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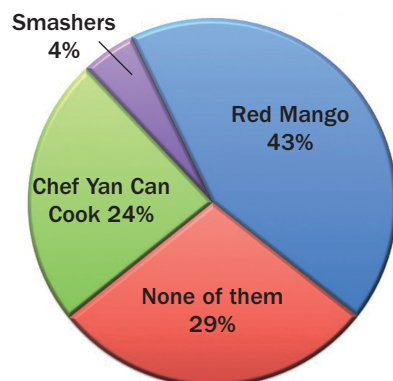
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CTW closing for renovations leads to major changes in housing

BY CAITLIN OSTBERG
Antelope Staff

Change is a part of life, and for the Residence Life team, change was imminent with the closing of Centennial Towers West for renovations and the loss of approximately 400 beds for on-campus residents.

"This has definitely been a coordinated effort," said Anita Kucera, associate director for the Office of Residence Life. "We have worked very closely with facilities, which probably would be the office that we've worked the most with to make sure that we have coordinated this effort to get the building closed."

The renovations in CTW are a part of a larger plan that has renovated Mantor Hall, Men's Hall and Randall Hall and brought the demise of Stout Hall. The project first started with the tearing down of Case and

Ludden Halls several years ago.

"A lot of it was because we have to have our buildings sprinkled by 2014. We have to have all of our buildings where they have the sprinkler system and fire system," Kucera said.

Because of the needed fire suppression system, CTW is next up to be fitted with the system and to gain internal changes such as a better air system for the building.

With the changes beginning next fall, Kucera and the Residence Life staff knew that changes needed to be made to accommodate the displaced students and the incoming students next year.

According to Kucera, they came up with plans A, B and C. As each plan is



ANITA KUCERA

implemented, the next plan is available if more space is still needed. Plan A requires that all on-campus residents will have roommates.

"We have some privates that we've designated across campus, which are no longer," Kucera said.

According to Kucera, once all rooms are doubled, Plan B would then triple rooms and create temporary rooms from lounges.

"Our next step will be Martin Hall, and then we go into Mantor and triple," Kucera said. "Then we'll convert lounges, which is not a real preferable way that we go, but we're calling them 'temporary assignees' because as rooms open up, the last person into a room will be the first person out and into a regular space."

Kucera said that spaces will open up because each term some students decide

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KLPR AMPS UP SHOWS, RANGE



Photo by Amanda Arnold

Aaron Scott, a sophomore undecided major from Kearney, intros a show called the Monday Mashup in the new radio studio. KLPR 91.1 FM has plans in the future to expand their listening range by increasing its wattage from 1000 watts to 3800 watts. The studio has been completely revamped with new equipment for an overall better quality of the station.

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When I was a kid...

Current entertainment can't compare to classics like 'Boy Meets World'**BY JAY OMAR**

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I feel far too young to say it, but the cliché of “I remember when” seems to always be ringing in my mind. In the year 2012, it is hard

to look back even 15 years ago and recognize that world so different from today.

I won't bore you with stories from a magical childhood where everything was perfect, but looking back it is hard not to miss the music, what was shown on my television and the different mentality that kids seem to carry around.

When I was 8-years-old, I didn't watch “Keeping up with the Kardashians” or “Jersey Shore.” I sat and watched Captain Planet save the environment or Corey Matthews and Topanga Lawrence teach me a life lesson on another episode of “Boy Meets World.”

I didn't tune into watch a LeBron James special on which team is going to offer him the most money, I flipped on the TV to watch Michael Jordan put up 48 points in Game 6 of the NBA finals while he battled the stomach flu.

Today you can't scroll through

more than 10 cable television channels without hearing about the latest celebrity and their 72-hour marriage. It seems to me that these “magical” love stories of Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston (first together, now separately) have slowly started to replace what used to be Corey and Topanga. It is hard for me to watch.

“Today you can't scroll through more than 10 cable television channels without hearing about the latest celebrity and their 72-hour marriage.”

When you turn on the radio, it is almost impossible to remember what the noise used to sound like while coming out of the speakers. Catchy hooks and some pretty unfortunate song meanings have slowly replaced the great voices of Ace of Bass and KC and JOJO. With the divorce rate in America close to 50 percent, a few more songs like “All My Life” or “I Don't Wanna Miss a Thing” wouldn't hurt.

I won't make myself out to be the one who sits above all the celebrity

crazes and listens to the lacking talent in music today, I dabble in the hype as well. That being said, to say I miss the “old days” is an understatement.

I miss the “Hey Arnold” marathons and listening to songs with positive meanings. I think back to be able to watch TV without feeling like I'm reading Cosmo. In such a short time, it feels like so much has changed. I miss watching the option being run out of an I formation and a team that actually passes the basketball.

Music, sports and television are just a few of the recent changes in a forever-changing world. There is nothing that can be done to stop the evolution of our media. However some days it is hard not to wish that Disney stars weren't on the cover of Cosmopolitan magazine and music was more about love than sex.

Accepting the way things are is something that just has to be done, but media can also help me remember. Whenever I miss the “Old Days.” I can turn on my iPod and remember the Savage Garden era or use my DVR to record the 6 a.m. reruns of “Boy Meets World.” The world is constantly changing and sometimes it seems for the worst, but that control is out of my hands. I can control, however, what I chose to value.

CAMPUS CRIME LOG

Feb. 13: Leann Obrecht met with campus police about a 3rd party's possible violent relationship. All parties were contacted and abuse was denied.

