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Ranked No. 3 in the country, the Lopers are the No. 1 seed in the MIAA Tournament.

Photo by Todd Rundstrom

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opinion

After two years of hate, it's time to stop

MARY SPENCER
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This past election cycle has gone on for almost two whole years. During those two years, the American people have watched the highest level of the government deteriorate into a reality show, complete with mistresses, leaked tapes and, of course, an actual genital-measuring contest during the Republican Party primary debates.

So what now? What do we do with the anger and hate that has built up, dividing a country between right and left? Those on the left now consider every Conservative to be racist and misogynistic, while those on the right think all Liberals are either socialists or just want their welfare extended.

We forgot that this election cycle would one day come to an end.

Somehow, during the circus that lead up to that one crucial Tuesday in November, we forgot that we will have to wake up on Wednesday and move forward, together. We forgot, when we were hiding behind our screens yelling at a mysterious person who had the misfortune to hold an opposing view to us, that this election cycle would one day come to an end.

That time has now come.

If Hillary Clinton had been elected president, we would have to come to terms with a president who has been accused of pay-to-play politics, a president whose respect of national security seems small and a president who had been practically fired from the position of Secretary of State.

Since Donald Trump was elected president, we are coming to terms with the fact that the leader of the free world has said completely reprehensible, unprintable things on tape, that he activated a very disturbing segment of the population and that he chose a vice president who believes that electric shocks can “cure” homosexuality.

Somewhere in the middle of this election, we forgot that we would have to accept one of these two people as the president of the United States of America.

The election as a whole supported the Republican Party. There is a Republican majority in Congress, and a nominally Republican president-elect. The people of America have spoken and what they want, overwhelmingly, is change.

Eight years ago, that change was personified by a charismatic Black community organizer out of Chicago. Now, this change is seen in an orange, brash businessman from New York.

Democracy is not so much a train running down tracks we are trying to lay, but more a pendulum, swinging from one extreme to the other, trying to eventually come to rest in the middle. The Brexit outcome, as well as this election, indicates an international swing back to the right. Who knows what will happen in another four or eight years.

The big picture of international and historical democracy, however, is not the issue directly at hand. The people of this great nation are at each other’s throats. I, personally, had hoped that the level of vitriol on my Facebook feed, from both Trump and Clinton supporters, would die down after a few days. Unfortunately, we have grown accustomed to this feeling of hatred towards an enemy and are scrambling to find it now. To that, I have a few suggestions:

• To those who are happy: Congrats! Your candidate won and, whether your support was for his problematic language or his actual policies, your side came out the victor. Don’t rub this in to your Democratic friends. Don’t gloat and don’t dismiss their issues with Trump. Ask them about it. Have a sincere, courteous conversation explaining why you chose to vote for him.

• To the “silent majority”: Also, congratulations. The person whose box you checked on your ballot won the night, and the next four years. Now, ask yourselves why you feel that you needed to keep your opinion secret. Did you just not want to be embroiled in the vicious debate that popped up anytime the presidential election was addressed in conversation? Are you ashamed of voting for someone who is so universally despised? Or are there deeper, darker reasons for your vote? Now is the time for self-examination. Talk to the people around you, if you wish. After all, it is a secret ballot. Don’t feel ashamed for keeping it so.

• To those who are angry: I’m sorry, it’s a horrible feeling to lose. And losing to Donald Trump, a reality star with two failed marriages, three failed businesses and enough campaign missteps to end any other campaign is really, really hard. Don’t use that anger to attack your friends and neighbors. Use that anger to effect change in the area about which you are concerned. Worried about Planned Parenthood being defunded? Volunteer or donate to your local Planned Parenthood. Concerned about the safety of LGBTQ+ people? Make it known that you are an ally, and you will use whatever privilege available to fight for them. So often we rely on government to make change when we are capable of doing that ourselves.

Don’t let this election destroy your friendships or your families even more than it already has. Now is the time to come together as a country and ensure the peaceful transition of power.

After all, America survived Andrew Jackson. She can survive this too.

by Savanna Kiesel
Picking up, putting pieces together

So while that does skew the data, it doesn't throw the entire practice of scientific polls out with the bathwater. These polls are still more accurate than those alt-right websites with a poll that you can answer as many times as you want, giving them a clearly biased slant.

