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Appointment creates shifting landscape

By **STEPHANIE QUEEN**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

Talk about a political upheaval.

While the state of Nebraska is not ready to start rioting in the streets, the appointment by President George W. Bush of Nebraska Gov. Mike Johanns Thursday as the next U.S. Secretary of Agriculture has left much speculation about the politics in Nebraska for the next two years.

Meet the players: Gov. Johanns, Lt. Gov. Dave Heineman, Nebraska Democratic Sen. Ben Nelson, Republican representative for Nebraska's Third District, Tom Osborne, and a distant governmental body known as the U.S. Senate.

"For a kid who grew up on a dairy farm, this is a dream come true," said Johanns, a Republican originally from an agricultural community in Iowa.

Reportedly, Johanns, 54,

and the president have been friends for years. Johanns' nomination occurred just days after rampant rumors that Sen. Nelson was on the short list for the agricultural cabinet seat.

"All I have is a nomination," Johanns said at a press conference Friday. "The Senate has a Constitutional role to play. I don't want to assume anything."

Legally, the Senate must confirm a presidential appointment for a government office. Because he has yet to be confirmed, Johanns was cautious, and he avoided any questions pertaining to specific goals as the Secretary of Agriculture.

"Listening to all voices in agriculture" to establish "a good working relationship for our nation and state," were the only goals that Johanns mentioned at the press conference.

Johanns was sworn in as Nebraska's 38th governor in 1998, and was reelected in 2002, becoming the first Republican governor to win a second term

since 1956.

Dr. Diane Duffin, an associate professor of political science at UNK, found Johanns' appointment a seemingly good choice — and an interesting one for the Nebraska political scene.

"Johanns is a good pick because of the support from Nebraska senators," Duffin said. According to the Lincoln Journal Star, Sen. Nelson pledged his support for Johanns' nomination to the U.S. Cabinet.

Although Duffin is originally from Missouri and has only lived in Nebraska for seven years, the professor naturally follows local politics as part of her profession and her own natural interest. She said Johanns' experience make him an appropriate choice for the role of an executive in the agricultural department.

Duffin mentioned that Johanns does not have a track record of controversy in his political career.

However, his appointment

to the president's cabinet "changes everything," she said.

The Lincoln Journal Star reported that Johanns was a logical choice for role, because of his Midwest agricultural background. However, the Star also reported that he was possibly planning to run for Nelson's open Senate seat in 2006.

Johanns' term as governor will expire in 2006.

Because Johanns is not allowed by law to run for a third term as governor, this will leave the position wide open. Previously, Osborne, as well as Heineman, had expressed interest in running for the job.

Both Republicans would vie for only one Republican spot on

the ticket.

If Johanns is confirmed as the new Secretary of Agriculture, he will naturally resign the governorship and dash any plans of a U.S. Senatorial campaign.

"This leaves the field wide open on the Republican side [for the open Senate seat]," Duffin said. "No one has an inside track."

Also, if Johanns resigns, this will mean

that Heineman, 56, will become the next governor of Nebraska. As an incumbent governor, Heineman will most likely run in the next election to be officially voted in as governor.

Statepaper.com reported Heineman as having ambitions

of his own to become the governor of Nebraska.

"It will be interesting to see if Osborne will challenge an incumbent governor," Duffin said.

At 67 and with a history of heart problems, Osborne might not have another chance at the governor's office. However, Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning was quoted in the Lincoln Journal Star as saying that no matter which race Osborne decides to run in he will be "the front-runner of all front-runners."

Bruning too has been rumored to cherish dreams of the governorship.

Johanns holds a law degree from Creighton University. As a former county commissioner and Lincoln city council member, Johanns was elected mayor of Lincoln, holding the office from 1991-1998.

He was reelected to his second term as mayor without opposition.



Gov. Mike Johanns nominated for Secretary of Agriculture.

Holiday concert brings good tidings



Dr. David Bauer conducts four different choirs.

PHOTO BY STEPHANIE FIELDER

By **BECKY ROSENTHAL**
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The Department of Music and Performing Arts made the season of winter evident in a two-hour holiday performance Sunday in the Fine Arts building.

Dr. David Bauer conducted the four different choirs, which consisted of the University's Men's Choir, University Women's Choir, University Collegium and the Choraleers.

The concert, although celebrated very close to the Christmas holiday, focused on many correlating themes to the one most apparent. Many songs performed represented a hint of the Christmas spirit, such as "Breath of Heaven" (Mary's Song), "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly," performed by the Women's Chorus, and "Highland Carol," performed by Collegium. However, the majority of the songs just commemorated the season. Several were performed in Latin.

The show began with the University Men's Chorus, singing "Bound for the

Promised Land," "Ol' Ark's a-Moverin'," "How Can I Keep from Singing" and "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day."

Concertgoer Barb S. Fendrick said, "The first song that the men performed was impressive, but as they continued on with the others, it gave me goose bumps. I really thought that they put on a great show."

The concert continued with the University Women's Chorus, whose repertoire ranged from songs such as "Cunctisimus" to "Sing Me to Heaven." There also was a thoughtful solo to "Breath of Heaven," sang by Corey Marz, mezzo-soprano.

Shelly A. Saxen, another listener, said, "'Breath of Heaven' was arranged very well. I have never heard it performed like that, and I thought that it was very original."

Although things seemed to be running smoothly, one singer in the Women's Chorus fainted because of the intense heat in the recital hall. She fell to the stage as the choir continued to sing around her.

Dr. David Bauer, conductor of the University choirs, bent down to check the

young woman's pulse. He straightened up to continue conducting when he discovered his singer was still breathing. The girl's father then rushed to the stage to help his daughter backstage to recover.

Women's chorus finished their part of the concert without a hitch.

The next group to awe the audience was the Collegium.

This group was extraordinary if audience response is the measure of approval. The Collegium impressed the audience with songs such as "Annu Gaudia," "In illicac cihuapille," which translate to "Heavenly Lady" and "Lay A Garland," respectively.