Feb. 13: Ryan Lavanger called to report that the rolling doors to the athletic equipment room had been damaged as though someone tried to break in.

Feb. 14: Brandy Houser was issued a written warning for failure to signal while turning.

Feb. 19: Jeffery Brittenham reported an unknown person entered his vehicle while it was parked in lot 31. The only items missing were a few business cards.

Feb. 19: Monti Lamberty reported that a vehicle parked in lot 5 was damaged.

ID HOSTS DEPARTMENT CAREER FAIR

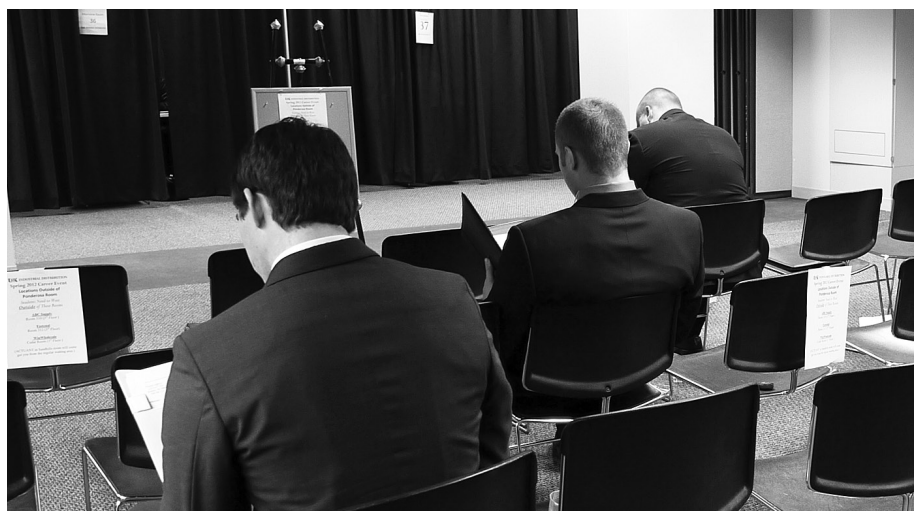


Photo by Yena Oh

On Wednesday Feb 15, the UNK Industrial Distribution Career Fair was held in the morning and company conducted interviews with students were held in the afternoon at UNK Spring Career Fair in the Nebraskan Student Union Ponderosa Room.

Former Husker Suh one of sport's most hated?

Two years has big impact on public perception



BY ERIK SWAZO
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Two years ago, when Ndamukong Suh was a key component in Nebraska football, everyone in football loved this guy. Suh was one of the most respected college athletes during his career at Nebraska, earning a trip to New York for the Heisman Trophy presentation. Things certainly can change over time, and fans' perspectives across the nation have changed about Suh.

Just four months ago, a survey conducted by forbes.com named Suh the leading man for the most liked NFL player. But after a Thanksgiving moment that fans will never forget, Suh is now on a different list, this time among the most disliked athletes.

Suh was ejected from the Thanksgiving match-up against the Green Bay Packers when he stomped on the arm of Packers offensive lineman Evan Dietrich Smith early in the second half. Through one action, the opinions of fans across the nation changed about how they felt about Suh. But you need to think to yourself, this is the NFL. There will be moments where athletes will get caught up in the moment, and they will go off on someone on the field. That is the nature of the game.

If you would ask Husker fans back in 2009 when Suh had a dominating senior season if they wanted a big, giant teddy bear on the field or a ruthless, aggressive defensive tackle out there? What do you think the most popular response would be?

Obviously, Husker fans love defense, hence the affection for their "Blackshirts," a term coined in the 1960s when Coach Bob Devaney wanted to distinguish the defense in practice. Suh has always been an aggressive player, but that is what got him to where he is today.

But once Suh arrived in the NFL, every little play he made was put under a microscope. Suh has been penalized numerous times during his short NFL career for what is being called "dirty plays."



U.S.A. Today

Detroit Lions defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh (90) stomps on Green Bay Packers offensive guard Evan Dietrich-Smith after being ejected during the third quarter of the Thanksgiving game at Ford Field in Detroit.

TOP 10 MOST DISLIKED ATHLETES

1. Michael Vick
2. Tiger Woods
3. Plaxico Burress
4. **Ndamukong Suh**
5. Kris Humphries
6. LeBron James
7. Kobe Bryant
8. Terrell Owens
9. Alex Rodriguez
10. Kurt Busch

From Forbes.com

To me, Suh is a dedicated athlete who shows his emotions on his sleeve. The NFL needs more athletes like that. He also speaks his mind, not hiding things. Yes, he might have made a mistake by stepping on the lineman during the game, but getting caught up in the moment shouldn't make him one of the most disliked athletes.

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Goodin peaks NFL scout's interest

BY ADAM McLAUGHLIN

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Think NFL Draft guru. Mel Kiper Jr. should come to mind.

Now imagine your phone ringing with him on the line.

That's what happened a few years back when UNK Kearney Sports Information Director Peter Yazvac answered the call.

"Mel called up one day — and it was real quick — and wanted to know about Richie [Ross]," Yazvac said.

"I was like 'Huh? Yeah.'"

Times aren't any different right now. Although no call has been made to the athletic offices, there's a buzz surrounding 2011 football offensive lineman Stephen Goodin, who was a second-team All-American for his position this past season.