The real reason why I think Trump was elected is because of our oldest and most powerful emotion: fear. Another thing many were praising was the “silent majority” or hidden Trump voters who brought about this victory. That assumption makes me sick to my stomach. Do you want to know who the real hidden Trump voter was? It is someone who was ashamed to openly admit they wanted a misogynistic, failed businessman who uses dog-whistle language to incite the nationalists into a frenzy to become the next president! Someone who can’t stand by their convictions when asked about them are not the heroes of the day, they are individuals who want to save face with the public and whine when they are pressed to give a real answer.

And, I swear to whatever anyone holds sacred, the “silent majority” are not ones who wholeheartedly engage in xenophobic slurs, brags about potential sexual assault or those who use religion to justify their ugly deeds.

The real reason why I think Trump was elected is because of our oldest and most powerful emotion: fear and especially fear of the unknown (apologies to H.P. Lovecraft). Fear is a driving influence in our lives, sparking the fight or flight instinct. When pandered and played to on the national level, and especially with more than a few evangelical con-artists saying how "this may be the last time we have Christmas" or "God will personally damn you to hell if you do not vote for Trump!", people tend to vote against their own interests when there is a chance of offending the big man upstairs, regardless of what Christ would say about these statements.

Religion aside, tapping into other fears such as "I am afraid of people who look different from me," "I am afraid of losing my fully automatic assault rifle that I don’t even know how to use" or "I am afraid of people doing things I don’t want them to do" offers the perfect fire to get people to give you their ear and the money in their wallet.

Trump ran a successful campaign tapping into the fears of many, and while blinded by their fear they ignore other interests that are more real than some imagined fear that is minute or completely unrealistic.

So, who exactly is out in the streets celebrating this and condemning mostly peaceful protesters? Well, beyond your typical dupe who voted, there are a few well-known individuals and groups. For example, we have a Christian (and the term is used very loosely) preacher and activist Theodore Shoebat saying: “God bless Donald Trump, and may God guide him to do righteousness. May God use him to get rid of abortion and to get rid of this disgusting homosexual agenda, to uproot the homosexual agenda and abortion from this country, to purge this nation of this evil. May he enact laws that will put sodomites to death. May he enact laws that will put abortionists to death. Amen. Hallelujah.”

We also have famed con-man Kenneth Copeland who says because of God he now has a direct communication link to Trump: “I have no doubt that we could do it and do it quickly and have audience to say, “Thus sayeth the Lord” and he wouldn’t just turn it over to an aide or something and just write it off. He would listen, and it would mean something to him.” I honestly wouldn’t be surprised if he ended that segment asking for money because God charges by the minute for this psychic telephone line.

Top that off with the Klan planning a parade to celebrate Trump’s victory and the League of the South looking forward to no mercy shown to "the enemies of our God, our Folk and our civilization" (apparently these inbreds haven’t realized the Civil War has been over for more than 150 years), and you get an idea of the people who really support Trump. And you can also tell who believes/belongs to these little cults of personality.

Well, no punch line for the end of this article. What can I do to top that?
Minden couple hosts international students

Though living in Minden, retired couple Jerry and Marge Kershner decided to become a host family to UNK students four months ago.

The Kershner family chose to be a host family so that they could show the love of Christ to strangers in their country. UNK Students, Yeongdo Kim, majoring in economics, and Yunjeong Park, majoring in management info systems, have accepted them as host parents and the Kershners have accepted them as their temporary children.

The opportunity arose through the Evangelical Free Church in Minden, which connects international students with families or individuals with the purpose of sharing cultural values and enjoying family activities.

This family tries to get together at least once per week. “We look forward to having them in our home for some time on the holidays,” Jerry said.

Having never been a host family before, Jerry and Marge had no idea what to expect, but they said their worries went away when they met Yeongdo Kim and Yunjeong Park.

“Yeongdo and Yunjeong both speak English well enough that we can communicate comfortably,” Jerry said. “The greatest surprise for us was how these two young people were so very respectful toward us, and how kind and thoughtful they are.”

Accordingly, Jerry said that he encourages every family to consider acting as a host family to young people in the International Students program. “We already feel a bond with these young people,” he said.

On the other hand, host child Yeongdo Kim, who applied to the host family program to know local life in the U.S, said he feels like he’s in a real family since host parents take care of him a lot and call him “son.”