Andrea Liebsch, Allen freshman, said, "I thought that they were absolutely amazing. When I go to UNK's music concerts, I go to watch the Collegium, just because I know how good they are and they always leave me wanting to hear more. They never disappoint the audience."

The last group to perform was the Choraleers, and they put on a great ending to end a memorable show. They sang "Mary Had A Baby," "Betelehemu" and "It Is Well With My Soul."

Penguins stalk Black Sheep Roasters Flash Fiction Slam

By **BRANDON CARLSON**
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It was the penguins that sealed the deal.

The flawless news-report-style delivery came in the final round of the very entertaining Flash Fiction Slam held Friday night at Black Sheep Coffee Roasters in downtown Kearney.

The clutch performance earned three marks bordering on perfection in the eyes of the judges, and it would ensure the top position in the competition for UNK student, Roger Hannah.

"I thought humor generally goes over well," Hannah said, breaking down his preparation for the Slam. "And if it's humor from a deranged individual, all the better! So I reached deep, deep within my warped little soul, grabbed on, and wrote down what came out."

The scheme worked exceptionally. The entire audience erupted with laughter as he rolled off his prose work.

Once the three judges managed to release the grip on their sides, they held up the highest score of the night for any contestant.

Hannah's literary creations, as warped as they may be, were deemed the finest overall in an event presented by the Sigma Tau Delta honor society at UNK, a group of students and faculty who look to bestow recognition among students of the English language and literature.

UNK student Erica Chu coordinated the Slam. She described the event to be an opportunity to

have fun with literature outside the bounds of an academic classroom.

The event has adopted many names and references over the years, but Flash Fiction Slam has become generally the most common of them all.

Barbara Emrys, UNK English professor and department chair, filled in as one of the three judges overseeing the competition.

She addressed the issue of those people trying to identify with the Slam who are not familiar with it.

"I think one of the questions that comes up with a Fiction Slam is, what is that?" she said. "Are people hitting each other over the head with big novels or what?"

Emrys went on to explain the true essence of a Fiction Slam and the concept behind it.

It is a form of literature that has spread rapidly and gained a great deal of popularity.

Typically composed of one or two pages, the unique literary style can be performed quickly without wearing out an audience.

"More and more writers are writing those, and publishing those, and performing those," Emrys said. "And that's why we started to do a short prose slam here."

For the purposes of the competition, each piece written must be 500 words or fewer. The Flash Fiction Slam has three rounds in which points are assessed by the judges for the readings, and the competitors are eliminated based on their point system.

Monetary awards are given to the top three finishers.

Third place brings in \$20, second takes home \$30, and the top competitor cashes in with half a C-note.

As for winning the Fiction Slam, Hannah was thoroughly pleased with his earnings at the end of the night.

"I'm a writer and I'm Scottish, [so] I'm going to spend it on beer!" he said.



Roger Hannah deals laughter at Fiction Slam.

Students makeover program coordinator's office

By **CHERISE DAWSON**
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Interior design students got a real world design opportunity in UNK's first "While You Were Out - Loper Office Makeover."

At 1 p.m. on Dec. 9, students of Janice Kimmons' interior design studio class will unveil the final results of the made-over office of Brandon Benitz, program coordinator for Student Support Services.

The public is invited to see the results any time from 1 to 3 p.m. on Dec. 9. Benitz's office is Memorial Student Affairs Building 172.

"Students turn in things like this all the time on paper, but they usually don't get to see the finished project," said Dee Ellingson, chair of the Professional Development Committee of UNK Staff Senate.

This is how the process worked. The students of Kimmons' class broke into four groups, and each group created a makeover design for the office. The groups presented their final designs to Benitz, the Professional Development Committee, the class instructor and the department chair of interior design. Benitz then chose the design he wanted to have realized in the makeover.

The students worked with Benitz to discover his likes and dislikes, and they then created the designs with him in mind.

They apparently succeeded.

"The students did an excellent job of taking what I want and applying it to what they think is cool," he said.

Benitz, a self-proclaimed history buff, chose a design with an American Civil War theme. Artwork of Civil War battles will add to the memorabilia Benitz already had in his office. A new paint job and wall treatment is also planned, he said.

The winning design was planned by four students: Stephanie Budden and Traci Richardson, both of Kearney; Jenny Stahla, of Lexington; and Andrea Hartman, of Weeping Water.

Actual work on the office began early in the first week of December. Facilities supplied the funding and labor for the project. Facilities' surplus items, such as desks and bookshelves, were available to the students to choose from for the weeklong makeover.

Ellingson said, "They assured me they would have the work done by the unveiling."

She sent invitations for the unveiling to the campus community and to the public, apprising them of the office makeover.

According to Ellingson, before and after photos of the office will be displayed, as well as the designs by all four student groups. Refreshments will be served.

The overall event was planned by the Professional Design Committee of Staff Senate. According to Ellingson, the committee wanted to do a new and fun event that would get the campus involved. In a brainstorming session, the committee was inspired by TV makeover shows. Then "While You Were Out - Loper Office Makeover" was planned and advertised to UNK staff and faculty.

The committee selected the office for the makeover via nominations and applications from UNK faculty and staff.

Charlene Copple, office manager at Student Health Services, responded to the campus-wide announcement, calling for makeover nominations on colleague Benitz' behalf.

Benitz said that Copple thought his office was bare and masculine. She asked him to take pictures of his office, and she wrote and submitted the application to Staff Senate.

Ellingson said the committee plans to do this event in the future because it benefits UNK staff, faculty and UNK students. It is a good recruiting tool for the interior design program as well because prospective students can see that UNK students get real-world experience through undergraduate course work and projects, she said.

"While You Were Out - Loper Office Makeover" is not the first makeover event Ellingson has planned at UNK.

In July, the committee planned a personal makeover for one male and one female. According to Ellingson, anyone could apply and the applicants had to explain why they wanted a personal change. Facials, hair style changes and new clothing were awarded to the winners of the makeover, she said.

