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Foreword to the

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Managing Editor

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Some students are graduating, and others are moving on to the summer.

What memories were taken from

the past year?

Was it friendships made over the course of the year?

Was it the nice recognition received from a professor?

Whatever it was, here is the memories that will forever be embedded for this year with this institution in publication.

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blowing glass



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Mark Halva is a senior art major at UNK, specializing in glass blowing. These photos show him at work on a piece and the progress and shape the piece takes after working with the glass. The end result was about 20lbs of glass.



NEBRASKA

Mavis Reiter retires only to start over

Matt Ringen
Guest Writer

Wood River is home to one of the area's best-kept secrets in antique stores behind an old-fashioned pickup off East Highway 30 with a sign in the truck bed that reads, "Stick Creek Antiques."

Mavis Reiter, a life-long resident of the Wood River area, owns the antique store with her husband Jim.

She is a retired teacher who taught for 38 years in several area schools. After she retired from teaching she felt the need to keep herself busy. Her love of antiquities led her to open Stick Creek Antiques store in August 2005. The store's business name comes from the Wood River town name.

"Antiques grow on you and I love collecting them," Reiter said.

She says that the antique fads are like fashion. "You never know what people are going to want. Some items may be a hot item one year, and then the next year it will change, so I just keep a little bit of everything," Reiter said.

She knows that she can appeal to a wider range of customers by having a variety.

A few items displayed include padlocks, furniture, china, rockers, children's toys, pictures, horse collars, cookie jars, buffalo skulls, postcards from every state, and even a Nebraska Cornhuskers Wheaties box following the 1971 national championship team. By the way, the "Breakfast of Champions" box is still full.

Some of her original handcrafted furniture, including a print shop desk and a large old-fash-

ioned icebox, are over 100 years old.

"Things that people like are the originals and a lot of people get stung on reproductions. You gotta know your stuff in collecting," she said.

She has Wade Tea figures that are little animals, which used to come in bags of tea from

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Mavis Reiter
Co-owner of Stick Creek Antiques

England. She knows they are original because every Wade Tea figure should have a ribbed feature on the bottom. If it is flat, it is a reproduction. She says that these are the little things you have to know to pick out the originals.

Though all of her antiques are unique, her favorite section of the shop is a wall that contains numerous red handles utensils that are very

rare.

"This (the red handle wall) is my favorite spot. If I would someday quit antiques, everything from this wall would go home with me. I've scouted from east to west coast to find the red-handles that are nice and original," she said. The items on the wall include red handled utensils made of Bakelite, which is a hard plastic that is unique and hard to find.

She enjoys going to estate sales and auctions in search of unusual items. On occasion she will buy items from walk in customers.

She says that her best selling time is during the summer when tourists traveling Interstate 80 stop in. She said they often buy items that are unique to the Midwest heritage that cannot be found easily where they are from.

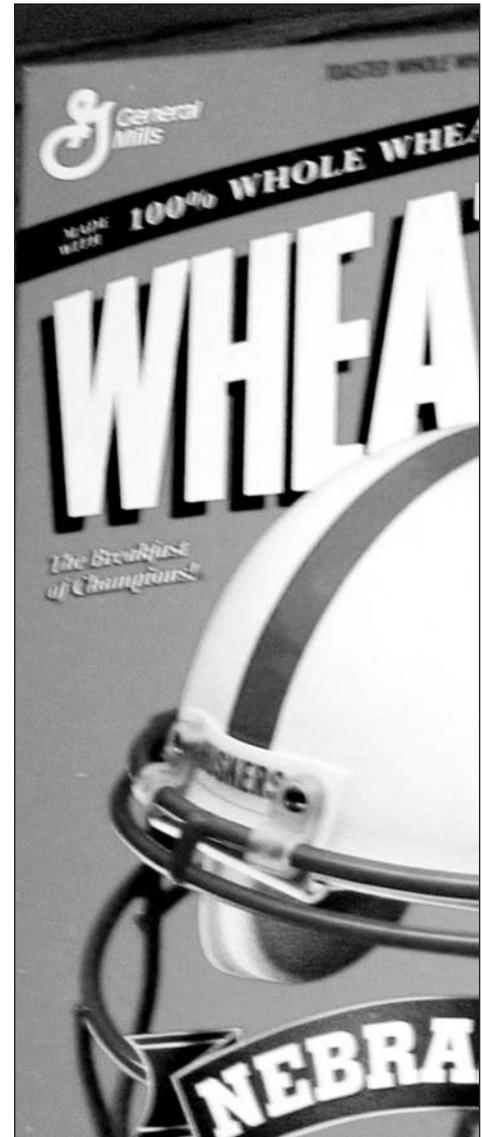
Nebraska's "Junk Jaunt" annual event is also a busy time for her store. The Junk Jaunt is a three-day shopping and touring event in the last weekend of September. People from numerous parts of the country travel a 250 mile path that

runs through many rural Nebraska communities showcasing three fresh water rivers: North Loup, Middle Loup and South Loup Rivers and also travels through the Nebraska Sandhills.