Yazvac says Goodin is special because of his size. At 6-6 and 310 pounds, Goodin is drawing a look from New Orleans, Green Bay and Carolina.

Scouts are interested in Goodin, who's currently wearing a cast from a broken wrist this last season. They have come to UNK to see what kind of a person he is and eventually will test him in drills at a Pro Day event.

Pro Days, in March, are similar to a mini NFL Scouting Combine: running the 40-yard dash, performing the vertical jump, broad jump, three-cone drill, pro agility and bench press.

"Things they want to know vary from background information like where I'm from and what my family is like, to sports background (sports played, positions played, awards) from high school through college," Goodin said. Past injuries and personality weigh in as well.

Ask Goodin his strength, and he agrees it's his size. But Goodin says he's even more special athletically, and his work ethic is another big asset.

"Right now I have a workout that I am following, concentrating on my leg strength, speed and agility."

Players at the next level need to fit the size model. It's really what scouts look for in the grand scheme of things,



STEPHEN GOODIN

hence the draw to Goodin.

That's what has led Kiper to be curious of past Lopers.

At the same time when talking about Ross, Kiper also inquired about the then 2002 kicker Henrik Juul Nielsen, big players for their level.

Ross eventually played in the league for the Houston Texans. Nielsen didn't sign with an NFL team but is currently playing professionally in Europe.

To many former Lopers, the free-agent market has made a good feel for players.

Mason Brodine, a three-year starter at UNK, signed in December with the Oakland Raiders. Goodin and Brodine were teammates on the 2010 team.

Brodine's size allowed him to be a good fit for Oakland.

Many UNK football players have been drafted, but Randy Rasmussen stands out in 1967 for the New York Jets. He started on the 1969 winning Super Bowl team.

In some ways it's better as players can pick their team of their liking if many show interest, like the case with Ross and Houston.

While Ross holds nearly every receiver's record at UNK-yards, receptions and touchdowns, Nielsen lies within the record books at UNK too, top five in several kicking categories.

For players at this Division II level, it's certainly harder to get a look. But once schools show up as a blip on the map, like Kearney has within the last ten years, it's worth it for scouts to take a visit.

Scouts often visit the campus in Lincoln to look at Husker football players. But then scouts tend to sandwich a trip in to Kearney, a city within a close radius.

It's harder for teams like Chadron State to get scouts due to their location.

You never know the team that comes knocking of the door, as every market is different, from scout's desires to team needs. Often scouts can find diamonds in the rough in Division II football. Take for instance Hall of Famers Walter Payton, Shannon Sharpe, Adam Vinatieri and more.

This year, the best kicker on the 2012 draft board is Division II Missouri Western's Greg Zuerlein, a cast-off from

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Two-sport athletes benefit from secret weapon:

Dual training

BY ARTHUR HOBBS

Antelope Staff

Come this spring the UNK Loper football team is guaranteed to have three fast, in-shape and skilled players.

When you hear the term two-sport athlete, you think of a player who just plays two sports. Although that may be true, these three athletes actually use one sport to better themselves in their other sport.

Louis Kaelin, a freshman from Grand Island, saw limited action in his freshman campaign as a football player but strives to use track as his secret weapon. "I think there is a big advantage in doing two sports, especially in the two I play. From the football side, doing track helps me out tremendously because it keeps me in shape all year around and also gets me a lot faster for football," Kaelin said. "From the track side of it, football helps me get stronger for track season. Also it is nice to meet a lot of people from both sports, whether it's coaches or players."

Dillon Shrodt, a red-shirt freshman and former Husker from Lincoln, is the second two-sport athlete. Despite seeing limited action in his first football season as a Loper, Shrodt's actual calling is on the track. Shrodt runs the 60-yard hurdles at UNK where he averages, at worst, a second place medal. "I play two sports because I enjoy the challenge. Track and field has been something fresh and fun. It's a change up from the daily grind. Besides, I have a love for track and didn't want to miss an opportunity to give it a shot again."

One other player who can definitely tell you that speed kills is UNK's current running back Shad Bride, sophomore from St. Johns, Ariz. focuses on his straightaway speed more than most players because this guy is likely to touch the ball more than most. Bride said, "I expect to achieve a new

level of quickness and speed on the track that will transfer over to the football field. I expect to improve my times in track so that I may be competitive in the RMAC this season as well as in the MIAA next season."

Bride said he feels the benefits of two-sport competition give him an edge in both sports. "I feel the greatest advantage I have over one-sport athletes is the range of athletic abilities I have. For example, by training as a running back, I have the power and explosiveness that is required for a good start in track. By training as a sprinter, I have the necessary top end speed to break away in the open field and elude defenders."



LOUIS KAELIN



DILLON SHRODT

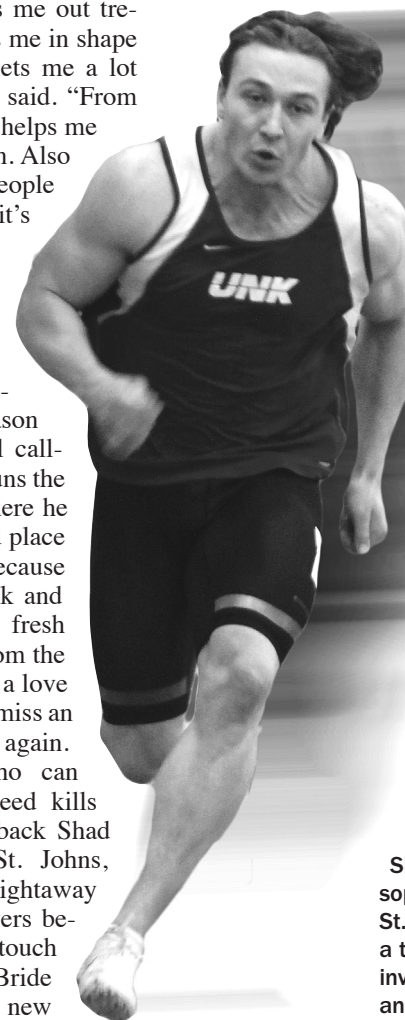


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Shad Bride, a sophomore from St. Johns, Ariz., is a two-sport athlete involved in football and track.

