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ROTC Return is "Gold"

On April 30, UNK celebrated the return of Army ROTC to campus with the landing of a UH-76B "Blackhawk" Helicopter on the grounds west of the education building. The commanding officer of the UNL ROTC, General Rumsfeld, presented Major Will Germany with the unit flag for the UNK "Gold" unit.

The ceremony took an unfortunate turn as several "celebratory" rockets from a second helicopter accidentally caused minor collateral damage to a portion of the second floor of Thomas Hall. Five English Department faculty offices were damaged or destroyed.

"We had hoped to have an impressive display of patriotism and military prowess, but apparently a UNK administrative official gave us the coordinates of the English Department rather than a vacant field," Major Germany said. "We regret any problems that the incident may cause." Chancellor Kristofferson said that an internal investigation of the event will occur.

Budget Crisis Temporarily Averted

SVCAA SL Findlay Murphy announced that budget crisis for the 2008-2009 academic year has been temporarily solved by the departure of five faculty members in the English Department. These positions will remain open until further notice.

ITS Courtesy Rules

ITS has published a list of courteous behaviors that will serve as guidelines for the use of "announce" messages on Lotes Notus. These guidelines (not rules) are based on the best practices as endorsed by the Association for INTERNET Courtesy.

The guidelines. Announcements may be posted as many as one hundred and eighty days in advance of the event. Daily postings are encouraged because repetition will ensure that the message will be read.

Using multicolored text, though difficult to read, is an attention getter—more colors and different fonts will not only get noticed, but will show that the sender cares enough to spend a lot of time formatting the message. NOTE: Care must be used to not overdo the colors—it could elicit a seizure in the reader—that would be bad.

Free market and entrepreneurship are valued on this campus. Items to sell (homes), rent (apartments), or give away (pets) are encouraged. And be sure to follow up with an announcement that your sale/rental/give away was successful.

Pictures and graphics should always accompany the message. Many members of the academic community don’t read very well and need pictures to help them. Using pictures and graphics also demonstrates that the sender knows how to use the equipment and cared enough to spend the time to decorate their message.

Don’t use the subject line. A blank subject line is an enticing invitation to read the message. When responding to an announce message, be sure to click on "respond to all" because everyone is interested in what you have to write.

Always use the automated "out of office" return email. Everyone wants to know that you care enough to respond when you get back; and when you take vacations, go to conferences, or spend a lot of time in the rest room. Speed is more important than accuracy. Don’t waste time proofreading your message—get it out fast, you can always correct mistakes with another announce message. In fact some faculty members are kind enough to correct grammatical errors for you.

More announce guidelines are available at
General Studies Offers 17th Damn Proposal

General Studies Director Synder announced that another revision of the General Studies Program has been developed, focusing on actual generals. The Gold program has already endorsed the revision, quickly followed by the unanimous endorsement of the English Department.

Pipework on Campus Nearing End

Construction workers celebrated as the last cooling and heating pipes arrived on campus. The project will be completed as soon as the pipes are aimed at the History Department.

Motor Pool News

UNK Faculty are familiar with the safety sticker affixed to back door of University vans. Please do not remove these stickers.

IF THIS VEHICLE IS STUCK ON THE FRONT BUMPER OF AN 18-WHEELER CALL 1-800-332-0265

For your safety, a new program is being instituted wherein stickers are being affixed to the fronts of the vans. Likewise please do not remove these.

UNK Welcomes New Faculty and Staff

UNK welcomes new faculty and staff in the ROTC, Motorcycle Safety, Ethnic Studies, Campus Safety and Industrial Technology Departments. New members of the Political Science Department are depicted in the insets. (Photo simulation of the new hires.)

Motor Pool News 2

With the addition of the Gold program, CBT Dean Woods announced the addition of several new vehicles to the motor pool fleet. CBT faculty and staff will have first priority for these "state-of-the-art" education delivery vehicles.
Motor Pool News 3

The motor pool associate director for tire pressure announced that UNK will be adding several new vehicles to the motor pool fleet compliments of the International Studies and Gold Program. UNK will take delivery of these state-of-the-art vehicles from units stationed in Georgia. The motor pool office is looking for faculty volunteers who are willing to drive the vehicles to Nebraska from Atlanta.

Founders Hall Offices Reorganized

Given the addition of new offices for support personnel for telecommunications, SAP, FireFly, Webeasi, WebSmart, Lotes Notus, Bogie, media classrooms, eCampus, and Blackboard. Temporary offices will be set for the General Studies Program and for other non-essential (academic) programs.

These facilities will be located near the residence halls scheduled for renovation. Special thanks to the Womens Studies Program for giving up their office space in Founders Hall to provide space for the Office of the Associate Assistant Director of Downloads.

Hole on Campus Accommodates Pipes

Recent construction on campus has provided an opportunity for UNK to prepare for the future. Faculty, staff, and the general public are invited to tour UNK's new underground pipe room on August 15 at 4 PM. The dedication ceremony begins at 5 PM when the room will named the Ted Stevens Internet Pipe Room.

Chemistry Department Has New Addition

UNK Chemistry Department Chair Scott Darview announced the first new hire for the 2009-2010 academic year. Dr. Findlay Murphy will begin his teaching duties in the Department on August 1, 2009. Dr. Darview said "We are kinda pleased to continue the tradition established over the past three decades of having an open position when a high-level administrator retires. We provide support and rehabilitation for those who usually leave their previous position under trying circumstances and in horrible psychological shape."

"Somehow, handling dangerous chemicals in front of students provides a sense of comfort for individuals who have spent years of their lives handling irate faculty and administrators. We are happy to provide for them and will continue to do so as long as we aren't jeopardizing our students as before," continued Darview.

Darview was, of course, referring to the 1989 Sociology debacle when the high ratio of retired administrators to faculty members caused a rift in the space-time continuum resulting in the disappearance of an entire Social Problems class. Darview hopes to continue Chemistry's excellent safety record by simply having the ventilators upgraded again.

Nester Hall

Buildings and grounds is pleased to announce the opening of the Nester Hall complex. However, we ask that faculty stop referring to the Nester arch as Nester's crotch.