She says that "Antique stores are like mini-museums" and that people like to say "I remember when I had one of those" as they point out an item.

Stick Creek's store hours are Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and some Saturdays. Since she occasionally teaches at a nearby school she may not always be at the store, but her contact phone number is displayed on the old truck outside and she is usually willing to open at other times if someone calls and asks.

Reiter says that when new customers visit for the first time it isn't uncommon for them to say something like "we didn't even know you were here"—well now you what to look for, so stop in and see what she has to offer.



Loper Athletics 2006-2007



Year In Review

Eric M. Korth
Asst. Managing Editor

All Photos by Eric M. Korth

2006-2007 was one of the better years in the history of UNK athletics. This year saw three national champions in two different sports (Wrestling (2) and Men's Track and Field), as well as successful seasons in all the sports that are offered.

This athletic year, like every year, has seen its ups and downs. I'm glad to say though, that I feel we have seen many more positives this year, than we have negatives.

Here is a list of some of the highlights of the 2006-2007 athletic season.

- Men's football saw once of its better defenses in school history. The Loper D gave up an average 14.5 points a game.

- National Champions. This year

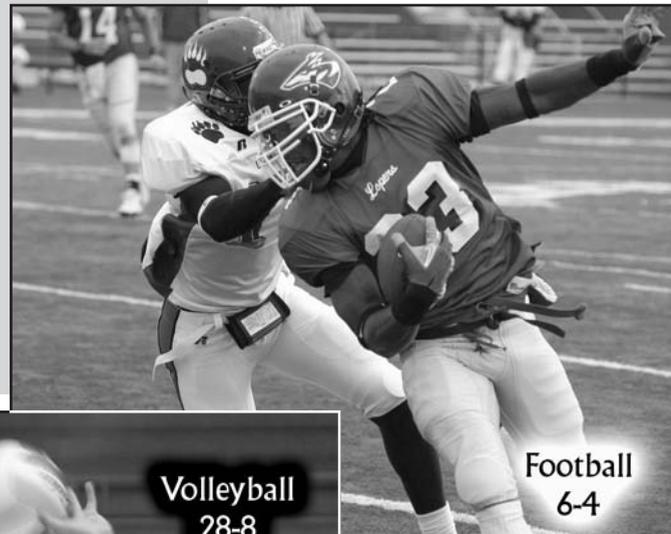
saw three of them. Trevor Charbonneau and Tervel Dlagnev both brought home championships and led the Loper Wrestling team to a second place finish nationally. Lance Pfeiffer traveled to the Division II Championships in Boston with several other Loper tracksters and came away with his second national title in the men's Shot Put.

- The Women's basketball team had a successful season having made it to the Sweet 16 portion of the National Tournament. The girls didn't come home empty handed though. While in Grand Forks, N.D. for the tournament, and several hours before their game with North Dakota, UNK's coach, Carol Russell, gave birth to a baby boy. Amazingly, Russell was able to make it to the game and coach the team.

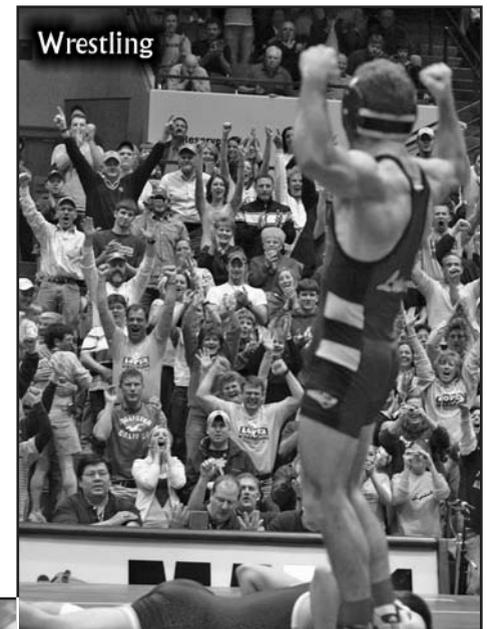
This year left us with plenty of memorable moments, hopefully next year will do the same.



