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Antelope opinions on Nebraska's
lift of the same-sex ban

Not the same Nebraska

*Same-sex couple suing state to
have marriage legally recognized*



Courtesy from The Hub

Sally (left) and Susan Waters speak to an audience as part of the ACLU of Nebraska Out For Freedom Tour. The three-stop tour began Monday in Scottsbluff, visited Kearney and concluded last Wednesday in Hastings.

BY AUSTIN KOELLER
News/Feature Editor

They fight, they laugh and experience the ups and downs together. Since marrying in 1998, Sally and Susan Waters have endured the same things any other married couple would. To them, their marriage is just a marriage. It isn't anything fancy—it is just typical.

But the Waters' marriage is unlike the majority of marriages in Nebraska, as they are fighting to have their legal same-sex marriage recognized in the state. Susan and Sally Waters are one of seven same-sex couples suing the state of Nebraska in a lawsuit backed by the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Waters told their story to UNK students and Kearney community members Feb. 24 in Copeland Hall as part of the three-city ACLU Greater Nebraska Out for

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"Spring forward" for daylight saving time

*Don't forget to set clocks
one hour ahead March 8*

BY LAURIE VENTEICHER
Copy Editor

While many people may not like the idea of losing an hour of sleep this weekend, it's that time of year again – time to "spring forward" into Daylight Saving Time (DST) and an extra hour of sunlight in the evening.

DST was introduced during WWI as part of an effort for countries to conserve fuel. Benjamin Franklin is most often given credit for the idea's origin in 1784. The idea did not catch on in the U.S. until 1883 when railroads created standardized schedules.

Most of the U.S. observes DST. Hawaii, most of Arizona and the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands do not participate.

Approximately 70 countries around the world observe DST in at least part of the country. India, Japan and China – major industrialized countries – do not follow DST rules.

DST lasts from the second Sunday in March until the first Sunday of November.

Quick facts:

In Antarctica, there is no daylight in the winter and months of 24-hour daylight in the summer. But many of the research stations there still observe Daylight Saving Time anyway.

In the spring, there is a gap when no babies are born at all: from 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.

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Timeflies headlines April 9 concert

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Timeflies – named by Billboard as one of the top artists to watch in 2013 – will perform at 7 p.m. April 9 at UNK's Health and Sports Center.

The concert is organized and sponsored by Loper Programming and Activities Council.

Timeflies includes the duo of producer Rob Resnick and vocalist Cal Shapiro, who combine pop, hip-hop and R&B

with studio tricks and electronic dance music. They formed Timeflies in 2010 and released their debut album "The Scotch Tape" a year later. That album rose to No. 2 on the iTunes pop chart within 24 hours of its release.

The act gained popularity through its Timeflies Tuesdays – an online YouTube series where it releases remixes, performs live covers and freestyles over original beats.

Timeflies' second album "After Hours" was released in 2014 and includes the hits "Monsters," "All the Way," "Swoon" and "Somebody Gon Get It." The album reached No. 1 on the iTunes pop chart, and the music video for "Monsters" has more than 2.4 million views on YouTube since its release 10 months ago.

Timeflies also is known for a pair of successful EPs, the 2012 "One Night" and "Warning Signs" in 2013. "One Night" reached No. 1 on the iTunes Pop chart.



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Countdown to spring break

Why you should be doing something this spring break



BY KELSEY UNICK
Antelope Staff

It's that time of year again: we are all waiting for it to start getting nice out, the stress of classes seems to keep piling up and the countdown to spring break is on. Now we all can't go on the beach spring break trip to Cancun or Panama City Beach but you should do SOMETHING, I mean after all, spring break is supposed to be fun.

Although it is fun to do absolutely nothing for a whole week but sit on the couch and have a Netflix marathon, you are only in college for a short time (well for some of us). You should be enjoying life before you have to get a "grown up job" and join the "real world." Here are a few reasons from theodysseyonline.com on why doing something is definitely the better choice.

1. You could be helping someone – if you go on a spring break trip where you get the chance to build houses, help kids or people who truly need it, you are doing so

much good that you wouldn't have time to do during normal school time.

2. You could see someone you don't get to see every day – take a road trip and go visit your best friend from back home. You will be exposed to new places, people and nightlife.

3. You avoid your family – Don't get me wrong, I am the first person to say that family is No. 1. However, spending a week straight with your family who doesn't understand why you chose your major, why you are still single or why you leave the house at midnight to go out (because that's what college students do) can be frustrating. Enough said.

4. Warm weather – I don't know about everyone else, but this zero-degree weather is sucking the life right out of me. It's time to be in a land of warm weather, sun and the prospect of a tan.

No matter what you decide to do, be sure to take a break. Take a break, relax and forget about homework, final projects, and internship/job applications for a while. Working hard all semester long is exhausting; it's ok to take a step back for a week and enjoy yourself. You deserve it.

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Dolan and Andrew Hanson discuss a

number of Loper sports teams this week on the "Antelope Speaks: Sports Spotlight" Mondays from 4:30-5:00 p.m.

The two talk about what's on tap for this week in Loper athletics including the UNK basketball and wrestling teams' weeks, the MIAA basketball tournament and a quick rundown of area high school sports.

Behind the screens

Librarian Jon Ritterbush says he likes the chase in searching with students, like a dog with a chew toy, he won't give up

BY ALYSSA SOBOTKA
Antelope Staff

Electronic Resources and Serials Librarian Jon Ritterbush may not be familiar to many students, as he works behind computer screens in his corner office of UNK's Calvin T. Library. But if students have utilized the library's online database for a research project they know of him more than they realize.