Respect, equity workshop promotes diversification, teaches students respect

By **SYLVIA MARTINEZ**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

The respect and equity workshop offered to faculty, staff and students this Monday at the Nebraskan Student Union concludes with fine outcomes.

Creating Opportunities for Respect and Equity (CORE) is the name of the workshop that for the third year promoted the office of Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity.

The one-day session, held at the Cedar Room, exposed the participants to a variety of human relations issues, including race ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion and disability.

Randy L. Haack, vice chancellor for business and finance, was one of the volunteers and a CORE facilitator. He said that as part of the objectives of the UNK campus and Kearney community the goals are to enhance respectful relationships by capitalizing on commonalities and celebrating diversity.

The issue of confidentiality was highly stressed through the session. Participants were encouraged to speak about diverse issues, in which respect and equity has been in question. Haack encouraged the participants to "discover and learn."

The four tables in the room were full with six people around each one. At the head of each table, a CORE facilitator seated. The occupations of the participants' diverged from janitors to vice-chancellor assistants.

The first activity encouraged the participants to talk about respect and commonalities amongst each other. Paula Rivera-Shah CORE facilitator said, "We come from different backgrounds but we all have commonalities."

Additionally one of the participants said, "Usually we have something in common and we

have to be willing to share."

Linda Clark, secretary specialist at the College of Business and Technology, talked about societal stereotypes. The activity involved looking at pictures, identifying the identities and choosing a person who will help the participant in a given situation. The objective of this activity was to recognize that people have stereotypes and to learn from them.

"What are some things we can do to stop stereotypes?" Clark said.

Clark reminded the participants that UNK has students who need special attention. For example, she said in the case of "international students, remember to show respect for all."

She said that when talking to Japanese students is important to take time to listen.

Haack, who hosts a Japanese student from UNK, talked about the experience. It has been an "eye-opening" experience to foster one of the Japanese students.

Mark Morehouse, assistant director for Operations Services, entertained the participants with the activity presented. He said that when talking about stereotypes "judge the other person yourself, use your own eyes and ears to make a judgment."

The CORE workshop pursues to create a safe environment where respect and equity are part of the campus community. The session ended with assessment and the inspiring phrase by Goethe (Philosopher) that says: "Knowing is not enough: We must apply. Willing is not enough: We must do."

For more information or to report inappropriate disrespectful behavior contact: the Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Office in Founders Hall, UNK, (308) 865-8655 or contact on-line.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The First Lutheran Church in Kearney is in need of a handbell ringer or two. Several UNK students are currently involved, and I am looking for others. Previous experience is not required, but the ability to read music is required. The choir meets on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and the musical group plays on the third Sunday of each month. For more information contact Natalie Radcliffe at 236-9815 or at work, 234-3000. The first rehearsal will be early in January.

Are you looking for a new way to spend your Spring Break, but strapped for cash? The Department of Education is sponsoring an opportunity open to all students of any major.

You are eligible to spend March 12-18 at Downhome Ranch, in Austin TX, working with special needs children. While in Austin, you will help work on different activities, including gardening, building, working in a greenhouse, and working with individuals.

There is a limited amount of space, so don't wait until the last minute. For more information, contact Joan Smith at smithjc1@unk.edu or visit www.unk.edu/service. The deadline for signup is January 20. Room and board will be furnished, but the student is responsible for transportation expense, which have been estimated at \$200.

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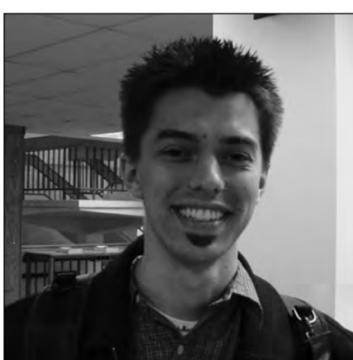
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**Dr. Beverly Merrick, UNK
Communication Department**

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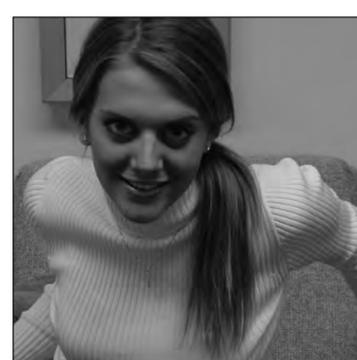
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"If the U.S. Postal Service believes in Santa who am I to argue the case?"



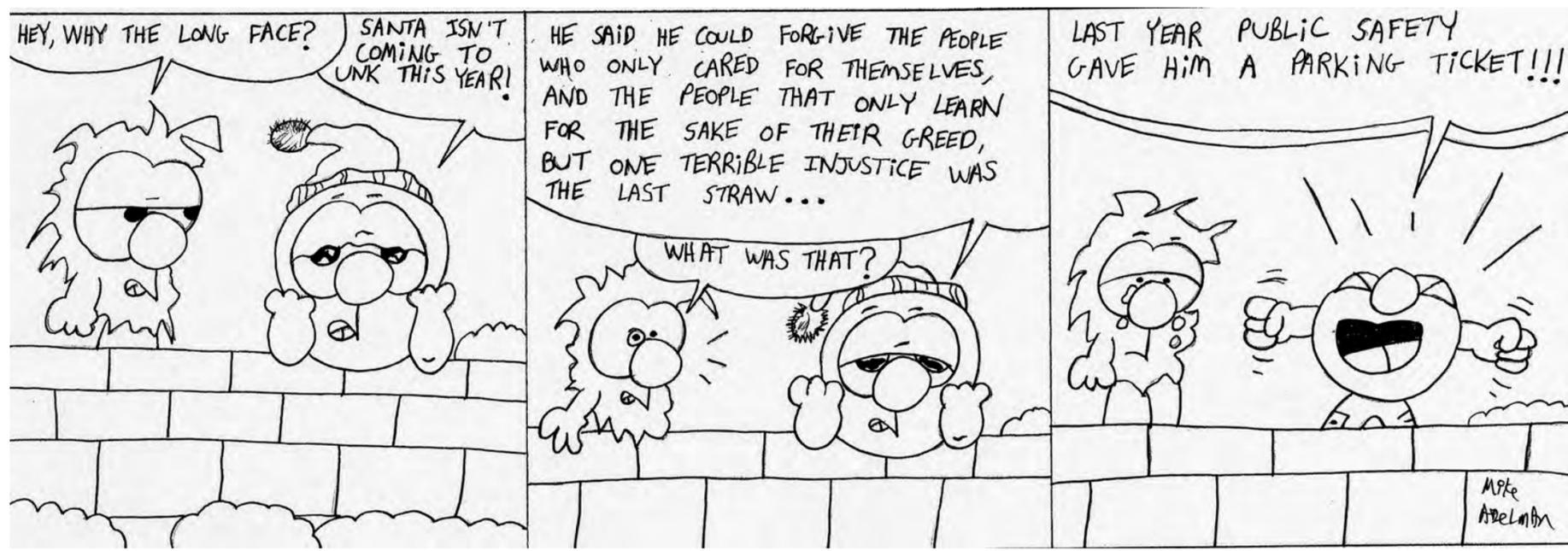
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Lexington**