Another host child Yunjeong Park said the day they met the Kershner family’s grandchild Zipporah was the best day among the many other great days. “I don’t even want to think about the day I have to leave our family,” Yunjeong said.

ZEHAO XU
Antelope Staff

Jianbai Xu is a Chinese Language Table tutor who has been studying at UNK for almost four years. Because he has great passion for language, he changed his minor from economics to German. He said after starting to learn German, he finds language is incredible stuff and wants to teach people how to speak the language from his country, China.

“Each language has its own charm. There is no doubt that every international at UNK wants to spread the culture from their country, and language is the most important part in my mind. After I deeply feel the charm of learning German, I want people enjoy that same as me,” Xu said.

Xu became a Chinese language Table tutor when he was a sophomore, starting his first teaching career. Each week he teaches Chinese twice on Tuesday and Thursday at the Learning Commons on the second floor of the library at UNK.

“At the beginning of teaching Chinese, I was trying to let students do some interesting language activities, and I also prepared some printed materials for them. But with the improvement of students in Chinese language abilities, I change my way of teaching Chinese — that is watching Chinese movie together, and it really helps.”

When he began to learn German, he said his biggest problem was learning to pronounce each word correctly and how to use each word. “Based on my learning experience, I started to watching some German movies with captions. That worked on me, so that I consider it can be a good way to use for my Chinese Language Table students. Watching movies is not only helping them on learning the pronunciation of Chinese but also how to use each word,” he said with a smile.
People make country great
Servicemen and women honored throughout nation at different sporting events

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This isn’t a piece on politics or all of the sad events that are going on throughout our country right now. This is about what makes America truly great, not political rhetoric.

Veterans Day is such a powerful day throughout the entire county. Americans get the chance to spend a day thanking the courageous and honorable men and women who sacrificed their lives for our country. Yes, every day should be Veterans and Memorial Day because without our troops, our country would be no country.

As a 21-year-old male, I cannot even believe that if I lived in a different time period I would have been drafted into the military. I have a hard enough time waking up for my 8 a.m. classes, let alone battling in a foreign country.

As a huge sports fan that spends entirely too much time on the couch watching different sporting events, I got to see how different sports and teams honor our amazing military.

The NFL may have some questionable actions regarding players’ fines, but they also do amazing things, especially for charities. October is “Breast Cancer Awareness Month,” and use their incredible platform to raise a large sum of money for breast cancer research. November is all about saluting our troops, embellishing apparel and honoring United States service men and women.

Before their game last Sunday, the Kansas City Chiefs put a patch commemorating a fallen soldier in the Kansas City area on every player and coaches’ sweatshirt. During this past week, many of those players reached out to the family of that soldier and gave them their sweatshirt to show their appreciation of what their loved one did.

Last Friday night, college basketball kicked off in a big way with four of the all-time-great basketball programs facing off. Yes, the games were amazing. The first one between Arizona and Michigan State was won by a last-second lay-up by Arizona, which was then followed by an overtime battle between Indiana and Kansas with the Hoosiers coming out victorious.

The real story was where it was played, Honolulu, Hawaii - just miles away from where Pearl Harbor was attacked, almost 75 years ago. The days leading up to the top 25 matchups, each team got the opportunity to visit the Pearl Harbor Museum as well as meeting with many of our nations’ troops. Only the Hoosiers and Wildcats are going back to their universities 1-0, but all four teams are going back with a memory that will last a lifetime.

College football on Saturday was filled with amazing different jerseys and helmets honoring our troops, such as the University of Central Florida, whose helmets had a UCF logo on one side with the American Flag in the letters. On the other side, each player picked a branch of military and had the logo of that branch.

One walk-on defensive end for the Knights had the easiest decision of them all. Rory Coleman may only have two tackles on the year, but he was the center of attention on Saturday. Coleman is a Purple Heart recipient for his brave time he spent in Afghanistan. He spent four years in active duty for the U.S. Army as a combat medic. Now he is living his second dream of being a Division-1 football player.

People such as Coleman are what make America amazing. So please, do not hate on this country because of one person who will lead this country for a short time. Love this country because of all the amazing individuals who put their lives on the line to protect and defend this incredible country where we are fortunate to live.

The UNK volleyball squad enters the MIAA tournament ranked No. 1 in the conference and No. 3 in the nation. They went undefeated at home (14-0) and their only loss came on Oct. 7 at Washburn University in four sets. The Lopers are on a 12 game win streak as they finished the regular season 32-1. During the season they won 27 matches in three sets, four matches in four sets and one match in five sets.