Since he started in this job in January 2009, Ritterbush has been responsible for managing and evaluating new electronic resources for student use through the library database, LOPERSearch, which includes eBook collections and a growing number of E-Journals and magazines.

Ritterbush does more than the behind the screen work. He works with professors to educate students about how to utilize the database to find sources they need.

"These databases aren't always the easiest things to use," said UNK Department of Communications chair Ralph Hanson. "Figuring out how to get what you want is not always easy - that is why having librarians like Jon is so important to us."

How do professors and Ritterbush collaborate to educate students? He has created a Library Research Tutorial, a

tutorial within Blackboard that provides professors a tool to familiarize students with searching the library database.

"[The tutorial] is designed primarily for first year students to help them understand the importance of setting a good search strategy at the outset and then learn how to use certain library resources to find the resources they need," Ritterbush said. "So that tutorial I have developed has been a big part of, at least my own, instructional efforts."

Hanson said students doing a paper in one of his communication classes do a proposal and then an annotated bibliography, and if they've had the tutorial, the quality of their annotated bibliographies skyrocketed.

While Ritterbush is extremely passionate about making E-Resources available and teaching students how to find those resources - that is not where he began.

Q&A with Jon Ritterbush

Did you go to college wanting your education to lead you where you are today?

I knew going into college I wanted to major in history or possibly political science. As I recall, when I graduated from



Photo by Alyssa Sobotka

Other than his passion for providing and helping students with E-Resources, Ritterbush stays busy with his many roles outside of his career. A runner, amateur meteorologist, "Star-Trek" geek and life-long history and Civil War buff, Ritterbush is a man of many personas. To keep up with the Ritterbush family visit www.ritterbush.com.

high school I had aspirations of being an intelligence analyst for the CIA. I think that was in our school newspaper- but you know life changes. While I was in

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Freedom

Content is always threatened, but the UNK Library endorses the freedom to read - 'freedom'



BY ALYSSA SOBOTKA
Antelope Staff

One controversial subject surrounding libraries includes the content stocked within its shelves. Libraries always face the threat of book banning and censorship, but two UNK librarians do not agree.

"I think [book banning] is terrible," said Lacey Rogers, UNK Access Services Assistant and Circulation Supervisor. "I think that anybody that wants to read anything should be aloud to read it unless there is something that is absolutely explicitly disgusting, which takes a lot on my list - it's just not necessary...it's just not worth it because there's a lot more in those books than what's there."

Rogers' view on banning books is in correlation with statements

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'Music of the Divine'

Choirs to perform sacred music March 8

BY LAURIE VENTEICHER
Copy Editor

The first choral concert of the semester will be held on March 8, at 3 p.m. in St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Kearney. There is no admission fee.

UNK's four choirs – Choraleers, the Vocal Collegium, Men's Chorus and Women's Chorus – will perform. The focus of this concert is "Music of the Divine," or sacred music. The concert consists of all sacred works ranging from older music, such as the first German requiem by Heinrich Schutz to newer music like that of Ola Gjeilo.

Senior elementary and special education major Riley Sheets expressed anticipation for the upcoming concert. "I am very excited for this concert. Not only do we have beautiful music but a beautiful venue as well. I hope audience members of all ages will have a more spiritual connection with music by the end of the concert." He is a member of the Choraleers.

You can find out more about this event on Facebook by searching "UNK Choral Concert – Music of the Divine."

First Concert

- March 8 at 3 p.m.
- St. Luke's Episcopal Church
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Photo by Laurie Venteicher

Senior musical theatre major Benjamin Hill (left), sophomore music education major Bobby Jacobs and senior music education major Jacob Fahrlander of the Vocal Collegium rehearse for the upcoming choir concert at 3 p.m. on March 8 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Kearney.



Photo by Laurie Venteicher

Members of the Vocal Collegium rehearse for the upcoming choir concert on March 8 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. All of their songs will be performed a cappella.

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Myers goes beyond the classroom, gains community involvement

Between school, work, friends and community, Jordan Myers keeps up the juggling act

BY JESSICA ALBIN
Print/Online Editor

The clock strikes ten o'clock, and Jordan Myers is finally able to head home for the night. Gathering her things, she drives across town to the house she shares with three other girls and looks forward to making herself some dinner. Eyeing the pile of books on her desk, she knows she's in for another late night. At two o'clock, the shelter calls; they need her to come back in to help solve a problem. She has eight o'clock class in the morning, but this is all part of sacrifice she makes to make sure others are well taken care of.

Employed full time as a guest advocate at Crossroads Center Rescue Mission, a church-run homeless shelter, Myers goes above and beyond the expectations of a normal college student

by maintaining a high level of involvement in the community, putting in over 40 hours a week for the benefit of others. After discovering her true calling of serving others, Myers changed her major to better help her excel in her career.

While she enjoys her job, working for a rescue facility has been a struggle for Myers, as she is often called to go above and beyond for the mission's residents. "There are many times I get asked to come in at odd hours, including the middle of the night, to solve resident problems, which often involves calling the police," Myers said. On an average week, Myers spends between 45 and 50 hours at the shelter, but sometimes it can be more.

"The challenges are constant," Myers said. "Making sure I can take care of myself and my schoolwork is by far the biggest challenge. Being very involved in the community can consist of middle of the night phone calls, late nights and very early mornings all at the same time. It causes a strain both emotionally and physically."

In addition to causing sleepless nights, last minute cram sessions and sporadic studying habits, Myers' high involvement also puts a strain on her relationships with

her friends. "Jordan is always busy," said a close friend of Myers. "To make time to see her, it's more like scheduling an appointment at least a week in advance."