"Toothfairy...Yes"
"Santa Claus...No"



**Jenny Torczon, Sophomore,
Omaha**

"I believe in Santa Claus"



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Another year; Another mess for College Football and BCS

By S.J. MUNOZ
ANTELOPE SPORTS WRITER

It's almost time for the college football postseason, and yet again a couple of schools feel that they have been left out.

This year there are three undefeated teams, USC, Oklahoma and Auburn. These teams ranked one, two and three in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS). These three teams all won their conference championships and an argument can be made for each that they belong in the Orange Bowl.

How many times does college football have to go through

this before they figure it out?

The only real solution is to settle the winner by performance not by a computer. However, this is unlikely to happen anytime in the near future. Without any logical explanation of why college football does not have a playoff, I cannot see why the system is the way it is.

Not being able to determine a national champion is not the only problem with the BCS. There is also the problem of schools, such as Utah who plays weaker opponents, but is still able to get into a BCS bowl game. How can you say that you have a legitimate national

championship contending team when throughout the course of the season you have played the likes of Air Force, New Mexico and UNLV.

If a team does not play in one of the major conferences, then it shouldn't even be considered by the BCS. If one wants to get a chance to play against the best team, then do it during the regular season and don't pad your record by beating increampuffs.

Most experts say that Pittsburgh does not belong in the Fiesta Bowl. I disagree, yes they had a couple of bad losses, but they won their conference (Big East) and earned their spot.

It's not Pittsburgh's problem that both Miami and Virginia Tech moved to the ACC this year. Without the losses of Virginia Tech and Miami, the Big East wouldn't have been such a bad conference this year.

For now teams are just going to have to deal with the fact that winning all the games might not be good enough. The only true way to decide a champion is on the field. Until that happens, the Lopers will continue to see teams running up the score and coaches campaigning and telling us why their team should be in the BCS.

NBA fans should be held responsible for own actions

By S.J. MUNOZ
ANTELOPE SPORTS WRITER

By now everyone has seen the fight during the Pacers and Pistons game between the players and the fans over and over again.

The NBA is doing a great job on making it seem like it is everyone else's fault, but their own. Whenever this subject comes up, one would think that the organization as a whole would come out and take a little responsibility for what took place. But that hasn't and sadly will not happen.

In no other major sport besides the NBA do you find fans that are seated so close to the action. It was only a matter of time before something like this happened.

Players are forced to put up with the normal taunting that goes on during games, but where is the line drawn. Is it alright to talk about somebody's race, religion or family? People will say that it comes with the occupation and players should deal with it because they are paid millions of dollars, etc. and etc.

How can you expect someone to take this verbal abuse and not do anything about simple because they are paid the amount of money they are? When you buy a ticket you are paying to watch the game, not to talk trash to or degrade the athletes. I don't know any other profession where people would be okay with someone yelling at them while they are trying to do their job.

When talking of the fight itself, everyone has his or her own opinion about who was mostly at fault and what the punishments should be. No matter whose fault it was its done and you can't do anything to change it, but if this is such a bad incident, why did it receive so much publicity? If this hurt the NBA so much why did they let it air on every network in America?

The main problem between the NBA players and their fans is that they are not the same people. The fans who are buying the tickets to sit close to the action are of a different generation than the players. There is also the possibility of some resentment by the fans toward the players. Let's face it, there are still some people today who hate the idea of young black men receiving millions of dollars and being successful. That just the society that we live in.

Everyone who was involved in this situation needs to bear some of the blame. This is something that should have never happened, but it did. The NBA and other major sports organizations need to look at the mistakes that were made and learn from them to prevent this from happening again.

Fans that go to games either need to learn to cheer for their team and not worry about the other or be prepared for the consequences when you run your mouth. Just like in everyday life people need to be held accountable for their actions.

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Simple Plan releases strong sophomore effort

By MOLLY MITCHELL
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The band Simple Plan did not create their new album "Still Not Getting Any..." to impress you.

Nor did the band make the CD to impress the critics.

Band members even love the fact that some people simply hate Simple Plan.

Only when you are this carefree and independent can you create a truly raw album, and Simple Plan has done so.

In fact, the band's freshman album "No Pads, No Helmets...Just Balls" was highly criticized by the "true punk" fans.

It was said to be way to punk-pop. It was compared to the bubblegum punk-groups such as Green Day when they first arrived on the music scene.

Simple Plan will be the first to tell you they are not punk, pop, rock or folk, for that matter. The musicians are what they are, honest and not trying to fit into any genre.

Their sophomore and recently released album "Still Not Getting Any..." debuted at No. 3 in the country, No. 2 in Canada, the band's homeland, and No. 3 in Japan.

Obviously, people enjoy the non-traditional sound of Simple Plan.

I can't say I blame them. Even those that have an iTunes library full of Green Day, The Clash, The Strokes and Sex Pistols can appreciate the lyrics riddled with teen angst and political issues. The song "Perfect World" on the album



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refers to current political events as well as heartbreak, with ease and perfect guitar breaks.