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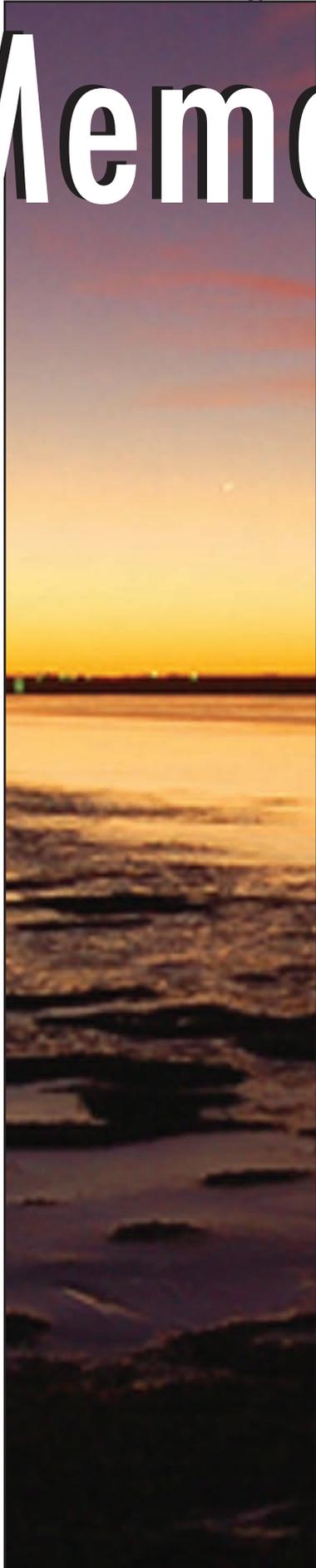


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of the Memories



Friends and all that lay between

When friendships change and what happens

Stephanie M. Ellington
Managing Editor

Throughout life, we meet millions upon billions of people. Of those people, we have a chance to become acquainted with probably 30 percent of them. Of that 30 percent, some become friends and others become people we just say “hi” to in passing.

What determines who will become our friends? Is it personality traits or is it interest? The thing is, it can be a number of reasons we choose the people we want as friends. Friendships are relationships that build over a period of time. Very rarely do you meet a stranger on the street and call them your friend the next day.

Sometimes you meet those rare people who you share common bonds with. Those bonds soon turn into an unbreakable circle. People who would, in the words of one of my friends, “take a bullet for you.” That may sound like a strong phrase, but it simply means they are willing to be there for you when you need someone.

When we are young we look for a playmate, someone we can go bike riding with, or someone we can meet up with and go to the park. Throughout time, our standards for friendships change. When we enter our teenage years, friends become those people with whom you can talk about your current crush, and they will take the secret to their grave. It is amazing what your friends at that age, will do for you.

They will risk their own embarrassment for the sake of you obtaining that first date. They will go shopping with you at the last minute so you can find that perfect dress, and then they will proceed to tell you that you look like a beauty queen, even though you look the same other than the fact you are wearing a dress. They are there for you those times when you are crying so hard because the trick you attempted on your bike left you in deep injury. They will run to their house and grab an ice pack to stop your pain.

As we grow into adults, friends become more stable and they don't change, or shouldn't, everyday. In high school, everyone is striving for acceptance, so they feel constantly judged which predetermines friendships at that period of time. We all, at some point, want to be that popular person whom everyone adores and invites to all their parties. Quite possibly we could ditch our best friends so that we can keep that time slot open for that one guy/girl we have been dying to go on a date with. When he/she finally asks the remarkable question, you had already made plans with your best friend earlier in the day. Those friends, for some reason, understand though, they may sit in their room and bawl for hours upon hours. Miraculously, you call them the next day and they come to the phone and ask how your night went. They never express their disappointment of your canceling on them because they know how much that night meant to you. They are understanding when that same boy/girl stands you up the next day and you call them

frantically crying because now you feel what they felt the previous weekend when you canceled on them.

What happens to those same friends that you told yourself you would always love? What happens as we get older? Does that bond change, or do we change and the bond changes as well? Because, as adults, that same friend we trusted with our life as a child and a teenager starts going after the person we are crushing on so madly.

What makes a good friend when we are adults? I think it is trust and loyalty. I think it is fun and humor. We like that friend we can call up after the worst day and, no matter what, they can always put a smile on our face, whether it be with a joke, or just by reminding us that tomorrow is a new day.

Sometimes that reassurance is all we need. Maybe that friend is the one we call while we are in a huge traffic jam which suddenly stopped. Maybe a good friend is that person you can sit and watch a movie with and make fun of the storyline or share the same tears. Maybe that friend is the person you go over and see when you have just cut your hair a little to short. No matter what, they will convince you that you like it and make you realize that, oh yes, it does grow back. Maybe that friend is the same friend that holds your head in the bathroom at the bar, when you have just

had a few too many drinks.