However, Myers' hard work does not go unnoticed. Even though she is not around much, her friends acknowledge how dedicated she is to serving others. "She is so committed to improving others' lives," her friend said. "I admire her for that."

Ashely Pick, the volunteer coordinator at Crossroads and Myers' supervisor, agrees that Myers goes above and beyond the call of duty. "For a college student, Jordan is very involved. She spends more time here at the shelter than she does at her own home. She is very dedicated and wants to help those who need it. For as busy as she is, she is always in a positive mood and willing to help anyone who needs her," Pick said.

Even though it can be a struggle, Myers said she's glad she had the opportunity to

give back to the community in this way. "My favorite thing is when the residents have left and I see them in the community and I ask them how they're doing they say they are doing well, and they have a house and a job and are able to support their families," Myers said.

Myers said being in close contact with the community has also helped her become a better college student. "By forcing me to go outside the walls of academia, my job has pushed me into more of a professional setting so I feel less like a student and more like a professional, which is the ultimate goal of college," Myers said.

Myers said she is lucky to have found her true calling while still in college. "I'm good at what I do, I enjoy the work and I connect well with the residents," Myers said. Even though she plans to relocate to a larger city after graduation, Myers said she knows she will always be in the service

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Courtesy

Myers (right) is pictured with her friend Sara Ambrose holding signs in support of International Justice Mission's 27-hour stand event in February 2013. When Myers isn't serving the people of Crossroads, she is also a strong advocate for human rights through IJM.

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When one door closes an airplane door opens

Klingelhoefer recounts a blessing in disguise that led her to romance and a job she is passionate about

BY ALISON BUCHLI

Design Editor/Editor in Chief

Running away to a foreign country after being rejected by an ex is something that is usually portrayed in movies, not real life. However after Lisa Klingelhoefer broke up with her boyfriend, she decided to travel to Europe through the study abroad program at UNK. “He had always wanted to go to Europe. That was his dream,” Klingelhoefer said. “And I was the girlfriend that was like ‘oh, watch this.’”

And so, nervously, she traveled to the Czech Republic in the spring of 2012, studying abroad for the first time, leaving the U.S. the first time, she said. “I had to get a passport. I had no idea about customs. The people that I traveled with I had met like maybe two times before.”

However, she adjusted to traveling rather quickly. Through the program the students visited Germany, Poland, Ireland, Austria, Italy and other places through their independent travels. In this time Klingelhoefer said she rarely got homesick. “I didn’t even really miss my family,” she said. “But I would say I missed peanut butter. Like some good, creamy, Jif peanut butter.”

Klingelhoefer was bitten by the infamous travel bug. “It becomes so addicting,” she said. She now considers the

Czech Republic her second home.

Between traveling fixes, Klingelhoefer would keep herself involved in the program as much as she could. During the rest of her time at UNK, she served as the president of the Study Abroad Organization and gave presentations about her experiences abroad. Klingelhoefer’s passion for studying abroad also landed her the life-changing opportunity to become the Study Abroad Graduate Assistant at UNK.

“I visited with Lisa extensively prior, during and after her study abroad program,” said Ann Marie Park, the coordinator for the Study Abroad and Exchange Program. “I knew her to be full of energy, positivity and organization.”

Park said, “When considering her application to become the graduate assistant, I felt confident her intelligence, communication skills and knowledge of people on campus would be an asset to the office.”

“I’m really passionate about the programs we have, about studying abroad,” Klingelhoefer said. “I can honestly say I love my job.”

Q & A with Lisa Klingelhoefer

How did you pick the Czech Republic?

My grandma’s grandma was actually from the Czech. I picked a place that my family originated from. I wanted to go to a country that had some meaning to my family. I



Photo by Alison Buchli

Lisa Klingelhoefer sits in the Study Abroad office. Klingelhoefer works as a graduate assistant for the Study Abroad Office at UNK.

think that made me feel safer about it.

What was one of your favorite adventures while abroad?

I ended up meeting a guy, and he wanted to take me out on a date. He picked me up from my apartment with a hand-cut red rose. Then he took me out to breakfast at my favorite café and took me to the park and taught me how to waltz. Those memories are the memories I remember first. I think anyone can go see the Coliseum or go to a beautiful church, but it’s the people that you meet and the experiences you have with those people are the most meaningful to me.

Have you traveled since your time in the Czech?

I’ve been back [to the Czech] every year since I studied abroad. The year after, in 2013, I went to visit my sorority sisters. I studied abroad in India for a summer. When I graduated, I moved to Spain for three months. It was the time of my life and every day I wish I could do it again.

Do you have another trip planned?

Actually I’m moving to Majorca, which is a Spanish island, this summer to be with my boyfriend, who I met when I was in Spain last year. So I’ll be in Majorca for two and a half to three months this summer. It’s only like 105 days away. [Laughs] Not that I’m counting.

What is your favorite part of your job?

There are two things. I like talking to a student who is excited about studying abroad, or even nervous and doesn’t really know what they’re getting into, like I was. But also I absolutely love it when students come back and they tell me, ‘That’s the best decision I ever made in my life.’ You can see how much they loved their experience and they’re so glad they did it. And for me, that’s what makes my job. I would work all day, every day to help a student get to where they need to be and make their experience the best possible.



Courtesy

Klingelhoefer and her boyfriend, Liam on top of Mount Etna in Sicily. Klingelhoefer met Liam on Valentine’s Day while abroad in Spain.

America after studying abroad



BY ABIGAIL CARROLL
Antelope Staff

Every year thousands of students make the decision to study abroad. There are a million articles about getting ready to travel in a new country and making the most of your luggage space. I know this because I remember reading all of those articles myself.