Box Score Kearney, Neb. – The third-ranked Nebraska-Kearney volleyball team used 16 different players and served up a season-high 12 aces to sweep Missouri Southern State (11-12, 16) Saturday morning in Joplin.

With the win, the Lopers (32-1, 17-1) secure the 2016 MIAA regular season title. UNK also won an outright title in 2012 and shared the crown in 2014. Kearney will be the top seed in the eight-team MIAA Tournament next week. The field will be announced later tonight.

Today, UNK hit just .226 (43-22-93) but were plus 13 in the serve game, dug up 15 more balls and held the Lions to a negative .014 percentage (15-16-73).

From the back line, sophomore setter Lindsey Smith (Dakota Dunes, S.D.) had five aces, freshman outside hitter Julianne Jackson (Bonner Springs, Kans.) served up four with sophomore libero Ellie McDonnell (Papillion) recording three. Earlier this year in a win over the Lions (6-25, 3-15), UNK had 11 aces.

Offensively, seven different Lopers were between three and nine kills. Omaha right side Annie Wolfe led the way and also provided eight digs, four assists and two blocks. Next, Lincoln junior middle Tara Ziegelbein had six kills and hit .545 with North Platte freshman middle Josie Cox at three kills and two digs.

MSSU did record 10.0 team blocks and were led by Alicia Pickett (six blocks and one kill).
Lopers fight but fall, 27-17

1. Tyke Kozeal, No. 40, tackles Fort Hayes running back Shaquille Cooper during Saturday’s game at Foster Field. Kozeal made a total of eight tackles during the game.

2. Alex McGinnis, No. 9, throws a bullet towards Blake Holtmeier, No. 89, on second down against Fort Hays State University on Nov. 12 at 2 p.m.

3. Brendan Wentling, No. 27, kicks the ball deep to begin the game. Wentling went on to make two field goals for the Lopers.

4. Blake Holtmeier, No 89, gets tackled in the red zone.

5. Alex McGinnis, No. 8, scores on a 5 yard scramble in the first half.

by Dylan Munson

Photos by Jacob Rodriguez
The UNK Criminal Justice Club is one of many organizations that gather at UNK. The CJ Club is a group of students, headed by Dr. Jhi, who gather to discuss and experience different career opportunities.

The club regularly has representatives from various careers in the criminal justice field, such as members from the state probation office, local law enforcement and even K-9 officers and their partners.

Recently, the Criminal Justice Club took a trip to the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island. There, group members were able to learn about the training process of the state patrol and use the MILO at the training center.

MILO is a use-of-force trainer allowing officers to run simulations to prepare them for duty.
Two completely different minds, one shared passion

Fronczaks’ differences work

Janice Fronczak is a tenured Professor of Theatre at UNK where she teaches performance and playwriting courses in addition to serving as a director for the mainstage season.

KATIE SADD
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From the theatre stage to the art gallery, the Fronczaks have found their balance at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Janice and John Fronczak both teach in the UNK fine arts. Janice Fronczak is a tenured professor of theatre, where she directs mainstage performances and teaches performance and play writing courses.

John has been a full time lecturer in the Art Department at UNK and the Director of the Walker Art Gallery since 2006 and teaches courses in Drawing I, Color and Design, as well as Art Appreciation.

John was originally from California, while Janice grew up in Texas. Their paths crossed as Janice was in a play at the university where John was teaching.

Almost like a scene from a movie, Janice described the first time she saw John at the University of Houston at Clear Lake City.

“He was teaching there, but he was also working with the set. So I walked across the stage, and went ‘hi’” Janice says.

They met in March and got married in May of the same year. They have been married for 40 years.

John chuckles at how fast it all happened.

“I think we went on maybe two official dates. The cast party was in March of 1977, and we got married in May of 1977. I’ve never had any advice to give my sons about dating, because I really didn’t date very much,” John says.

Eventually Janice was offered a job at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and they packed up and moved to Kearney, Nebraska.

After being here for several years, they both have found their rhythm and passion in their classrooms.

For Janice, the best part of being a professor is that “ah-ha!” moment when something clicks for her students.