When you think about it, friends may change, but we seek one thing from those we call our friends; acceptance and tolerance.

We expect them to understand when we ramble on, in what may be considered a foreign language to those who don't know us. A good friend can determine when you are in a bad mood without even hearing a word. They can read our minds when we may not wish to speak up. They don't only answer that late night call, but they expect it. They realize that blind dates aren't possible, but are a must when, we are scared of going on that awkward date by ourselves. They look outside and see the rain and think about what those raindrops represent. They look up at the night sky on a clear night and know that you are staring at the same night sky, feeling their presence.

They are the ones who, when someone we love passes on, will hold our hand and remain silent, because they know the pain we are feeling has no words. They are the ones who know us best and become the first people on speed dial.

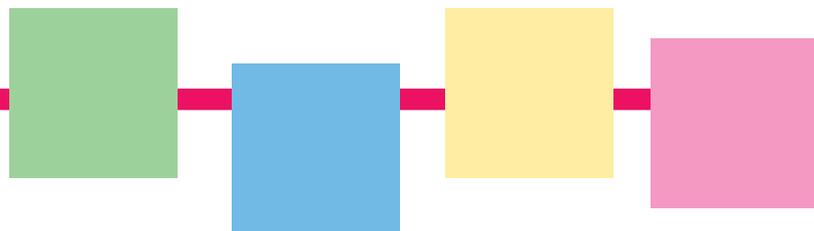
The friends that stay are the ones that we cherish and remind us that those who leave are unlucky in that having us as a friend is a gift. We make friends, we lose friends. Some move away, others just move on. This is sad at times, but every single person who crosses our path changes us.

They change us in ways we may never realize, but that is why we need to be thankful for every friend we have ever had, even those friends that we may have lost. Friends are all silent angels that bless us with their charm and wit throughout their stay in our lives.

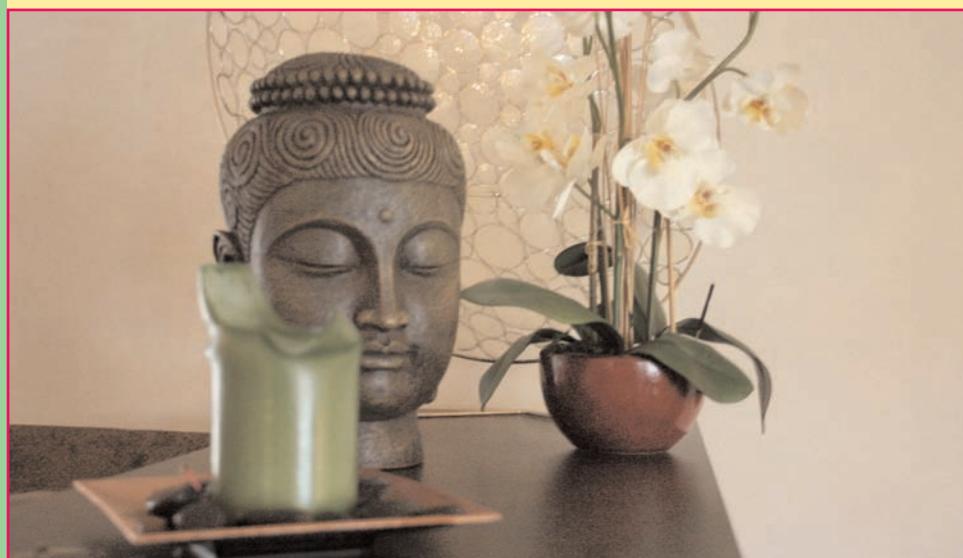
Friends come in when we least expect them, and leave their imprint and we never forget them. Though they might not stay long, their impression is everlasting.