The thing I wish I could have read about studying abroad was how to adjust to life back home in America. Do things go back to the way they were before? Hell no. Something changes inside you that will make it difficult to transition back, and I don't just mean food tasting completely different and sometimes making you feel sick. It is almost like something has been awakened inside of your mind that makes you yearn for an adventure in a place you have never been. Since this kind of advice was not presented to me, I have created some tips that might help ease a bit of the uneasiness.

Studying in a foreign place changes the way you sense the world. It can make you more independent and courageous. There is a sense of freedom that is hard to replace with schedules, homework and work.

Traveling ignites a spark inside you that will make you want to experience the world more."

—Abigail Carroll

Take time to go on a road trip. It is the next best thing to traveling. You cannot just pick up on a Wednesday and head to the East Coast and completely forget about work and class, but you can take a trip around the country roads — even taking a walk around town can help — because let's be honest, you walked everywhere when you were abroad.

Another good suggestion is to get some frozen yogurt. It definitely will not replace gelato in Rome, trust me it can't, but it can help. Any little bit of freedom from routine will help to cure the homesickness.

Speaking of homesickness, you will face nostalgia every day when you come

back. It will lessen with the weeks to come, but unfortunately it will never truly go away. There are still times I find myself frozen in my tracks because the smell of rain took me back to standing in the city center of Galway.

Just remember that you are not alone. If you studied abroad with other people, confide in them. They will be the best support system you have. They will lift you up and help reminisce all the memories while keeping you grounded. Try and meet up every now and then because no one wants to reminisce about your time abroad more than the ones who were with you.

Trust me, you can only tell family and friends so many times until it just sounds like you're bragging. If you studied by yourself, reach out to your friends abroad. It can be nice to talk about how you feel and about all the times you stayed out later than you should have trying to seize every moment of your time there.

Now back to the mention of food tasting differently — From listening to other stories and my own experience, I have discovered that American food sucks in comparison. Some people have even experienced getting sick. Unfortunately I was one of those people. While I was in Ireland, it became very apparent that their food has zero to no preservatives.

Imagine coming back to a country filled with McDonald's and fried food. My advice is to ease into the food back home. Homemade food is one of the best cures. This also gives you another excuse to hang out with your mom and have her cook you food. You will also realize that you cannot eat as much food as you remember. If you do decide to eat out, try picking something from the kids' menu since the portions will be smaller. Plus, you can save a buck or two since you probably spent all your money while abroad.

There will always be difficulties coming home from studying abroad. It will not be easy sailing after the allure of coming home fades away. It will get better with time. Just remember that there will always be someone who feels the same way. You will notice that you are a different person than when you left because let's face it, you have, in fact, changed.

Traveling ignites a spark inside you that will make you want to experience the world more. Christopher Columbus didn't discover America by sitting on the couch watching Netflix. Embrace the change and don't forget that adventure will always be waiting with arms wide open.



Photos by Abigail Carroll
Students take field trips while studying abroad to see the sites they are learning about.
TOP: Charles Fort
LEFT: Cliffs Of Moher
BELOW LEFT: Spidéal, Ireland Bay
BELOW RIGHT: Blarney Castle
FAR BELOW: Cobh, Ireland

On and off the diamond, Pacheco continues to excel

The All-American, All-Region player and two-time receiver of All-MIAA honors says his greatest achievement is playing in every game of his career

BY DAVID MUELLER
Sports Editor

For some athletes, it can be a long road to earn a spot in the starting lineup.

But for UNK's Anthony Pacheco, two games into his freshman year he stepped in to show his worth as a Loper baseball player.

Pacheco, a Kearney native, was a multi-sport athlete in high school for the Kearney Catholic Stars. As a standout running back on the football field, many people were shocked

to learn he wasn't going to pursue a career on the gridiron. It was his passion for baseball that landed him at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

His admiration for the game began at age 5, when he participated in his first T-ball league.

"I've always enjoyed playing baseball because you don't have to be the strongest or fastest player to be good. It's a mentally burdening game," Pacheco said. "I really wanted to play baseball in college, and UNK was the only school that showed any interest in me."

And he has given reason to take notice of his playing ability. As a freshman, Pacheco was named MIAA Co-Freshman of the year, batting .333 and driving in 33

runs in 45 games. He also made the All-MIAA honorable mention squad.

In his sophomore season, Pacheco was one of two players to start every contest for the Lopers and helped bring them to a 30-19 record. UNK's last winning season came three seasons prior.

He led his team in batting average with .404, and successfully stole the most bases. As an outfielder, he was also responsible for generating 86 putouts against his opponents.

Currently, Pacheco is his junior year, majoring in business administration. Like many other student-athletes, he acknowledges balancing school with athletics is not always an easy task.

"When the season starts, we miss at least one day of classes per week since we play Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. A lot of the classes require us to use the book and teach ourselves," he said. "I try my best to get homework done on the bus and get ahead of classes during the week."

However, his long weekends on the road haven't slowed his academic success in the classroom as the MIAA has recognized Pacheco as a Scholar Athlete and has placed him on the Academic Honor Roll in his freshman and sophomore seasons.

Although Pacheco has been named an All-American, All-Region player and two-time receiver of All-MIAA honors, he said his greatest achievement is playing in every game of his career and starting in nearly all of them.

"One thing I've learned from college baseball is that you can only control your effort and attitude. You can't control the weather, the umpires or your opponents. You can only control the way it is handled," Pacheco said.

The Lopers have gotten off to good start in the 2015 season – sitting in second place in the MIAA with a 3-1 record against conference opponents. As for Pacheco, in his first 14 games this season, he has registered at least one hit in 12 contests.