"Still Not Getting Any..." is one of the better so-called punk-pop albums released in the past five or six years.

If you are like me, all of today's punk-pop bands kind of mesh together, such as Good Charlotte, Sum 41, Fountains of Wayne and New Found Glory.

Don't get me wrong, I sing along in my car and appreciate the beat. But if asked who sang "All Downhill From Here," I couldn't tell you.

Simple Plan's sound is distinctive, and the lyrics make sense. All the songs have sincere messages about society,

personal pain and make valid points that appeal to the audience.

The Simple Plan CD/DVD is also available for purchase. The comical DVD gives fans an inside look at the process of making a record.

The band writes all the music and lyrics with such goofiness and honest hard work that it is refreshing to hear of the struggle to record.

There are so many artists that take for granted those who pour their hearts out on paper, so the artist can pretend to understand and sing someone else's words. It makes the album so much more personal and relatable when the words

are from the hearts of those singing it.

MTV's online streaming promotion, "The Leak," released "Still Not Getting Any..." before it was available for purchase. This was one of the most successful "The Leak" programs to date, with an estimated 814,000 streams, according to www.mtv.com.

The band has been busy the past two years touring on the Van's Warped Tour, sharing the stage with Blink-182, Good Charlotte and fellow Canadian Avril Lavigne.

Drummer Chuck Comeau says the band is ready. "For the last six months, we've been working day and night on mak-

ing the best new record possible. It's an amazing feeling to finally be done and get back on the road doing the one thing we love the most — playing shows," Comeau said.

The band spent months in Vancouver writing and producing with legendary "knob-twiddler" Bob Rock, who has worked with such bands as Metallica, Motley Crue and Aerosmith. Rock made the band seem raw and made their sound much more personal, larger and more real.

The freshman album "No Pads, No Helmets . . . Just Balls" was rehearsed over and

over again, and it showed through the pop-like sound and awesome guitar breaks. This album is imperfect, which makes it so much better.

There really is no song on the record that sounds like it couldn't be a single. The songs are all unique and meaningful.

Apparently, the band spent an enormous amount of time on this album, and it is sure to be appreciated by those who listen to all types of music.

I highly recommend purchasing this record, legally downloading it or borrowing it from a friend because it is worth it.

Rope ties up first Kearney gig



PHOTOS BY ANTELOPE STAFF

Above: Kerry Dunker, drummer for rope, keeps the beat. Left: Vic Giron, bassist for rope, shows a strong love for music.

One of those fans, a longhaired, soft-spoken guy, affectionately known as Hippy Dan, spent the better part of the evening grooving by the sound man, unbelievably stoked to see his friends mesmerizing the crowd.

"Yeah, dude, they just rock, man," Hippy Dan said in true hippy-stoner fashion.

The four-hour, three-set jam began at 9 a.m. on Friday night and continued until closing time at 1 a.m. The majority of those who arrived did not leave, and with good reason. Rope may be one of the best bands to hit the Kearney circuit in a long, long time.

"I was really impressed. They will get a really good crowd next time they come back," Crystal Kerkman, a senior from Columbus, said.

Rope's sound is very hard to place, and completely original. To fit them into one genre would be difficult. However, bands like Gov't Mule, M.O.E. and Oysterhead definitely come to mind.

Guitarist Jessee Anderson and Drummer Kerry Dunker have been playing together for about three years now, and they stayed together following the breakup of their last band, Texas Flood.

Then Giron joined up and things really started to move.

"Vic wasn't really into the blues, he is really into metal, but I'm starting to win him over," Anderson said.

For Anderson, that has been a knack that he has possessed since he was nine years old — that's right, nine!

It was at that age that Jessee began playing blues, easily one of the most difficult styles of guitar to master. At age 12, he was asked to sit in with Shawn Benjamin, house guitarist at the infamous Zoo Bar in Lincoln. Since that time, Anderson has been so dialed into the form that he has drawn many comparisons to Stevie

"I was really impressed. They will get a really good crowd next time they come back."

-Crystal Kerkman

Ray Vaughn.

The band played a crazy mix of covers done in very original fashion, some of these songs included "Equinox" by John Coltrane, "Friend of the Devil" by The Grateful Dead, "Fight for your Right" by the Beastie Boys, and "Breathe" and "Time" by Pink Floyd.

For those who were unable to attend the Rope show on Friday, never fear. Look for the Rope invasion of the Kearney music scene to begin in January 2005.

UNK Band chimes in holiday spirit last week

By JENNI EPLEY
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

Once a year the UNK Band performs the Holiday Concert for students, family members and the community. At this annual concert the different UNK bands come together to perform songs that they've mastered through dedication and practice.

The Holiday Concert last week proved to be an excellent way to get into the holiday spirit, especially during the stress-filled weeks before finals.

The conductors for the concert were Dr. Neal Schoor and Dr. Gary Davis. The band began the concert by playing melodies that included "Signature," by Jan van der

Roost, "Ye Banks and Braes O' Bonnie Doon," by Percy Aldridge Grainer, and Ralph Vaughn Williams' "Sine Nomine" and "Folk Song Suite."

The second half of the concert followed the holiday theme. Songs included "Christmas Carillon," by James Curnow, "Christmas Variants," by Elliot Del Borgo, and Jay Dawsons' "A Fantasy of Carols."

"I loved the second section of the concert. I needed a little push to get into the holiday spirit and this definitely helped. I'm glad I came to it, even though I froze walking here and I'll probably freeze walking home," Katie Campuzano, Elm Creek junior, said.

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By BLAKE MULLANIX
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

Thick fog, laser lights, fresh-brewed Thunderhead beer, and about 100 energetic onlookers showed up to see jam band Rope for their first appearance in Kearney, a show that was anything but uneventful.

Since Rope's formation about a year and a half ago, the band has logged thousands of hours and miles traveling bar to bar from northwest Kansas to Grand Island, Neb.

