular activities that they do not have time for a job. Regardless of the high price, students will still need to pay the extra dollars to travel home for the upcoming breaks. So, if the market ever did reach $4.00 per gallon here in the Kearney area, student travel is sure to be affected.

Even now students will have to find alternatives to be able to afford the extra 20 cents. Some accept the price spikes with a sense of humor. Arnold says it is getting to the point where he needs to take out more student loans just to be able to drive.

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"I only go home when necessary, like during breaks or if there is a special occasion," Bichlmeier said. "With home more than two hours away, a trip back ends up costing me $40 that I don't have.

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