Women's tennis preps for Broncos of Central Oklahoma

BY STEPHANIE MOOREBERG
Antelope Staff

The women's tennis team has made it through the beginning of their spring season with an undefeated record. The Lady Lopers defeated Hastings College 9-0 in one of their first matches of the season. This past weekend the team competed against No. 7 Harding University and No. 20 Drury University in Springfield, Missouri. The team beat Harding University, but fell to Drury University on Sunday.



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Senior Kristin Weems, a business administration major from Arlington, Texas, beat No. 6, Piper Huey of Harding University by 6-1, 5-7 and 7-5. Doubles team sophomores Emily Fink, a Pre-Nursing major from Elkhorn, and Sthefani Rodriguez, a Spanish translation and interpretation major from Maracay, Venezuela, beat No. 3 Harding University doubles team, Piper Huey and Ali Bishop. Sunday's matches brought a 0-9 loss against the No. 20 ranked Drury University team.

The team hopes to come back to Kearney and get a win with their home match against the University of Central Oklahoma this Saturday in Kearney or Grand Island (weather permitting). Last year the team beat UCO in a close fashion, 5-4.

Junior Paula Jimenez, a business administration major from Barcelona, Spain, recalls the match being emotional, competitive, and

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ANTHONY
PACHECO



Courtesy from the Omaha World-Herald

Freshman Anthony Pacheco is greeted by his teammates after his home run during the game against Lincoln University. The Lopers won by 12-9.

Husker alumni shine at NFL combine

Abdullah, Bell and Gregory make strong showing in invitation-only event for college players looking to go pro

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Three Nebraska Cornhusker football players represented their alma mater at the 2015 NFL Scouting Combine the week of Feb. 17-23. Kenny Bell, Ameer Abdullah and Randy Gregory were able to fly to Indianapolis to showcase their talents.

The NFL Combine is an invitation only event that allows various top-performing college football players to show their talent to NFL coaches and scouts. Throughout the week, the athletes perform different drills, are taken for measurements and talk their way through various interviews.

Drills include anything from a 40-yard dash to a vertical jump, while measurements include a player's wingspan or palm size. This gives the pro teams an opportunity to evaluate the athletes before the upcoming NFL draft in the spring.

Wide receiver Kenny Bell, running back Ameer Abdullah and outside linebacker Randy Gregory all performed the same drills and sat still for all the same measurements, but they are each evaluated with respect to their position on the football field.

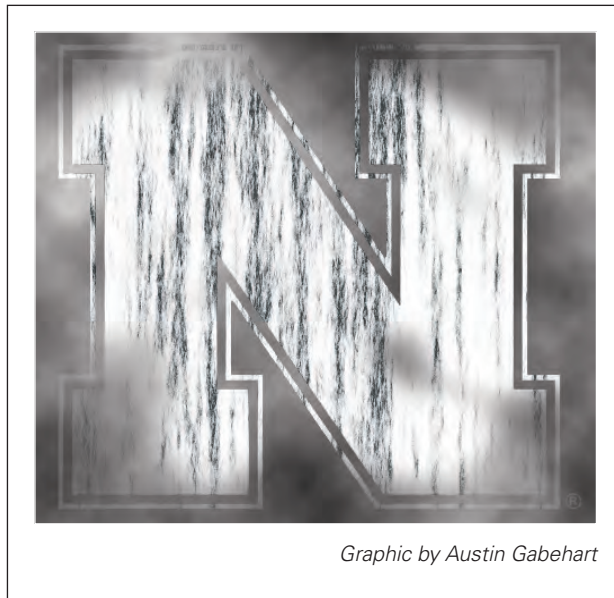
Listed as 6 foot 1 and only 197 pounds, Bell was not one of the top receivers going into the combine, but his performance during that week turned some of the scout's heads.

Bell recorded an all-combine top 10 fastest 40-yard dash time at 4.42 seconds and was a top performer among wide receivers in the vertical leap at 41.5 inches, the broad jump at 129 inches and the three-cone drill at 6.66 seconds – all numbers that greatly improved his draft stock.

"He is a lanky, vertical wide receiver with a second gear. He likes to lull cornerbacks to sleep before hitting the gas and getting over the top of them for big plays. Bell is a little more straight-lined than some teams are looking for, but with reliable hands and an ability to make plays on the ball down the field, he has starter's traits as a potential No. 2 WR in the league," said Lance Zierlein, a scouting combine expert on nfl.com

Fresh off an outstanding career at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Abdullah has the potential to be a top round two draft pick, and his performance at the combine solidified that potential.

Abdullah was a top performer in five different categories among running backs that included a 42.5 inch vertical leap, a 130 inch broad jump, a 6.79 second three-cone drill, a 3.95 second 20-yard shuttle run and a 11.18 second 60-yard shuttle run. Standing at only 5 foot 9 and weighing a meager 205 pounds, Abdullah's off-the-field character and his quickness assures him as



Graphic by Austin Gabehart

the No. 3 running back in this year's draft.

"Despite having first round talent, Abdullah's lack of preferred NFL size and issues with ball security might cause some teams to shy away from him in the opening round," said Zierlein. "Abdullah has explosive potential as a runner and ball-catcher and is a natural zone-scheme fit. His high character will make him a hit during the interview process."