And since the beginning of that journey, guitarist, Jessee Anderson, bassist Vic Giron and

drummer Kerry Dunker have been patiently waiting for a chance to showcase their talents in the budding music scene in Kearney.

"We are just happy to finally play here. We think that after a few shows, we'll have it locked in," said Anderson.

A good number of those in attendance were faithful followers of Rope, and many made the two-hour journey from the unofficial Rope headquarters in McCook, Neb.

Rope appears much like the following of another jam band, The Grateful Dead, but of course, on a much smaller scale.

Volleyball sweeps quarterfinal, loses to Truman in semifinal

By **JAY STEADMAN**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

In the quarterfinal game, UNK, the Southwest Regional Champion, advanced to the semifinal game by beating the Pacific Region Champions, Cal State San Bernardino, -24, -27, 22-30, -24.

In this quarterfinal match senior Erin Arnold and junior Erin Brosz combined for 43 kills. Arnold had a season-high 23 kills and a career-high of 25 digs. Brosz also had a career night. She had an attack percentage of .588 with a career-high 20 kills and no hitting errors.

UNK held the lead throughout the first set and sustained a three-point lead to finish out the second set. However, the Coyotes hit .559 and had 20 kills to take the third match.

In the fourth set UNK jumped out quickly, but the Cal State tied the game up at 19. The Lopers rolled the rest of the way beating the Coyotes 30-24.

"In game four we made an early run and that put us in a good position," Coach Squiers stated. "We played great defense, made some great hustle plays, and stayed aggressive, and did a lot of the things we've done all year. Our ball control was solid."

UNK lost in straight sets, -22, -22, -28, to the "other" undefeated team in the

national, Truman State (Mo.) in Miami Shores, Fla. on Friday, to advance to the National Championship game. Finishing the season 40-1, the volleyball team is the third team in school history to reach the 40-win plateau.

Truman State opened up play by making a statement, handing the Lopers their first game one loss of the season. It did not help matters that UNK hit .135 compared to the Bulldogs .388. In the second set, the Bulldogs were just as ferocious by hitting .391 and holding UNK to a .189 hitting percentage.

The third and final set, UNK tried to get back into the match with a .314 hitting percentage, while holding the Bulldogs to .258.

"We tried to battle back in game three," Coach Squiers said. "In game three we played more like ourselves." Senior Erin Arnold said, "In the third game we picked up our defense, and tried not to let the ball drop."

"We didn't want to lose," junior Erin Gudmundson said. "We started to play our game in the third game. We just couldn't finish it off."

"It was a great job by Truman," Coach Squiers stated. "They were effective in every phase of the game. They frustrated our defense. We didn't handle the ball like we'd like, and we had a few more errors than we would have in other games."

Women's basketball drops one to Moorhead

By **JUSTIN KERCHAL**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

The UNK women's basketball team fought hard but came up short against Minnesota State - Moorhead. With 6:34 left in the game Moorhead started a run on the Lopers. UNK was also 1 of 9 from the field with four turnovers.

Jones had her career-high in points with 16, 10 rebounds and four three pointers. Melissa Hinkely also had a career-high with 15 points and four rebounds. Kalee Modlin and Anne Manning each had 13 points and combined to pull down seven rebounds. Another factor the Lopers struggled with was foul trouble with Jones, Hinkely, Modlin, and Liz Fischer each ending the game with four fouls apiece. Also helping the Lopers put points on the board was Amy Mathis with one field goal and one three pointer. Amber Whitlock and Modlin led the Lopers with turnovers with five each.

The Lopers will be back on their home court against Colorado State-Pueblo on December 12. They will then travel to Western State on December 17, and then to Mesa State on December 18.

Wildcats hand loss to women's basketball

By **SJ MUNOZ**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

Led by former Loper Nicole Gruntorad's 30 points Wayne St. defeated UNK 83-65.

The Lopers fell behind early after being outscored 44 to 27 in the first half. UNK was only able to connect on 7 out of 30 shots and trailed by as many as 20 points. Down by 22 points early in the second half the Lopes made a run and was able to cut the lead down to only 10 points. The Lopers were within six points when Gruntorad score the next 16 points for the Wildcats. The Wildcats ended the game going on a 16-2 that ended any hopes of a UNK comeback.

Because of injuries, the Lopers only suited up nine and played seven versus Wayne. All seven Lopers who saw action played at least 20 minutes. UNK was led by Liz Fischer's team-high 16 points. Fischer was 2 of 3 from three point range and 4 of 4 from the free throw line. As a team UNK shot 19 of 21 from the charity stripe. Kalee Modlin, Anne Manning, Amber Whitlock, and Melissa Hinkley all scored 10 points for the Lopers.

Erin McCormick scored 13 points and Kristen Humphries added 10 for the Wildcats. As a team Wayne shot 56% from two point range and 57% from beyond the arch.

True (141 lbs.), and Texas sophomore Tervel Dlagnev (HWT.) all captured first place titles going undefeated at the tournament.

Also placing for the Lopers were Kansans Bryce Abbey (2nd/125 lbs.) and Trevor Charbonneau placing 3rd. Lincoln freshman Keenan McCurdy placed fourth at 165 lbs. while Fremont senior Aaron Dalton placed third at 174 lbs.

Also competing at the tournament unattached was former All-American Riley Ross who placed fourth in the 174 lb. class going 6-2 at the tournament. Ross is currently a graduate assistant coach for his Lopers.

UNK wrestling will hit the mats next at home at the UNK Open December 11 at 9 a.m.

Compliance Director makes living with UNK Athletics

By **JUSTIN KERCHAL**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

Laure Smith, Associate Athletic Director of Compliance at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, can't get away from UNK athletics even in her social life. It doesn't matter if she is at the store grocery shopping someone usually will stop her to ask her about UNK athletics. Smith's job just doesn't stop when the clock hits five o'clock, really it's just getting started. Smith graduated from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in 1995, with a degree in Business and Sports Administration. During her last semester at UNK she did an internship with the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) in Colorado Springs, Colorado. As an intern, she did a lot of office work and helped out with the basketball conference championships. After her internship the RMAC hired her on full time. Smith spent two years as the operations coordinator then another two years as the Assistant Commissioner for the RMAC. Then in 1999 she came to UNK to become the Associate Athletic Director of Compliance. As the Director of Compliance, Smith is in charge of overseeing 16 sports and over 400 athletes. Compliance entails everything from recruiting to financial aid of athletes. Smith is also in charge of educating boosters as well.