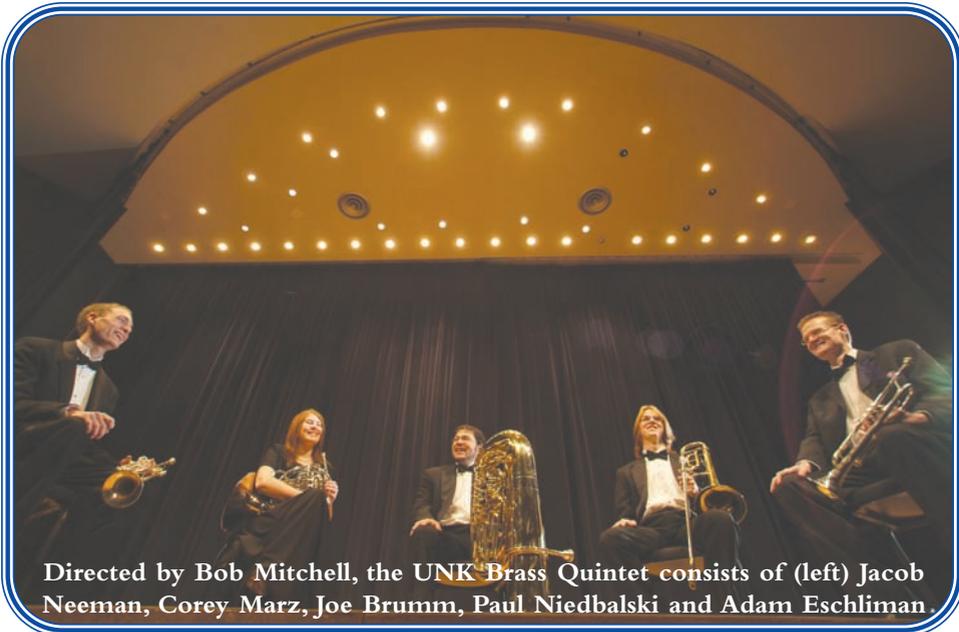
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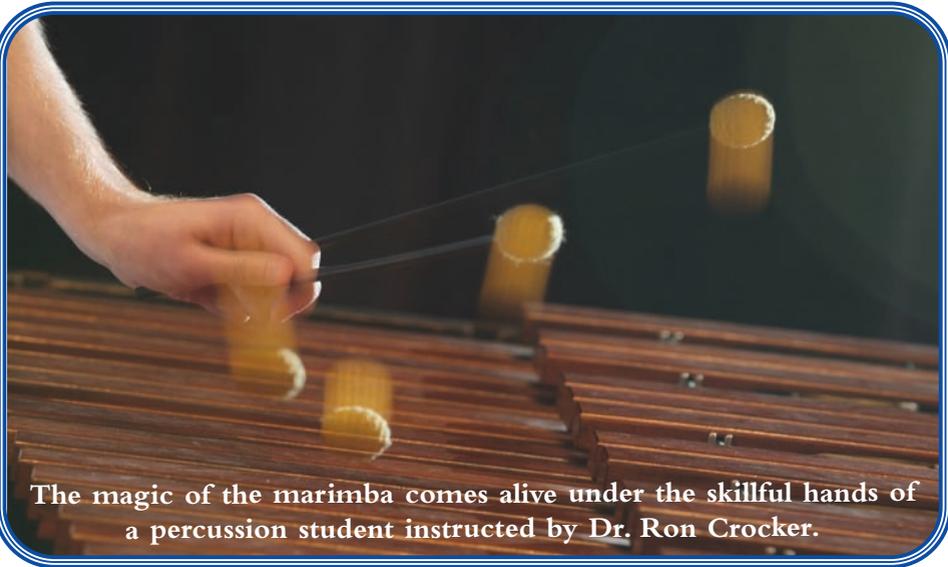
The International Central



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Directed by Bob Mitchell, the UNK Brass Quintet consists of (left) Jacob Neeman, Corey Marz, Joe Brumm, Paul Niedbalski and Adam Eschliman.



The magic of the marimba comes alive under the skillful hands of a percussion student instructed by Dr. Ron Crocker.



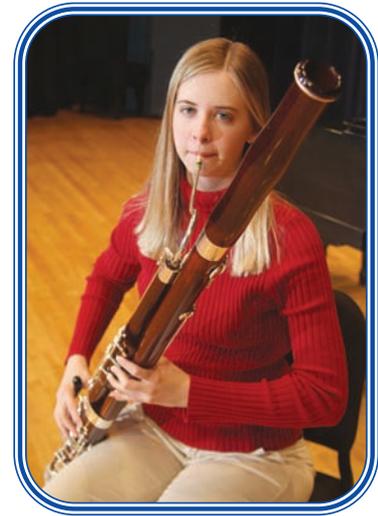
(above) Chiyo Kamada, flutist, is a 2005 UNK Concerto/Aria winner. Hikari Maekawa, pianist, is a 2006 MTNA State Chamber Music Competition first-prize winner, and also recently received the student research grant award at UNK. Maekawa presented her research paper "Evolution of Piano Trio" at a nationwide student research conference in San Francisco this April.



(above) The Thornton String Quartet, lead by Dr. Ting-Lan Chen, was established in 2004 and has become an important student chamber ensemble at UNK, performing in various events including departmental recitals, graduation ceremonies, UN president ceremony, etc.