Even though Gregory played defensive end throughout his Husker career, he went into the combine listed as an outside linebacker and a potential top five overall draft choice this coming spring. Gregory is an athletic freak at 6 foot 5, weighing in at 235 pounds, and he can get to the quarterback quickly. With only one top performance among outside linebackers with a 125 inch broad jump, Gregory also had impressive numbers in the 40-yard dash at 4.64 seconds, in the bench press with 24 reps at 225 pounds each and at the vertical leap with his highest being 36.5 inches. Many NFL scouts see incredible talent that can be harnessed by a couple of determined coaches.

"He's a 3-4 outside linebacker with the length, toughness and closing burst to immediately help a run defense. Gregory could stand to add more weight to his frame and needs plenty of technique work and a patient coach for his pass-rush skill to match his traits. High-ceiling, low-floor prospect," said Zierlein.

Overall, it was a great turnout by all three of the ex-Husker stars and future NFL rookies. Needless to say, Husker nation is excited to see Bell, Abdullah and Gregory bring their talents to the big leagues.



7 Loper wrestlers to NCAA finals

Kearney won the 2015 NCAA West Regional with 128.50 points and qualified seven individuals for the NCAA Championships in two weeks.

This was the Lopers' fifth straight regional title and the 13th since 2000.

Placing first in their weight classes were junior Daniel DeShazer (133 lbs.), sophomore Destin McCauley (149 lbs.) and freshman Keith Surber (141 lbs.). Coming in second were juniors Devin Aguirre (165 lbs.), Romero Cotton (197 lbs.) and Chase White (157 lbs.).

Also headed for nationals is junior Connor Bolling (3rd/125 lbs.). Finishing their seasons Saturday were junior Casey Powell (6th/184 lbs.) and redshirt freshman Ivan DeLeon (5th/285 lbs.).

The nation's top-ranked wrestler at 133 lbs. all season, DeShazer (Wichita, Kansas), is now 35-5 after a 3-2 decision over San Francisco State sophomore Jordan Gurrola in the finals. A takedown right off the bat helped DeShazer record his 16th straight victory.

Surber (O'Fallon, Illinois) followed with a 5-2 decision over Western State's Corbin Bennetts in the 141 lbs. finals. An early takedown, two escapes and riding time provided the winning margin.

Ranked seventh nationally, McCauley (No. Sioux City, South Dakota) also got an early takedown. He built up some riding time to get by Reis Humphrey of New Mexico Highlands, 5-3.

White (Lincoln H.S.), ranked eighth nationally, faced third-ranked James Martinez of Mesa in his first place bout. White managed one takedown and an escape to fall 6-3.

At 165 lbs., Aguirre (Ponca City, Oklahoma) had the daunting task of facing unbeaten Chris Watson of Central Oklahoma. Watson used a second period escape to win 1-0 and up his record to 38-0.

Cotton (Hutchinson, Kansas), the defending national champ at 197 lbs., squared off against 6th-ranked Sam Mangum of Western. Each recorded an escape in regulation with Mangum using a controversial takedown to win in the first sudden victory period, 4-2.

Courtesy

ABOVE: Surber O'Fallon defeats Western State's Corbin Bennetts in the finals.

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Freedom Tour.

“We want to carry this message beyond just Omaha and Lincoln,” Tyler Richards, Communications Director for ACLU Nebraska, said. “We know that there are same-sex couples everywhere in the state.”

The Waters began their presentation by talking about their decision to become parents. The couple said that they decided to adopt after discussing it one night and have not regretted their decision.

They boarded a 36-hour flight to an orphanage in Vietnam to adopt their first child.

Once they arrived back in Nebraska, Susan said that she and Sally went to the courthouse and finalized the adoption. Since Nebraska law bans two people of the same sex from adopting a child, Susan signed the adoption papers.

“We just looked at each other and said, ‘This is not OK,’” she said.

“In the situation we were in, if something were to have happened to me, any of my family members could have walked in, taken my children and walked out the door. Sally would have no legal standing in all of this. These are the kinds of things that people don’t understand. They want to defend marriage, but they do not understand that what they are really doing is torturing us to some degree.”

The Waters later lived in California for 10 years before moving back to Nebraska for aging parents. When they returned to their home state, they discovered Nebraska was not the same Nebraska they had left behind.

In 2000, Nebraska voters had passed Initiative 416 restricting marriage to one man and one woman with nearly 70 percent of the vote.

“We found Nebraskans had changed,” Susan said. “We were out there (in California) for 10 years. We got frustrated when the governor said that in 2000 the people of Nebraska made it very clear. Yes, in 2000 they did. This is not 2000—this is

2015.”

Sally said when they moved back to Nebraska, they found work to support the family. However, their livelihood was jeopardized two years ago when she was diagnosed with stage-three breast cancer.

With Sally going through treatment, the couple began to take a look at their lives. Sally said they realized that because Nebraska did not recognize their marriage, when she died, Susan would have to pay an 18 percent income inheritance tax compared to the 1 percent tax if the state viewed them as married.

As a result, the Waters said they have to save money to be able to pay the tax.

“When I die, she will only get Social Security survivor benefits,” Susan said. “The other benefits will go to the girls. But my spouse—who equally is entitled to wife survivor benefits – will not see any of that. When I die, in the state of Nebraska, my death certificate will list me as single. That’s just an insult to my wife and to my family.”

Sally said that their own experiences have influenced the two to teach their children to carry on their legacy by standing up for what is right.

“We want them to understand if there’s something that you believe in your heart is wrong, we have a legal system in the United States that you’re going to have to stand up to and say ‘This is wrong,’” Sally said. “That’s what we’re doing. We’re hoping that we’re showing by example for them.”

Susan ended the presentation by telling the audience she had a lot of respect for the younger generation due to their acceptance of same-sex couples.