Birth control sparks political animosity

Both parties take stand over controversial campaign issue

BY JAY OMAR
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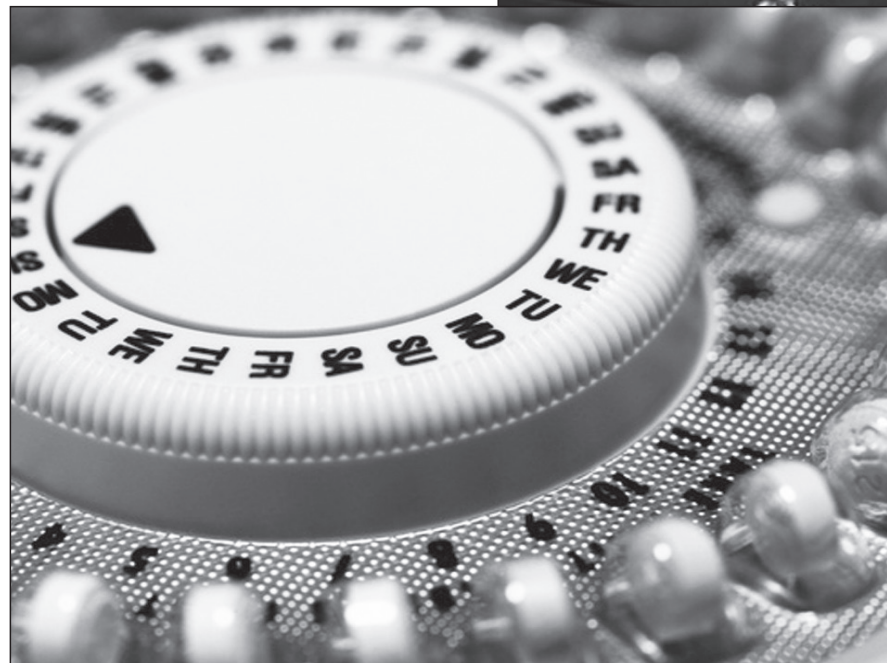
President Barack Obama has ignited a string of ugly debates in the last month stemming from one of the most controversial pieces of his health care reform. Liberals and conservatives are divided over the mandated insurance coverage for birth control, firing up debate from conservative Americans citing moral boundaries.

President Obama believes that every woman should be provided the opportunity to receive birth control free of co-pay and deductible, and this should be provided through employer insurance.

This has caused more than a rise from certain employers, especially those of churches, charities and universities—most religious based institutions.

The bill was presented based around the notion that if a woman should be responsible enough to use contraceptive services, she should not have to break her bank to receive it. This did not sit well with the oppositions of the proposal.

"In a country and a state that values and respects individuals' right to exer-



President Barack Obama made a statement on Feb. 10 about the accommodation to allow employers to opt out of providing women free contraception if they believe it is morally wrong.

Courtesy photos

cise their religious beliefs and live according to their conscience's best lights, it is simply appalling to think that this mandate is anything other than an unprecedented incursion into freedom of conscience," Rev. Jonathan DeFelice, president of Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H., said during an interview with The Huffington Post.

After days of debate and attacks brutally aimed at President Obama,

compromise seemed to be the only option.

On Feb. 10, President Obama proposed what he called an "accommodation" to the mandate in his attempt to please all parties involved.

This compromise was simple. A female employee will be issued free contraception methods through the employer. If the employer believes that this is "morally wrong," the burden then falls on the private insurance company to provide this service to the woman.

In simple terms, Obama reached his goal of free birth control to those who want it. However, in a situation such as a church or religious university that teaches the use of such methods as wrong, the employer reserves the right to refuse to grant birth control, but rather refers the woman to a private insurance company. Insurance companies are told they will save more money by providing this service due to the lower number of pregnancies that will have to be covered.

"Under the rule, women will still have access to free preventive care that includes contraceptive services

no matter where they work. That core principle remains," Obama said during his announcement Friday. "Religious liberty will be protected, and a law that requires free preventative care will not discriminate against women."

After weeks of growing controversy, the issue was decided. A large number of the protesters loud voices subside-

"Under the rule, women will still have access to free preventive care that includes contraceptive services no matter where they work."

President Barack Obama on birth control legislation

ed after the compromise was struck, but some are still screaming.

The Roman Catholic Church shows no signs of backing down on the issue as they continue to write and voice their opinion on the matter calling it an "attack on religious freedom."

As of now the bill stands at a happy medium. Woman can receive their birth control at very affordable rates, and employers have the capability to opt out of the deal as long as an insurance company is there to provide the service. A rare compromise has been struck.