Educating boosters entails publishing pamphlets to send out to let them know about the rules involving athletes. Smith does a lot of personal contact with boosters, athletes, athlete's parents, and coaches. There are several letters a week sent to the NCAA as well by Smith.

"My experience as a college athlete is what made me decide to go into the athletic field," said Smith, when asked why she went into athletic administration.

"It sure wasn't for the money," said Smith. Smith can't imagine not having sports around her life. Her job hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, but it still doesn't stop there. Smith also attends most of the home sporting events. While at those events she spends a lot of her time evaluating the coaches and athletes to see how they behave.

"Even when I go to the store someone is asking me about how a sports team is doing," stated Smith. "It's hard to find a balance between my personal life and my business life," said Smith. Smith's job isn't just going to sporting events. She spends a lot of time doing paper work, which she does not enjoy very much. Smith has to keep track of every athlete and what they do in college and turn that into the NCAA. Another tough part of her job is that she is the one that has to tell the coaches "no" when they want to do something that is against compliance codes. The part that Smith enjoys the most about her job is the opportunity to work with college students and college athletes.

Some advice that Smith has for students is to do an internship somewhere else besides where you went to college at.

"You want to get as much experience as you can at different things," commented Smith. She talked about practicing what you preach to your athletes, such as not going out drinking and making a fool of yourself.

Smith just received her Masters Degree from UNK in December 2003. She would like to continue her education and receive her Doctorate sometime in the future. Someday Smith would like to be a professor at a University lecturing to sports administration majors.

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12/10 Men's and women's track and field Kearney Pre-Holiday Invite @ **KEARNEY** 4 p.m.

12/11 Wrestling UNK Open @ **KEARNEY** 9 a.m.

12/12 Women's basketball vs. CSU-Pueblo @ **KEARNEY** 1 p.m.

12/12 Men's basketball vs. CSU-Pueblo @ **KEARNEY** 3 p.m.

12/14 Men's basketball vs. Doane @ **KEARNEY** 7 p.m.

Loper men's basketball topples Wayne

By **SJ MUNOZ**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

Behind sophomore Dusty Jura's game-winning basket and career-high 27 points, the UNK men defeated Wayne St. 70-69.

UNK took a 70-68 lead with just 40 seconds left in the game following Jura's shot. Wayne missed a shot with 16 seconds left in the game, but after Jura missed a free throw Wayne had another chance.

The Wildcats had an opportunity to tie the game but Dallas Hodges missed the first of two free throws and the Lopers got the rebound. Wayne quickly fouled senior Marty Levinson, putting him on the line. Levinson missed the front end of the one and one but UNK was able to force a turnover with two seconds left and seal the victory.

Wayne was the better shooting team on the night hitting 52% of their shot attempts, while UNK only shot 41% from the floor. The Lopers were also out-rebounded in the

game 35-31. But the Lopers were able to score 26 points off of 27 turnovers by Wayne.

They also had 18 second chance points off of 13 offensive rebounds.

Jura led the Lopers, along with his career-high 27 points he also added seven rebounds and five steals. Jura's previous was 22 points last year against Morningside. Jura was 10 of 16 from the floor and 6 of 12 at the line. Levinson, and forwards Chad Burger and Chris Dean all chipped in 10 point for the Lopers. Dean who was coming off consecutive double doubles added seven rebounds and five steals shooting 5 of 9 from the field.

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Oklahoma's Big 12 victory puts them in BCS National Championship game

By **RYAN SCHMIDT**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

It looks as if once again there will be some controversy surrounding the college football national champion. The BCS (Bowl Championship Series) Committee announced that the USC Trojans will be facing the Oklahoma Sooners for the national title in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 4. Oklahoma's big win over the Colorado Buffaloes in the Big 12 Championship game was more than enough to secure their number two standing in the BCS and send them into the National Championship game.

Although the No. 1 and 2 teams are playing in the championship game, this does not mean that everyone feels that they are the two best teams. Sure, they both finished the season undefeated, but so did the Auburn Tigers. According to ESPN.com, this is the first time since the BCS was implemented in 1998 that there were more than two unbeaten teams from major conferences.

Auburn finished third in the BCS and will face the Virginia Tech Hokies in the Sugar Bowl. As was the case last year, the championship may be split between two teams, depending on the results of both the Sugar Bowl and the Orange Bowl. If Auburn is able to handily defeat Virginia Tech and Oklahoma defeats USC, they will more than likely split the title. However, if USC wins by a large margin, they make stake a claim to the title and there will be no split-decision.

"It's not a perfect system, and if it was we'd all be happy today," said Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville during ABC's broadcast of the BCS pairings. In an attempt to avoid the mess the BCS had at the end of the 2003 season, some modifications were made to help restore some order. According to ESPN.com, the BCS Committee tried to make the system "far more reliant on the human polls."

Seven wrestlers grab top four spots in weight classes at Fort Hays State

By **LESLEY CRUTCHER**
ANTELOPE SPORTS EDITOR

The 3rd-ranked UNK Loper wrestling squad placed seven wrestlers in the top four of their respective weight class Saturday at th Fort Hays/Bob Smith Open in Hays, Kan.

Lyman junior Jeff Sylvester (197 lbs.), Mitchell sophomore Matt

What would you do?



Have you ever found yourself in the worst case scenario? UNK's Television Workshop class has put together a program detailing several sticky situations that students may find themselves in, and just what should be done to salvage the circumstances. This television special, entitled "Worst Case Scenario," will air tonight, Thursday, Dec. 9, at 8:00 p.m. on channel 8.