“I am so proud of you guys...I’m hopeful that you’re bringing in a whole new era of people really starting to say that this (sexual orientation) doesn’t really matter. Be respectful. Let’s be kind and loving. I see that in your generation.”

Sink or swim

After a decade, Aaron McCauley looks to bring back proactive education organization GAMMA

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It all began the day after Christmas break. Greeks Advocating for the Mature Management of Alcohol (GAMMA) started making its way back to UNK.

Aaron McCauley has been working as student adviser to get GAMMA going. “We are a proactive education group. So instead of saying don’t drink ever, don’t do this, we know that’s not likely to happen at a college campus,” McCauley said.

“We want to be fully functioning by the fall.” This week GAMMA is holding interviews for the executive board. Currently, 140 Greeks have signed up to be a part of this organization.

“We work to reduce the dangers of underage drinking, binge drinking or alcohol poisoning by providing different education for the Greek community,” said the junior family studies major and Phi Delta Theta member from North Platte.

GAMMA was last active in 2005 before they fizzled out. “It’s been almost a decade since they were fired up and actually working to promote themselves on campus,” McCauley said. He is hoping that GAMMA becomes recognized by the end of this semester.

As the student adviser for GAMMA, McCauley is emotionally invested in this organization. “As a family studies major, I’m all about families and children, and so it would be devastating to me to see a college student’s career cut short because



Photo by Jessica Nichols

McCauley was tabbed student advisor for GAMMA after Christmas by Heather Wolf, the Assistant Director of Greek Affairs and Student Activities. “I came into the office the day after Christmas break, and it was the first day on the internship. Heather’s like ‘here’s what we talked about and you’re in charge of it so get to goin.’ It was just kind of a sink or swim situation.”

of drunk driving.”

GAMMA is looking to have weekly meetings with the executive board delegates from each chapter.

“I really hope to provide a positive image with Greek life here at UNK. I want to show we are a unified community actively trying to change the negative stereotypes of Greek life,” McCauley said.

Even though this organization is Greek based, it is open to any person or group on campus that wants to be involved.

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college my undergraduate years, at Albion College in Michigan, I had a great opportunity to work at the college library during my junior and senior years of college. It was really a formative experience of my life because I worked at the circulation desk. Being a smaller college - you know fewer librarians - I was pretty much "the" librarian.

You know I'm a junior in college, but after 9 at night until midnight I was it. I had peers still coming in looking for sources and along the way, doing my own research for my history classes, I picked up some things about doing research. I was by no means an expert, but I found I really enjoyed the process of helping other students find information they were looking for. It was really a rewarding experience for me personally, one I carried on my senior year.

Why are you passionate about being an E-Resource librarian?

I think that passion, for me, from my junior year of college never really died, to be honest. It's still as fervent today as it was 20 years ago. It's probably a mystery to your readers, but for myself - and I would suspect many of the librarians here - we actually get kind of a charge when someone comes up to the reference desk or we get an email late at night saying: "Hey, I'm trying to find an article on welfare reform and I'm just not having much success using the databases, could you help me out?"

When we get that kind of challenge we just seize it - for us the passion is the hunt for information. Whether it takes me five minutes or two hours to nail down the perfect set of articles that meets that information need, I just won't let go. I'm like a dog with a chew toy.

What is your opinion about the way technology is changing the way students find resources and conduct their own research?

Well, it's a mixed blessing. I've seen firsthand working with students and anecdotal evidence that stories related to me that having the technological resources really makes this information much more accessible to students. It's a lot easier today [laughs] to look up sources for that paper that's due the next morning when these databases are running 24/7.

You don't have to be necessarily at the library to access a growing number of resources. If there's a downside to it, my concern is that this is a trap for not just students, but for many people that Google

has kind of, to some degree, dumbed down our critical thinking skills and research skills and given a sense to many people of all ages that a successful search can be conducted from one search box with a handful of words.

How do you think your children describe you to your friends?

[Laughs] I think I've put this on my family website and asked my youngest son the very question a couple years ago, I think he was 6, and I think he described it as: "My dad works on computers a lot and helps people," and that was kind of a nutshell that he seemed to understand at the age of 6, which I think was pretty good. That's pretty much describes about 99 percent of what I do.

What is one thing you "geek out" over?

Here's a great example [grabs book on desk], our library's Deans' Administrative Assistant loaned this book to me: it's a "Star Trek" book. So "Star Trek" is something I definitely geek out about. I am way more "Star Trek" than "Star Wars." On my Amazon watch list at home I have bookmarked the "Star Trek Original Series," "Star Trek Next Generation" series, I've watched the whole "Voyager" series from start to finish - so very much a "Star Trek" fan.

Outside of your career, what hobbies or activities do you enjoy?

I am an avid runner. Hope to go out this afternoon if it's in anyway decent. I'll run until it hits 10 below wind chill - that's where I draw the line. I plan to run in the May Lincoln half marathon again this year. Depending on how that goes and my summer training progresses, I may consider running a full marathon in the fall.

One of my other big hobbies would be meteorology. I am an amateur meteorologist. I have a home weather station that sits on my back deck and every couple minutes uploads data to a webpage I run, so at anytime I could tell you the weather from my backyard.

If you could meet any historical figure, whom would you meet and what would you ask them?

I would like to meet Ulysses Grant. He's a kind of personal hero of mine because he was very much an understated leader - I mean, he was not the one to be rash, outspoken, hard-charging type of leader. That was not his personality, and yet he is a man of great respect with

few words and quiet leadership, and it's a model I would like to aspire to myself. I think I would ask him, and maybe it was easier in the 18th century than 21st: "How were you able to exert your leadership within a circle of different leadership styles and personalities?"