Two members from the group won the first prize in the MTNA State Chamber Music Competition in Oct. 2006. Current Thornton String Quartet members include Amy Fyock, Kalie Wetovick, Tina Lund and Andrea Zecha. The String Chamber Concert in Nov. 2006 was the first full-scale string chamber concert in UNK history. "UNK String Players" is comprised of UNK string students, members of the Thornton String Quartet, and string faculty.

Kearney Symphony Orchestra is the largest classical symphony orchestra in Kearney and is in its second century season. Directed by Ron Crocker, the orchestra contains students and faculty from UNK as well as community members. KSO just established a "KSO Scholarships" for UNK music students to encourage their musical training at UNK, beginning next year.



(above) Katie Langenfeld, a sophomore from Omaha, plays bassoon in the UNK Wind Ensemble, one of the several UNK student large ensembles.

CROSSING



All photos by Mike Gruszczynski

(At top) A harbor at Pier 39 of Fishermans Wharf holds a variety of boats. Alcatraz Island, former home to celebrities including Capone, Clint Eastwood and Sean Connery, is seen in the background.

(Above) San Francisco is a very hilly city. The above photo is taken midway up a long hill on Lombard Street.

(At left) A view of the North Beach section of San Francisco from Telegraph Hill, which was once a lookout point in the early days of the city. The hill is host to Coit Tower, and was used to keep tabs on incoming ships, with watchmen warning the city if danger was present.

THE BORDER

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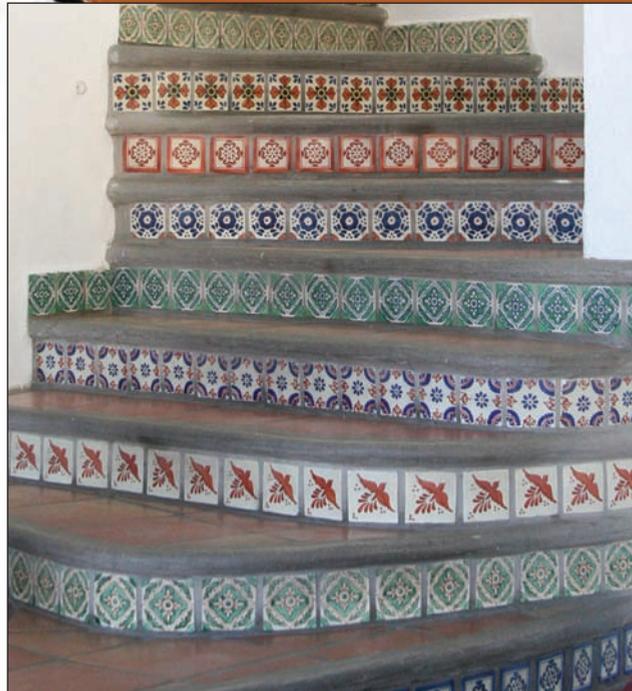
The sunrises and sunsets of Cabo San Lucas are a small testament to all the richness and beauty comprising Mexico.



The vendors on the beach of Cabo San Lucas offer water activities such as kayaking, parasailing and scuba diving.



(Above) "The Arch," which splits the Pacific Ocean and the Sea of Cortez, is a favorite site of many who visit Mexico.



(At Right) A beautiful staircase, made of handmade tiles, winds up the inside of a building in downtown Cabo, Mexico.

Google

Google

Mike Gruszczynski
Guest Writer

The Internet has undoubtedly changed the world in which most Americans reside, especially citizens of the younger generations.

Indeed, many college students partake in social networking sites such as Facebook and Myspace, order clothes from online stores or find that last nugget of information for their overdue research report.

However, the good aspects of the Internet are, unfortunately, accompanied by potentially dangerous aspects, as well.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation recently reported on its Internet fraud Web site (located at <http://www.fbi.gov/majcases/fraud/internetschemes.htm>) that "Internet auction fraud was by far the most reported offense, comprising 62.7 percent of referred complaints."

Online auction fraud aside, the Internet presents many other hazards to even its most safety-conscious visitors, including identity theft, sexual predation and poor eyesight due to over-exposure.

The Internet presents us with one danger in particular that is especially heinous, yet often-overlooked - the behavior of search engines following irresponsible search behavior by users.

Senior UNK student John Jensen, of Wayne, said he often worries about the consequences of irresponsible searches on the World Wide Web.

Jensen said he became acutely aware of the potential hazards of irresponsible Internet searches soon after he retired from the Kearney bars on a recent Thursday night.

"What happened was, I came home kind of drunk and began looking around the Web," he said. "Soon after, I decided to 'Google' the word Google."

What happened next would, in Jensen's words, change his night forever, if not his life.