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Going for the Gold

Wetovick weighs in on her favorite Oscar-worthy films

BY BRIANNE WETOVICK
Antelope Staff

Critics say 2011 was a good year for movies. I say, "No, a GREAT year." On Sunday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m., we will see just how the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences reacted to these films. The films included here are all up for the category of Best Picture (besides *The Ides of March*). It is my goal this year, as it is every year, to see as many as I can, so I can fully appreciate the awards.

Most of the nominated films can still be seen in theaters, or through vendors like Redbox, Netflix or OnDemand. Amazon.com also does weekend sales where you can rent films for less than \$5. I'll use a five-star system to let you know what I thought of the films.



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"Midnight in Paris" ★★★★★
(94 mins)
Director: Woody Allen
Starring: Rachel McAdams, Owen Wilson, Kathy Bates

"You're in love with a fantasy," Rachel McAdams tells her fiancée Gil (Owen Wilson) in this comedy/romance. Oh, and McAdam's fans beware. You might hate her after this one. She has to be the "naggiest," most unlikeable movie girlfriend I've seen in quite a while. I mean, if Gil wants to meander around Paris at night, carousing with genius writers like Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald and a few others dead for a few decades, why on earth would you get in the way of a writer's creativity?

"Midnight in Paris" is a funny, well

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written, easy and lovable story of a guy just trying to find his passion in life. The nostalgic music and beautiful scenes of Paris added to the ease of this movie. And jumping through time? You've gotta love that.

"The Help" (146 mins) ★★★★★
Director: Tate Taylor
Starring: Emma Stone, Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer

I was extremely hesitant with this one, mainly because I hate jumping on the bandwagon and rushing out to see something just because the masses are saying it's one of the best movies that have come along in a long time. Well folks, the masses are right. I had just cracked into the book and cringed at the thought of seeing the movie first, but as soon as the credits started to roll, I was even more eager to read the book. How many times can you say that? The cast really amazed me throughout. Viola Davis, Jessica Chastain and Octavia Spencer deserve all the praise given for their outstanding acting in this movie. And then there's Bryce Dallas Howard. She's that ultimate mean girl you just love to hate, countered by a sassy Emma Stone you will absolutely love. Challenging themes involving the colored help being brave enough to do what's right in 1960s Mississippi give the film twists and turns, laughter and tears, and will leave you breathless, yet satisfied by the end. A must see.

"The Ides of March" ★★★★★
(101 mins)
Director: George Clooney
Starring: George Clooney, Ryan Gosling, Philip Seymour Hoffman

I've been excited for this once since last March when my sister excitedly told me that George Clooney was going to be filming at her school in Ohio. She tells me

that they were looking for extras.

"Brianne, should I do it?" she asks. I tell her that she would be absolutely insane if she didn't at least try. I mean, it's GEORGE CLOONEY. Why would you even ask? Of course, she got in. I got some of the inside scoop on filming, and have been waiting patiently to see what actually made it into the film and what got left on the cutting room floor.

What survived is a tale of a highly ambitious governor Mike Morris (Clooney) who decides he would be a good presidential candidate. From the very beginning, we see the people who are normally in the background, the people who make campaigning run smoothly: the staff, interns and volunteers. Communications genius and top dog in the governor's campaign-- a serious and driven Stephen Meyers (Ryan Gosling) is charged with the task of keeping it all under control. When an intern gets involved, the campaign manager for Morris' opponent tries to sway him to the other side. When the pressures of his own staff start to build, it all starts to crumble in on him.

Slow to start but with twists around every corner, and a star-studded cast to bring it all to life, it's easy to see why Clooney got an Oscar nod, along with Grant Heslov and Beau Willimon for Best Adapted Screenplay. I'm still reeling days after it ended.

"The Descendants" ★★★★★
(115 mins)
Director: Alexander Payne
Starring: George Clooney, Shailene Woodley, Amara Miller

This one also made me a bit hesitant. "It's been called the movie everyone should see" and "easily best film of the year." I tried to go in without any expectations so just in case the other critics weren't in line with their reviews, I wouldn't be too disappointed. I shouldn't have been worried.



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In spite of the technical difficulties in the theater (sigh), I was captivated from start to finish. I was enthralled with the honest, thought provoking and moving lines spoken by the characters. This film is all about family, from individuals to the unit as a whole and even those around you-- your community. The beautiful landscape and Hawaiian music gently enhanced the feeling of the film, and pulled me in deeper.

I was happy with the perfect portrayals of these characters too. Again, George Clooney hit it out of the park as a struggling dad and husband who's just trying to make sense of his life. His wife, Elizabeth, is injured in a boating accident, and doctors tell the family that they're unsure of her future. We see the family learn the news and experience the coping process with them every step of the way. Shailene Woodley ("The Secret Life of the American Teenager") and Amara Miller play Clooney's struggling daughters who are slowly strengthening their family bond, especially with their clueless dad. Realistic and difficult scenes really bring this film to life and tug on the heartstrings.

Yes, it's everything the other critics said. I don't want to give too much away, but director and fellow Nebraskan Alexander Payne is truly worthy of the honors he's already been given, along with the additional five nominations for the Oscar. I will be anxious to see what the Academy thought.