“It’s the ability for me to be myself when I’m teaching. Not only for my own creativity but I’m always looking for the spark in the students, that look in their eyes. It’s very, very exciting when it all comes together,” Janice says.

Freshman theatre major Brenden Zwiebel says, “Janice is a very smart director; she works with me a lot, and is extremely interesting. Her style is so different it’s almost indescribable. She makes you think about your acting, and makes you understand your character.”

For John it is a combination of the dedicated faculty all over campus and the ability to give the students the benefit of what his knowledge.

He recalls that when he began teaching he was basically regurgitating what he was taught, teaching that to his students.

But after several years of working in the studio, as an artist and also as a picture framer and learning more and more about art, he could really give his students something extraordinary.

“When I shared principles and ideas and concepts, they weren’t things that I had memorized, they were things that I had lived. That is one of my favorite parts,” said John.

Vanessa Valle, a junior art education major says John is always more than willing to work with the students.

“Mr. Fronczak gives you freedom and knowledge and does whatever he can to help everyone in all of his classes,” Valle said.

With such different professions at mind, it is interesting to compare and contrast the Fronczaks’ teaching styles.

John says he thinks “there are definitely some similarities, and we share common ideas a lot.”

While Janice says there may be a slight difference in some of the styles they practice.

“I’m like a little kid in the classroom. Let’s do this and this and this, and that’s fantastic. He is very quiet, very understated, but he is quietly an artistic genius, and I think the kids can see that,” Janice said.

One similarity they share when they are not busy with teaching, or when John isn’t working away in his studio, is working in the yard.

Janice says she probably has 17 rose bushes, and she loves to garden, and John Fronczak says he has loved to mow the yard since his dad taught him when he was a young boy.

Be sure to watch the Fronczak online video on our Antelope website.
From pageant to classroom

While competing in local pageants and studying music education, Duncan dreams of teaching elementary music or high school speech, theatre

SYDNEY NORRIS
Antelope Staff

Kate Duncan performed 10 songs for her senior recital this past Saturday. She enjoys working on her solos, especially the ones in German, Italian and other languages.

On this recital, she performed three pieces by Faure, three pieces by Clara Schumann and a Mozart aria, in addition to a mix of musical theatre pieces. Her last piece was accompanied by a cello and she said, “That was my favorite piece to work on because it is a lot different.”

“I’ve never done theatre pieces before so that’s been fun too, to kind of work on a different genre,” Duncan said.

Thanks to her competing in pageants and love for the arts, Duncan says she has always felt comfortable performing and speaking in front of audiences. This will not only set her up for success in her career, but will also give her the confidence needed to pursue her dreams.

While being a music education major is hard enough due to practicing, studying, concerts and other activities, the Gering senior found an additional opportunity to gain even more confidence in her stage presence, public speaking and professional interactions.

Duncan started competing in pageants in high school for performance experience as a vocalist. She started in local pageants and worked her way up to competing for the Miss Nebraska title once she reached college.

She competed three years for this title in college and did most of her preparations and competition during the summers. Even though she never made the top ten finalists, she was able to perform for the non-finalist show.

Duncan said this was a great experience because most of her family and or friends were able to make that show and it gave her a chance to perform her talent in front of a large audience. When the competitions for Miss Nebraska were in Kearney, Kate started to shine and make more friendships.

“I really started developing friendships and creating connections with directors and different people involved in the organization,” Duncan said.

Duncan was a Residents Assistant three years, was involved in AOη four years, LPAC three years, is involved in NAFME, Thompson Scholar Learning Community and Choraleers and has spent a portion of her time volunteering for the community. Along with all of these side activities and pursuing a music education major, Duncan also has an endorsement in English.

Duncan’s busy schedule however, doesn’t distract her from what is important. She encourages younger students to not be afraid to ask questions and to get as involved in activities and groups as you can, but to not let the involvement distract from your degree.

Preparing to student teach this upcoming 2017 spring semester, Duncan has applied to three different schools in Nebraska and is still waiting to hear back from them.

Excited to graduate, Duncan looks forward to working alongside a teacher and becoming more involved. Duncan’s dream job is to be an elementary music teacher or high school speech and theatre teacher.

Kate Duncan, a senior music education major, has been competing in local pageants since high school for additional performance experience and to gain more confidence in her stage presence. She is excited to graduate and dreams of becoming an elementary music teacher.

