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THE ROWS

A NewsBrake for the Faculty and Staff of the University of Nebraska at Kearney
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Icon Usage Guidelines Part 5

UNK policy allows for the location of the icon tattoo on the upper arm, forearm, upper chest area, and lower back area. UNK policy forbids placement of the icon tattoo on any other body location unless approved by the icon committee.

Policy also dictates that the tattoo should be done in traditional colors, blue or black. Colors other than black, blue or gold, must be approved by the icon committee.

Exceptions to the placement and color rules are usually admissible as part of a departmental theme (e.g., Plato Rocks), a significant campus event (e.g., The World Affairs Conference), an athletic team accomplishment (e.g., a national championship) or a significant award (e.g., a Pratt-Heins Award).

Nonetheless, tattoos must not be placed in a position where it may be obscured by a physical feature, such as hair.

UNK has contracted with Big Mike's Tattooing and Piercing as the exclusive vendor for the new UNK icon. Big Mike has locations in Kearney, Grand Island and Lincoln and is currently offering a 30% discount to UNK students, faculty, and staff. Emeriti faculty also qualify for the discount as well as an additional senior discount of 15%. Big Mike has been informed of the placement rules.



A Proper Tattoo

Infrastructure Work Continues

UNK is looking forward to improved cooling, heating, and other infrastructure services. But there will be some inconvenience as access to many of the buildings on campus is not possible. In particular, Ryan Library is now completely cut off from the rest of the campus as all entrances and exits have been blocked off. Librarian John Lilies "We believe that this problem will eventually cause a change in library usage, but to this point, there has been no change in numbers of students and faculty walking in the doors." The Library has been cut off for three weeks now.

On the bright side, seven more "Chancellor Reserved" parking spots have been found in the former steam tunnels. They will be refurbished for use by faculty when the construction is complete.

General Studies Revision #7

In an effort to get the new general studies program approved, Roundtable Proposal # 7 includes the recommendation that 9 hours of prayer be added to the revised general studies curriculum. The UNK Faculty Senate will now begin the discussion of this proposal. The debate scheduled for the April, 2008, and late April, 2008, Senate meetings, may very well break the current record for length. The record was set in the infamous "Houston program" debate of October 1988, which lasted for over 75 minutes.

Pundits expect the general studies debate to end with either a deadlocked Senate or with the Chancellor again vetoing the program because final program "earmarks" will again include another 15 hours of courses from History, Economics, Music, and other really pissed-off departments.

Mary Morse Goes Down

The demolition of Mary Morse Lecture Hall has begun to make way for Phase 3 of the Bruner Hall of Science Renovation. The completed addition will include a new planetarium and expanded lecture and laboratory facilities for the Departments of Chemistry, Biology, and Physics.

In a related note, three long-missing

administrators were found wandering the sublevels of Mary Morse Lecture Hall. Drs. Lon Weberr, Hal Bertelson, and a third unidentified administrator were found by demolition crew workers. The former KSC Vice-President for Academic Affairs and the former Dean of the UNK College of Natural and Social Sciences were reported to be in good health though a bit



Unidentified Administrator

disoriented. The third administrator was returned to Varner Hall for reprogramming and identification.

UNK Faculty Member Has Unimportant Research that is Not Worth Describing

Department of Science faculty member, Pamela Corcelli, has teamed up with Social Scientist, Bradley Krempel, to develop an RSC-funded research project of little importance. Dr. Corcelli said "I don't know what we'll end up doing, but I hope to expend as little effort as possible in the project, while, on the surface, give all appearances of working very hard--as least to my Department Chair. One idea is to continue my detailed visual analysis of the demolition of Mary Morse lecture hall and to combine these data with Dr. Krempel's gustatory analysis of Student Union fast food. We should be able to complete the data collection over lunch on Thursday, but the analysis and the paper may take years."



At a recent lunch, Professor Krempel mentors a student on the demolition of Mary Morse Lecture Hall using a tasty french fry.

Emergency Response Team

The emergency response team coordinating committee would like to remind the campus that emergency response has an important and serious function on this campus. In the case of real emergency, you people will regret not attending our meetings, not reading our memos, and not participating in our tabletop scenarios. Furthermore, we are not the Emergency Action Team and thus should not be called "EATERS."

Department Marriage Lasts Only Three Years

Divorce proceedings have been finalized ending the marriage between Geography/Earth Science and Sociology. The marriage, which lasted three years, was a long one by Hollywood standards. The divorce was mutually sought on the basis of incompatibility.

Both parties may attempt to have the marriage annulled since the relationship was never consummated and the departments never did occupy the same residence. There is some speculation that the marriage was one of convenience, perhaps for financial benefits.

The details of the divorce settlement have not been released, but Geography/Earth Sciences will pay alimony and the bulk of the acrimony will go to Sociology.

Economics Has a New Home

B&T Dean Woodman and the Department of Economics have reached an agreement on the issue of whether the Department should exist. At the weekly UNK press conference, the Dean announced the agreement as well as a new economic development agreement with Tibet. Tibet will have the services of the entire Economics Department in perpetuity and in return UNK gets to send the Economics Department to Tibet in perpetuity. As a side bar agreement, Economics courses will remain in the new General Studies program for Chinese Exchange students at the UNK Tibet campus.

Psychology Gets No Awards This Year

It has been 15 years since this last occurred, but the UNK Psychology Department has received no awards during this academic year. The departmental award streak spanned 15 years when the department started receiving both group and individual awards, including 2 OTICAs, a Teaching Department of the Year, 13 Pratt-Heins, 3 Silver Beavers, 11 Golden Oxen, 23 Kudosi, 2 Awards of Excellence, 3 Awards of Merit, 7 Awards for Applying, 15 Honorable Mentions, 1 Best in Show, 1 Oscar-Myer, 3 Grams, 1 Tony, 1 Album of the Year, 2 MVPs, 3 Best of Breed, 1 Heisman, 2 Cy Youngs, 6 outstanding mentor awards, 3 inductions into a Hall of Fame (Baseball, Football, and Rock'n'Roll), and a partridge in a pear tree.

Dr Rick Milford, Chair of Psychology, said that this very unusual year merits some recognition and immediately began developing the UNK Underappreciated Department of the Year Award.

Assessment of Parking

Campus safety has announced that the eligibility of faculty and staff for a parking permit will be determined by whether they can provide a valid vehicle registration, a completed parking form, and a written plan for the direct assessment of their parking experience. After the first year, they will not be reissued a permit until an annual assessment of parking report has been submitted in writing to the assessment office.

Biology Landmark Reached

In a brief ceremony, Chancellor K recognized the 5,000th Masters degree completed in the Biology Department. Mr. Syun Dzing Herbert of Perth, Australia is the 5,000th person to receive a MS in Biology since their on-line program began in 2000. In recognition of this important milestone, the Chancellor announced plans for the next campus Starbucks franchise to be located in the Biology Department.