"I don't know if you've ever done so, but when you 'Google' Google, you create a sort of feedback loop where you just keep on repeating yourself over and over. You just keep repeating yourself over and over."

That night, he became a victim of his own irresponsible search engine use. Soon after he "Googled" the word Google, the search results

came up with a link to the Google Web site.

Because of his proclivity toward selecting the highest-ranked site during searches, he proceeded to click on the Google link, thereby taking him back to Google.

Jensen said what happened next is not exactly clear to him.

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John Jensen
Senior UNK student, of Wayne

"It's all kind of a blur now," he said. "I don't know how long I sat there, just clicking and re-clicking the word Google. I do know that when I came to, my index finger really hurt and I was covered in a cold sweat."

If not for the actions of his longtime girlfriend, McCool Junction junior Emily Norquest, he said he might still be sitting in his chair, typing, clicking, re-typing and re-clicking the word Google.

"I guess what happened is that Emily came into the room to see if I wanted a slice of buttered-bread, and I was unresponsive, just sitting

there clicking the word Google," he said. "If it weren't for her disdain for the Google search engine, I don't know what would've happened. She might have been sucked in as well."

"I'm glad that she prefers the Yahoo! search engine. That's all I can say."

Norquest said she was horrified when she walked in on John's Google endeavors, but maintained her composure in order to prevent further catastrophe.

"I'm just glad John's alright, that's all," she said. "I wish there were some type of security measure on the Google that would prevent this type of thing from happening."

She said they have written several letters to the company seeking a posted warning on the Web site, but have received no response as of yet.

Jensen, who said he will be attending law school at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the fall, has not yet decided whether or not to pursue a lawsuit.

"I don't know. I don't really have time for a suit right now, but who knows," he said. "All I can say is that when I get out of law school, the people at Google better watch their backs."

He pointed to something in the distance shortly after making the statement, though there was nothing but a wall.

Norquest said such behavior has been frequent ever since the Google incident.

"Yes, he'll just kind of 'zonk out' for a second and point and yell at the wall from time to time," she said. "It's heartbreaking to see him like this."

Jensen's roommate, Wayne senior Tyler Anderson, said he wonders about the truth behind his roommate's experience.

"I don't know, you know," Anderson said. "It sounds kind iffy to me. I'd like to believe him just because he's my roommate and friend, but he also tends to be full of [explicative] sometimes."

However, Anderson was quick to point out the fact that the Internet is a dangerous place, perhaps giving some credence to a seemingly unbelievable story.

"Then again, the Internet is a dangerous place," he said. "Predators, pornography, farm animals, and now this maybe. It could be that John was just in the wrong place at the wrong time."



Photo by Emily Ross



Photo by Andrew Loseke
Emily Ross, at left, and Tessa Mills, at right.



Photo by Miyuki Oshima

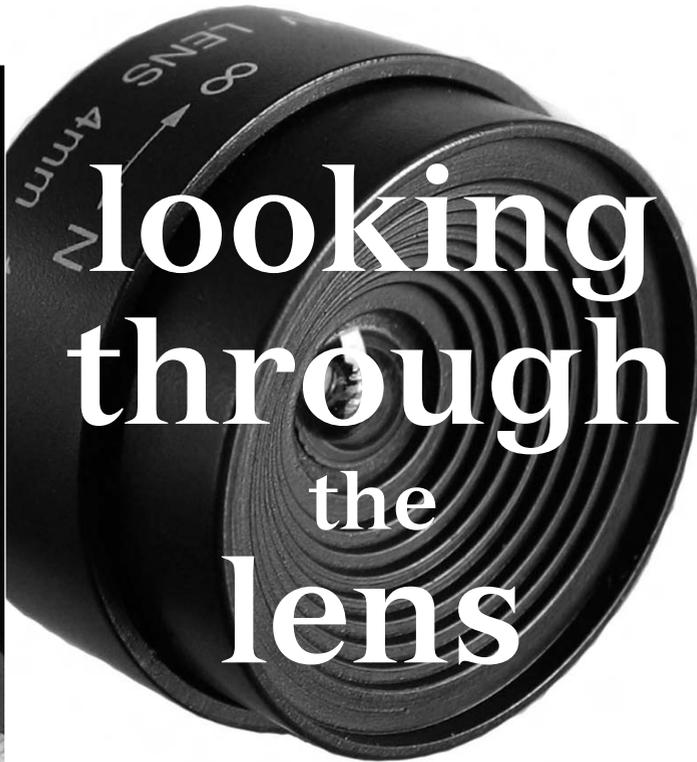


Photo by Andrew Loseke
Jonathan Dearmont



Photo by Andrew Loseke
(Counter clockwise from top left) Tessa Mills, Emily Ross, Andrew Loseke, Jonathan Dearmont, Kristen Horton

Hurricanes come and go, but for some, hope, and help, came at the right time

April D. Refior
Antelope Sports Editor

On Sept. 24, 2005, Hurricane Rita raged through the city of Port Arthur, Texas. Even after a year and a half, much recovery is yet to take place.