Upcoming feature

Bobby Jacobs looks back on experiences that got him where he is and where he’s going.
This Day in History

On this day in 2001, the British author J.K. Rowling’s star creation–bespectacled boy wizard Harry Potter–makes his big-screen debut in Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone, which opens in movie theaters across the United States. Based on the mega-best-selling fantasy novel of the same name, the film, which starred Daniel Radcliffe in the title role, went on to become one of the highest-grossing movies in history.

The first Harry Potter book, Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone, debuted in Great Britain in 1997 and was released in the United States the following year under the name Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone. Children and adults alike were captivated by the story of Harry, his friends Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger, their adventures at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and Harry’s struggles against his main enemy, the evil Lord Voldemort.

Rowling, who was born in England in 1965, first got the idea for Harry Potter while she was riding a train from Manchester to London in 1990. She began writing the first book that night and finished it while living in Edinburgh, Scotland, where she struggled financially as a single mother and battled depression. Her completed manuscript was turned down by a number of publishers before she got a book deal with Bloomsbury Publishing in August 1996. Rowling went on to pen a total of seven Harry Potter novels, all of which became international blockbusters, selling more than 400 million copies and being translated into some 60 languages in all. The books also spawned a series of movies, video games and other merchandise that made Rowling one of the wealthiest people in the entertainment industry.

To learn more, please visit: http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history

Infographic by Rachael Fangmeier
As a young adult, Dr. Susan Honeyman never thought she would be where she is today: in the process of publishing her third book. When she was working toward her education in English, she made sure to not accumulate piles of debt. “I wasn't willing to gamble,” Honeyman said. “I never had any confidence that I would actually be able to do anything with it.”

Honeyman is a published writer of journal articles and three books and has been a part of the UNK English department for 14 years.

Growing up, Honeyman says she always showed an interest in English. “I knew as a kid that I liked poetry, not good poetry. Like my favorite poem was ‘E is the Elevator’ which goes up and down. That’s the first line,” Honeyman said.

She spent a lot of time in the library reading short stories because she knew that they would not take as long. Honeyman understood at a young age that she was a slow reader and freely admits it now.

Honeyman loved physics in high school. She often ate her lunch in the physics lab. However, the decision to go into English was not hard. “When I went into English I knew that I would never be bored,” Honeyman said.

Her creativity and her contribution to the department and community are appreciated according to her department chair. “Dr. Honeyman is an exceptional teacher, a producer of diligent and important scholarship and is generous with her service to the UNK community and beyond,” said English Department chair Sam Umland about Honeyman’s contributions to the university.

Most teachers have goals in mind for their students when first starting the semester. No matter the class, Honeyman says she wants her students to leave the class feeling proud of their writing.

“...something new and valuable, she said. According to Honeyman, it is a good idea for universities to bring in classes that talk about new and important topics. Next semester Honeyman will be teaching Queer Literature for the second time, and she is hoping to suggest a class on disability politics in the near future.

Honeyman’s Graphic Novel class was originally met with some opposition, but after bringing it up repeatedly, she is now teaching it this semester. “I want people to realize that comics are not just Superman.”

Having taken Honeyman’s adolescent lit class last semester, senior Chloe Hauxwell said, “Dr. Honeyman is great at stimulating thought and conversation in her classes. She creates a comfortable space for students to voice their opinions and discuss topics openly. She is definitely one of my favorite professors in the English Department.”

Dr. Susan Honeyman spends very little time in her office to work and produces scholarly material mostly at home where there are less distractions. The dim lit, comfortable office, however, has welcomed many students over the last 14 years.

INFO GRAPHIC BY SHELBY LARSEN

ABOUT HONEYMAN:

Recent publication: Honeyman’s latest book “Child Pain, Migraine and Invisible Disability” was inspired by her own struggles with terrible migraines. The book discusses many struggles not only Honeyman dealt with, but those of many other children as well.

Hometown: Wichita, Kansas
Undergraduate, Masters: University of Kansas
PHD: Wayne State University

Classes taught:
Children’s Lit, Lit for Adolescents, Principles of Literary Criticism, Queer Lit, Graphic Novel

Favorite book:
"Moby Dick"

Idols:
Albert Camus, Gene Kelly

Places traveled:
Austria, Netherlands, Venezuela, Finland, Italy, Scotland, England and more

Fun Fact:
Related to Mark Twain

Childhood dream job:
Working with the elderly

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