For more Oscar reviews go online
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LAMBDA THETA NU SPREADS THE LOVE



Photo by Adrianna Tarin

Senior Esmeralda Bravo-Ramos, senior Gabby Quezada, sophomore Yanira Ramirez and junior Martha Arroyo, members of Lambda Theta Nu, sell roses for pickup or delivery on Valentine's Day. Money raised will go to help with the Latina Youth Leadership Conference they are planning on March 1. This conference is held yearly for seventh and eighth grade girls from schools around the area to have an opportunity to attend workshops that help them focus on self-esteem, obtaining a higher education, the importance of higher education and alcohol prevention.

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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Popular game viral among college students

BY CAITLIN OSTBERG
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If you keep hearing references to more unique vocabulary words like "hajj," "xi," or "swelter" in everyday conversation, your friends may be hooked on the newest viral game "Words with Friends," a multi-player word game developed by Zynga in 2009.

This Scrabble-like game has been sweeping campus through Facebook, apps on smart phones and iPods.

Though many apps and Facebook games lose their appeal relatively fast, "Words with Friends" has continued to be popular.

Players say the most appealing aspect of "Words with Friends" is that it doesn't require a major time commitment. One player makes a move and then simply waits until the opponent responds, and multiple games can be played at once.

The basic rules follow those of Scrabble; each player is given tiles and asked to create a word. Each letter has points, and the board has triple and double letter and word tiles.

The only downside is that it's easier to cheat by looking up words that will give a player maximum points. However, players can challenge themselves to keep on the "straight and narrow."

Though "Words with Friends" is the current popular game, it isn't the only game of the "with Friends" genre. There is also "Hanging with Friends" which is a version of Hangman.



"It's a fun, challenging and competitive way to play with your friends, basically for bragging rights."

Joe Smidt
Freshman/Undecided major
North Platte



"I am a huge Scrabble enthusiast, and this app makes it that much easier to carry my Scrabble game around with me."

Maggie Jackson
Freshman/Criminal justice major
Riverton



"I really enjoy Scrabble, and what a better way to play, every once in a while with your friends and not have to play continuously."

Austin Fletcher
Sophomore/Pre-chiropractic major
Maxwell

Changing lives, finding their voice

Forensics team member Alstrom gives inside look at college forensics



BY BROOKE ALSTROM
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Mike stumbled into this world by accident. Jose was forced to become part of it because of a probation violation. Josh's sister made him

do it. Amanda wanted a chance to perform. Jenna's mom nudged her a bit. Although they come from different places, all of these people have one thing in common: college forensics.

There is no one way that I can describe this unique world of individuals. It's one of those things you really have to let yourself become a part of in order to understand it completely. While observing my fellow competitors on any given weekend, there are many words that come to mind, but they only skim the surface. Not to be confused with crime scene investigation or medical forensics, outsiders might better identify with it as "speech."

UNK hosted the American Forensics Association-National Individual Events Tournament (AFA-NIET) last spring, and this year hosted Nebraska's Intercollegiate Forensics Association Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 18. With two large forensics events in consecutive years, UNK students may be wondering what all the fuss is about. So, I sought out current and former competitors to give those of you who aren't "speech nerds" an inside look into what college forensics is really about.

Sophomore Alisha Forbes from Doane College may have put it the most simply when she said, "Forensics is something that is impossible to describe because it's an event that caters to all aspects of different individuals. Anyone can do it."

As an educational extra curricular activity, first and foremost, forensics gives individuals a chance to find their voice. "In finding their voice, they become prepared for whatever field they wish to follow as they enter into their professional careers," said Larry Schnoor, the AFA-NIET director; or, as we like to call him, The Godfather of Forensics.

"There is no other thing that I

know of where young people can stand up and give a meaningful voice to an issue for 10 minutes, and people are going to listen," said Cole Evans, a sophomore from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

"I originally got involved in speech because my mom said I had no option but to join in the sixth grade, and ever since then it has become a passion of mine," said Jenna Surprenant, a junior from Kansas State University. "Being someone who tends to be more introverted and quiet, speech has enabled me to find my voice and articulate my thoughts."

Second to giving us an opportunity to find our voices, forensics gives individuals the opportunity to change lives.

"When I find a topic that is important to me, it's like a fire," Forbes said. "All I want to do is make that fire spread. I want others to feel what I feel when I feel it, for them to feel my passion and apply it to their lives. I love getting in front of people and knowing that I will have someone who will listen to me and, hopefully, care about what I say."

Nick Herink, a senior competitor from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, knows the impact of forensics will be with him through his life. "The

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things I will remember when I leave speech are the performances. The moments of honesty and passion I have appreciated in other's performances or the energy felt when performing in front of a large crowd. These experiences are the ones I will hopefully remember for my entire life."

For some, this activity has even been a miracle in itself. For example, Jenny Linne, a sophomore from Hastings College, is candid about the effect of speech for her, "Being in speech has honestly saved my life. Even though I've been confused and questioning my-



"You can almost see the metaphorical light bulbs of knowledge go off in our brains for each big idea, theory or notion we grasp."

-Brooke Alstrom

Photo by Brooke Alstrom

The UNK Forensics team will travel to San Marcos, Tex. in April for the AFA-NIET. So far, three competitors on the team have qualified events for this tournament.

self, I think back to the people, the performances and the amazing conversations and laughs that I've taken away."

It is the sense of community that keeps most coming back year after year. With a competitive season that lasts from September to April, it's impossible to not make friends with the enemy. While the individuals involved in this community come from different backgrounds and span across the country, we can all find solace in the fact that we're all a little bit the same.