"Worst Case Scenario" gives a humorous perspective on five situations, and provides expert advice on what steps to take in order to get out of these dilemmas. The show was produced by twelve current UNK students, who look forward to sharing this beneficial information with the rest of the campus.

Don't forget to tune in to Channel 8 at 8 tonight to see what you should do in the "Worst Case Scenario."

JEOPARDY!'s Ken Jennings returns home a champion

By JILL WOOLSEY
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

After a winning streak of 74 days and more than \$2.5 million, computer software engineer Ken Jennings returns to a normal life with his family back in Salt Lake City.

On Dec. 1, Jennings was no longer the reigning champion of the game show voted all-time favorite, JEOPARDY!

Jennings first appeared on JEOPARDY! June 2, and he probably never thought he would make it as far as he did.

This event would have also never taken place in history if the rules did not change.

JEOPARDY! removed its rule of only five appearances for a contestant last year, making it possible for a contestant to continue playing as long as he or she won. The decision brought the network's ratings up 22 percent over the same period last year (jeopardy.com).

Nancy Zerg became the new champion of JEOPARDY! after Jennings incorrectly asked "What is Fed Ex?" to the final JEOPARDY question. The correct answer was, "What is H&R Block?"

Zerg, a former actress who lives in Ventura, Calif., said she psyched herself up before the game by repeating to herself: "Someone's got to beat him sometime, it might as well be me" (CNN.com).

Jennings became the highest-earning player ever on a quiz show, beating Michigan engineer Kevin Olmstead, who won \$2.2 million in 2001 on ABC's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?"

Jennings had an average daily winning of \$34,064, defeating 130 challengers and giving 2,642 correct answers out of 2,881 attempted. Jennings, as well as Zerg, believes that no one will ever break that record.

His new-found celebrity status snagged him a spot on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, the Late Show with David Letterman and ABC's World News Tonight.

Jennings plans on taking a leave from his job for awhile and going on a family vacation. With the money he has accumulated Jennings would be able to take a permanent leave from his job, but that does not appear to be an option for him.

Not only has JEOPARDY! had celebrities on the show, they have created a celebrity in Ken Jennings.

Now all we can do is sit and wait for another over-the-top achiever to set a streak and break a new record - if at all possible.

For more information on Ken Jennings and JEOPARDY!, visit the official website at www.jeopardy.com.

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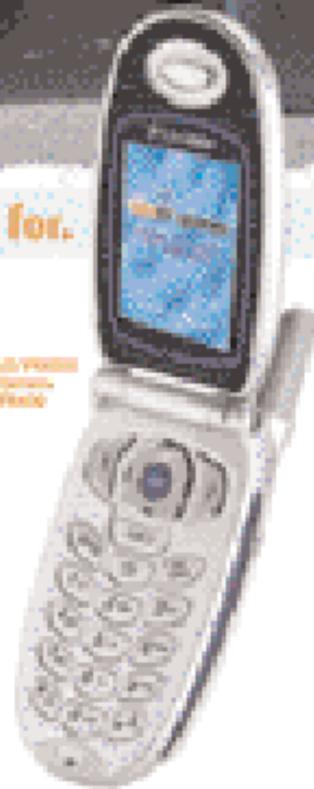
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GRAND ISLAND Pulte, Megan M BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6 ENGLISH AS 2ND LANGUAGE honorable mention

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HASTINGS Horton, Nicole R BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6 ENGLISH AS 2ND LANGUAGE

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HASTINGS Russell, Matthew T BS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT COMP (PKP) summa cum laude

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HASTINGS Trausch, Julie M BS JOURN: ADVERTISING

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HAYES CENTER Wortman, Taressa L BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION cum laude

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PHYSICAL ED K-12

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 OMAHA Ryba, Amy J MAE ART EDUCATION
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 SHELTON Hempleman, Megan M BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6 MILD/MODERATE HANDICAP K-6 honorable mention
 SILVER CREEK Erskine, Gayle D BAE MIDDLE GRADES 4-9 ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6 cum laude
 SPENCER Gilbreath, Michael K BS CHEMISTRY COMPREHENSIVE honorable mention
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 LITTLETON CO Froid, MaryJo G BFA COMPREHENSIVE STUDIO ART
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 GOODLAND KS Abbey, Bryce M BS EXERCISE SCIENCE COMP
 PHILLIPSBURG KS Gibbons, Michelle D BS BIOLOGY COMP: ENVIRONMENTAL EMPH
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- 11. Feliz Navidad
- 13. Scrooged
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- 18. even
- 19. chunlian
- 21. sleighbells
- 25. fir
- 26. handmade
- 28. cry
- 30. Yule
- 31. fruitcake

- 32. chestnuts
- 33. Jewish
- 35. Solstice
- 36. Kane
- 38. homealone
- 40. Ebenezer
- 41. diet
- 42. ham
- 44. Victorian
- 45. Nicholas
- 46. popcorn
- 52. Kwanzaa
- 54. Ernest
- 56. happy
- 57. toys

- 59. BadSanta
- 61. parson
- 63. Berlin
- 64. holly
- 65. norooz
- 66. snow
- 68. Heidi
- 69. Mommy
- 70. tinsel
- 73. jolly
- 75. cane
- 76. give
- 77. Wilder

DOWN

- 1. wassail
- 2. Moore
- 3. tumbleweed
- 4. Weichnachtsmann
- 5. babes
- 6. mixed nuts
- 8. Chinese
- 10. rooster
- 12. drummerboy
- 14. godfather
- 16. Virginia
- 17. Wenceslas
- 20. Hanukkah
- 22. Garfiled
- 23. Frosty
- 24. PereNoel
- 26. housetop
- 27. DieHard
- 29. stocking
- 34. joy
- 37. nativity
- 39. Clooney
- 42. holy
- 43. Max
- 46. pipers
- 47. Navroz
- 48. Grinch
- 49. BobMay
- 50. Rudolph
- 51. grandma
- 53. wreath
- 55. taffy
- 58. stop
- 60. mouse
- 62. white
- 66. sing
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- 71. star
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