Twelve students from UNK, along with 13 members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney, traveled to Port Arthur over spring break, March 10-18. While in Texas, the group of 25 took part in Rita Recovery, volunteering his and her time to help those whose homes were damaged by the hurricane.

University Lutheran, one of the campus ministries at UNK, is the group that arranged for the alternative spring break trip to take place. Months of planning and organization went into very detail. The cost of the trip totaled around \$200, half of that going toward travel expenses and lodging, the other half toward personal purchases such as food and souvenirs.

This is not the first spring break trip for University Lutheran. Last year, UNK students and members from Holy Cross also traveled to Port Arthur. Even though the trip was to the same area, there were still differences.

"This year brought new challenges and incredible God moments," said Michelle Foley, sophomore from Utica, Neb. "Honestly, it [this year's trip] turned out

even better than last year, and last year was amazing! We went down there with the intention to serve God and help others by restoring their houses. We ended up doing so much more. I never thought it would have turned into a trip where we focused on the kids and being positive Christian role models to them."

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**Who knew I could go to
Vietnam for only \$200!**

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Ashton Klahn
Bennington junior

Foley said that one of the most memorable events to happen was when she told one of the girls on the block that she was helping repair the house the group had been assigned. "She disappeared for a while to

her house down at the corner of the block and returned on her bike pleading with me to come over and help her mom with their house," Foley said.

Jaime Coolidge, junior from Indianola, had another opinion of why the trips were so different. "There was a completely different mix of people and personalities," Coolidge said. "The adults on the trip were awesome! I also feel that I got to know people better, especially the ones at my site."

The 25 Kearneyites were divided into three different sites only blocks away from one another. A few of the members stayed back at the church to prepare meals and make the temporary residence feel like home.

With all the mixed emotions of the volunteers, was this trip what it was expected to be?

Matthew Sallman, junior from Belleville, Kan., said, "Yes and no. I hoped for a few things that didn't happen and also hoped for some things that did happen. I was really hoping that we could do roofing this year. Most of my experience with houses is roofing, and I was a little disappointed when I found out that we were not doing any. I expected to have a good time and make better friends with people. That most certainly happened. I made friends with some of the church members that. Steve [Baye] was one of them. I didn't expect a middle-aged man to be so cool."

"I never dreamed how fulfilling this kind of trip might be," said Kimberly Heil,

sophomore from Ulysses, Kan. "It was way more than I hoped for . . . for one thing, I didn't really know what I was getting myself into. I didn't go last year, and my friends that did talked and talked and talked about how amazing it was, but their descriptions fell completely short. Even I can't explain how blessed we were with the people we went with us, the opportunities to work, the people we worked for . . . it was amazing."

Ashton Klahn, junior from Bennington, had another point of view on the trip. "It was way better than what I thought it was going to be! I had a great time with everyone there, and I really got to know some interesting people. I felt like I had gone to a foreign country working with the Vietnamese. Who knew I could go to Vietnam for only \$200!"

Every person who went on this spring break trip recommended that it a trip like this is available again, that everyone should give it a try. For college students, Klahn said, "This is the cheapest and easiest way to have a great time on spring break, get a tan and really explore the country while praising God and working for others."

Coolidge recommends the trip because "it is a great opportunity that you don't necessarily get to take advantage of every day. It may be physically and emotionally tiring, but there is also something about it that is refreshing. It is a chance to help others in need because you never know when a day will come when you would need the same kind of help."



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Top left - Jenessis Tacha, Bertrand sophomore, lays tile on the kitchen floor of Anniebelle Barnes's house in Port Arthur, Texas.

Bottom left - Alton Kahle, Holy Cross Lutheran Church member, cuts a hole for the ceiling fan in a piece of drywall for the kitchen of the house.

Above - (Clockwise from left to right) April Refior, Travis Anderson, Irine Barnes, Marc Anthony Barnes, Anniebelle Barnes, Amari Barnes, Michelle Foley, Jenessis Tacha, Niara Barnes and Brett Kluever- take a break in front of the Barnes's home after a long day's work.

Bottom - Niara and Amari Barnes smile big through the windows as they play Peekaboo with the students who volunteered to help get their grandmother's house back to normal.

PICTURES FROM THE SCENES

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