"I think the thing I love the most about it is that you get to be with people who are just like you every weekend. We all have our weird quirks, and in forensics, you're able to let it shine without judgment. Also, it's a great way to network and make friends that will last for a long time. Doing forensics in college is the best decision I ever made," said Amanda Stoffel, a sophomore from UNL.

Throughout the four years that we're eligible to compete in this amazing educational activity we learn about simple concepts as well as complex societal issues. You can almost see the metaphorical light bulbs of knowledge

go off in our brains for each big idea, theory or notion we grasp.

"This activity has made me passionate for learning. I honestly think I learned more at one weekend swing than I did most weeks in class. The creative and intellectual spirit that is harbored in this activity is unparalleled by any other extracurricular," noted Allison Ronnau, a coach at the University of Alabama and former UNL competitor.

Schnoor went on to say, "As a professional educator, my joy, my love, my rewards are the accomplishments of those that I have seen over the years. I have followed their growth, their development and their success knowing that we as a nation are in good hands because they know how to think, to research and to express their thoughts."

So in defining, what is college forensics, I guess it boils down to a few key things: The opportunity to find your voice, change lives, meet amazing people and add to your resume. Sounds like something that should be put in a pamphlet for colleges to attract incoming students, right? But the truth is that the four years of forensics you compete in college are just the beginning.

Talk, talk and more talk

See world from new perspective at Feb. 23 Conversation Table

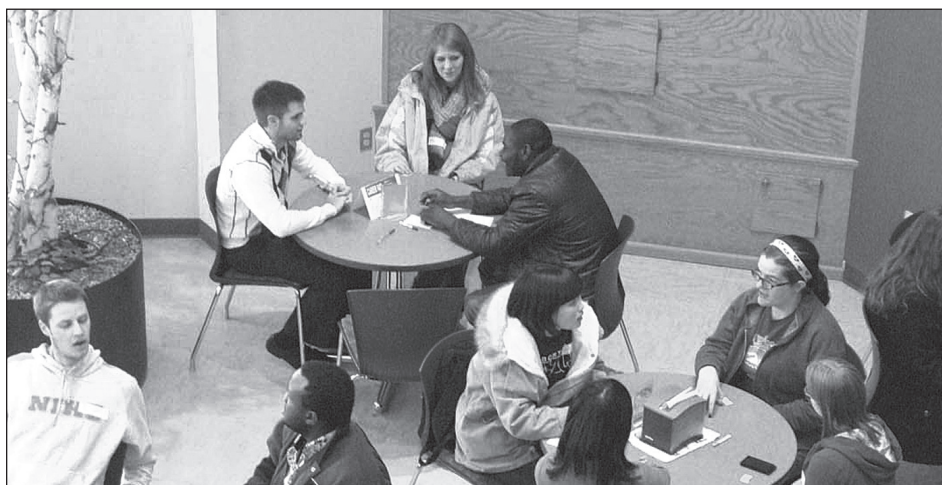


Photo by Maggie SowL

Over 150 people attended Feb. 16 Conversation Tables. The final Conversation Table will be Thursday Feb. 23.

BY MAGGIE SOWL
JMC 215

There's only one more spring conversation table to be held on Thursday Feb. 23. The event Thursday is one last opportunity for food, fun and conversation between 4-5 p.m. at the food court of the Nebraskan Student Union.

The Conversation Tables have grown in size dramatically over the past few years. Over 150 people attended the Feb. 16 event. "Initially, the events started out as a way for international students to prac-

tice conversational English," said Lisa Terry, an ELI (English Language Institute) teacher and Conversation Tables coordinator.

However today, the purpose has grown to include sharing culture and friend making. Yasuhiro Uchibori, an international student from Japan, said the tables offered a "good opportunity to use learned English skills, and we can make new friends from other countries."

Terry encourages everyone one to attend and benefit from the experience. "These sessions have benefit for both international and American students," Terry said. "Don't be afraid of diversity. Communicating is good for you as a human being. People need to communicate with people, realize what they have in common and see the world from a different perspective."

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Students flock to Career Fair



Photo by Adam Konruff
Justin Stonacek, a senior business administration major from Lincoln, visits with Kate Lavicky of Sandhills publishing at the UNK Career Fair Feb. 21.

BY BROOKE ALSTROM
Antelope Staff

All dressed up and ready to take advantage of the opportunity, students flocked to UNK's Spring Career Fair on Tuesday, Feb. 21, an event that annually draws over 300 students.

Over 65 employers attended the fair sponsored by Buckle, Crete Carrier, Northwestern Mutual, Southwestern Company and Verizon Wireless, all hoping to attract soon-to-be graduates.

Previous to the event, UNK provided students with opportunities on campus to get prepared for various situations from attire to interview questions. Students are often aware of what to expect at the career fair, but what should they expect following the event? Nancy Weber, a career adviser in UNK's academic and career services department gives some pointers for how to have a successful post-fair experience.

Make notes

Weber says, "Sit down while things are fresh and make notes about who you met with, things they talked about and what you told employers." Ask yourself and make notes: Who did you talk to? What positions were the employers hiring for?

Weber also really stressed that students should take note of how they felt about the organization as a whole. "Some people think that in this not-very-positive environment for employment, you need to take what you get. But for long term fulfill-

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT AFTER THE CAREER FAIR

- Did I spend enough time at the fair?
- Was I dressed appropriately?
- Did I collect business cards?
- Did I meet the individuals I wanted to meet?
- Did I introduce myself with confidence?
- Are there things I should change for next time?

ment, that may not be the best strategy," she said.