Is there anything else I should know about you or that you'd like to add to a previous question asked?

I'll put in a shout out to the gentleman who I haven't seen, and is probably, I'm sure, passed away, I only knew him by his last name, Mr. Gaunt, who was the bookmobile driver in Fort Wayne, Indiana, that I visited every week for several years. It wasn't anything necessarily he did or said, just his being there and bringing a van full of books from Allen County into our neighborhood every week and how much I enjoyed making the trip to the bookmobile and getting my fill of books, whether the Hardy Boys mysteries, books about weather or history - it fed my hunger for information. I would like to thank Mr. Gaunt for his service.

Freedom from page 3



RON WIRTZ

of The Library Bill of Rights, which states the duty of a library is to provide materials presenting all views of ideas and information. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of

partisan or doctrinal disapproval.

Libraries should challenge censorship, as it is their duty to provide information and enlightenment.

Ron Wirtz, UNK Coordinator of User Services and Assistant Director of the Learning Commons, agrees with Rogers' view on book banning.

"Banning books, and censorship of information sources in general is a giant step on the way to the creation of a totalitarian state," Wirtz said. "I should say also that political correctness is a violation of the basic freedom of speech, and a type of de facto censorship. If you have to be so careful about what you say, then somebody is keeping you from free expression of opinion, information, whatever - and we're in that today."

The UNK Library implements the Library Bill of Rights and does not censor or ban books.

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field doing what she loves.

When she first came to college, Myers majored in theater performance, and then later decided to be an event planner before she discovered her true calling of service. Discovering her true calling, Myers finally settled on a degree in Organizational and Relational Communication with a track in Management to help prepare her for the demands of her career.

It was during her sophomore year that Myers first started her involvement with Crossroads. "I started by volunteering with the children, playing and doing crafts with them because some of my other friends had volunteered there previously," Myers said.

After realizing the positive impact she could have, Myers sought a more regular position with Crossroads. Her junior year, Myers was hired as a full-time guest advocate for Crossroads, helping with daily operations, coordinating events, working to resolve resident issues and communicating with the community.

To make the most out of college, Myers says believes in putting yourself out there. "I think it is important at some point in your college career to get involved in the community because you want to and not because a professor forces you too. It's much more enjoyable and rewarding and makes the experience more meaningful to you."

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intense all at the same time because it was the first time UNK had beat UCO.

With home court advantage this year, Jimenez knows the Kearney community supports UNK Athletics and will give the Lady Lopers a special feeling whenever a match is taking place.

Tucson, Arizona native, Kari Emery, a senior majoring in psychology said, "We stood together as a team and represented the Lopers in an intense match against UCO that I will never forget." This Saturday, March 7 at 10 AM, the Lady Lopers will be prepared to take on UCO again in their first MIAA conference match of the season.



KARI EMERY

Bar set high with \$10,000 goal for 10th Annual Red Dress Poker Tournament

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Last year's Alpha Phi poker tournament raised nearly \$9,000 and the sorority members feel confident that a \$10,000 goal for the tenth year is in their range.

This year the event will be held in the Health and Sports Center on Thursday, March 5, but the education campaign started earlier



with two heart health awareness weeks, one on campus in the Nebraskan student atrium and one in the community in the Hilltop Mall at the end of February.

Justine Sebade, an Alpha Phi and member of the UNK Sapphires dance team, has also led the popular new Zumba heart health class on February 3.

All proceeds will go to the Alpha Phi Foundation, which is dedicated to promoting women's heart health.

Ticket Information

\$12 from any Alpha Phi or \$15 at the door.

Tickets include a meal, as well as a set of poker chips.

Get tickets in advance to pre-register. Regular registration will take place at 4:30 p.m. at the door and the tournament will begin at 5 p.m.

Raffle tickets for sale one for \$2 or three for \$5. Prizes include: 50" LG smart TV, Fitbit, \$100 Cabela's gift card, Husker tickets, \$100 Hyvee gift card, Loper athletics season passes, and numerous other prizes and gift cards. The main raffle prize is a GoPro camera.



Photo by Alison Buchli

This week the Alpha Phi's Monday meeting was a lesson on the rules of poker and dealing to get them excited for their 10th Annual Red Dress Poker Tournament. Junior Lauren Bartunek, a communication disorders major from Hastings, instructs Brooke Thorell, a sophomore communications major from Loomis about the correct way to "burn and turn" a card when dealing for Texas Hold 'Em poker.



Photo by Michaela McConnell

A photo of Ted Kooser by Charles W. Guildner, a Nebraskan photographer is displayed to the right of Kooser's book. The photo was taken in 2005 when Kooser was poet laureate.

Picture This: Nebraska Poet Laureate

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The Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA) is presenting "Picture This: Nebraska Poet Laureate – Ted Kooser." This exhibition ties poetry with the visual arts. Ted Kooser was the U.S. Poet Laureate from 2004-2006. He has published 14 books of poetry since 1969.

Jackie Abell, Director of Educational Programming at the MONA, says people should visit the exhibit because, "It celebrates the work of a very important, much loved and respected Nebraskan poet. Kooser himself is very interested in the visual arts and in his book I chose to base the exhibition on, 'Delights &

Shadows.' It contains references to Keith Jacobshagen who is currently a very important Nebraskan artist. The exhibit marries MONA's collection and the state of Nebraska's collection with the work of a very important former US Poet Laureate from Nebraska."

Abell says she chose not to specify which poem she thought each piece of art coincides with because she wants guests to make their own conclusions. She added that some of the artworks are selected based more on his general subject matter than a specific poem. She wants guests to familiarize themselves with the book and make their own connections with the artworks on display.