Follow up

Weber noted, "A hand-written, hard copy, through-the-mail 'thank you' will make you stand out." Students should include something to help the employer remember them individually. Remind them that you met at the UNK Career Fair, and mention what your future plans are in regards to their organization.

Evaluate

Finally, Weber said that students should evaluate their strategies to make sure they get the most out of the Career Fair. By going over their tactics, students can decide whether or not they had a successful experience, or decide that they did not have a productive experience. By doing this, they can increase their chances for success at a Career Fair in the future.

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Housing from page 1

that college isn't for them, or they decide to go somewhere else.

Karen Sutherland, housing coordinator and office associate for Residence Life, also said each year some students don't actually take their housing at UNK because they don't attend.

"Kids that have signed up for housing at two different schools, and they're not quite sure which school they want to attend until the last minute and don't, perhaps, notify us. So we expect them, but don't ever see them because they've chosen to go somewhere else," Sutherland said.



KAREN SUTHERLAND

Plan C would require that Resident Assistants must take roommates; however, Kucera and Sutherland don't see that plan coming into effect. One of the many difficult decisions was deciding which rooms would be designated as triples.

"We looked at the actual layout of the floor plan, and the amount of square foot-

age in rooms and tried to work it that way," Kucera said. "We tried to be logical in our thought process as we moved through this."

As discussions began on the three plans, Kucera knew that no matter what decisions they made, students would still be inconvenienced in some way.

"I think we always struggle with, 'How's that going to affect our students, 'and 'What kind of stress is that going to put on a student for their academic year?'" Kucera said.

Many decisions made by Residence Life were difficult because of the policy that all students under the age of 19 had to live on campus.

"It didn't really seem to matter what we did to accommodate CTW coming off-line. We knew someone was going to be impacted. So, there was not one decision that was easy to make," Sutherland said.

According to Kucera, every decision was thoroughly discussed. "We talked about every single hall and measured every single floor space. It was lengthy, and I think everybody kept thinking, 'Why aren't they telling us what's going on?'" Kucera said.

Kucera also said that after CTW is finished, CTE will be renovated which means that these changes will be in place for the next two years.

At the moment, however, housing sign-up for next fall is first priority. Beginning March 5, on-campus residents will begin the process.

"We always like to give our returners priority to come back again in the spaces that they would like to be in," Kucera said. "I think it will be a big push for Antelope/Nester for returning students to go over there."

Last year was the first year that students signed up online through MyBlue. The online process began as a way to allow students more control over their housing situations, though it wasn't smooth sailing the first time.

HOUSING SIGN-UP
TIMELINE

March 5- Same room, same hall

March 6- Portal closed for reassignment in Antelope/Nestor and CTE

March 7-Same hall, different room

March 8-Different hall, different room

March 30- Sign-Up Deadline; if returning students don't sign up by the deadline, they will be assigned rooms according to application date along with new students.

"We had to work out a lot of glitches so this year we're starting again, thinking that we have those glitches worked out and hoping that we don't encounter new ones," Kucera said.

Kucera has a positive outlook that the changes being made are for the better and that the Office of Residence Life will be able to help students throughout the changes.

"Ultimately that's why we're here. I hope that we're offering good service to students. And often times we don't know until we start being challenged about what we're doing," Kucera said.

Goodin from page 4

the University of Nebraska at Omaha team that closed its football doors last spring.

Zuerlein put Kearney on his list of schools to transfer to before deciding on Missouri Western.

But with talk of Goodin, the most notable player to draw attention out of UNK was Ross, who attracted scouts even on Saturdays, not just in the off-season. He had more hype than quarterback Justin Coleman, who many scouts ranked top ten for his position.

Coleman, until 2003, held the all-time NCAA passing record of 11,213 yards. Coleman threw more yards than Peyton Manning ever did in his collegiate career.

The NFL at the time was going to the mobile quarterback mold, which led Coleman to be "undrafted" due to his lack of speed.

Goodin has a chance to be the next Loper playing on Sundays, according to Yazvac.

Yazvac also said another Loper Arthur Hobbs may peak interest from teams.

But right now, all the talk is Goodin. "At this time I wouldn't say it's (NFL) surreal, but if I do get picked up by a team then it definitely would be," Goodin said.

Sudoku answer:

Upside down, from page 7

6	2	3	4	5	1
4	1	5	3	6	2
3	9	1	5	2	4
2	5	4	6	1	3
1	3	6	2	4	5
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Chinese Festival rings in the *Year of the Dragon*

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Yunjing Gao, a freshman business major from Hebei, China, paints a water color within about five minutes near the end of the festival. She was wearing a traditional silk dress.



Photo by Eunjung Kwon
Xile Wang, a freshman construction management major from Baoding, China; Dong Han, a sophomore business administration major from Shijiazhuang, China; and Xiaoyun Ma demonstrate the Chinese martial art, tai ji. The Chinese Spring Festival was held Feb. 12 at the Nebraskan Student Union.



Photo by Amanda Arnold
Volunteers serve a Chinese meal consisting of eggs, rice, noodles and a variety of vegetables like lima beans and tomatoes.



Photo by Amanda Arnold
Dancers take the stage to celebrate the year of the dragon for 2012. This Chinese Festival was held on Feb. 12 in the Ponderosa Room in the Nebraskan Student Union. The event included Chinese-inspired cuisine as well as games and live performances.