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lenge and encourage them in good times and bad. He wants not only himself but faculty to be visible, available and to listen closely to students and to encourage them to find their own paths and help guide them down those paths. One quote I got from him was, "Don't let one class be the determining factor of your career." He wants students to keep chasing after their dreams and to not let a little bump get in the way or ruin their whole dream.

He also mentioned how he wanted to help the instructors be the best teachers they can be and encouraged them all to be involved in professional and personal development. He wants to have the latest advancements in our classrooms and laboratories and to create strong bonds with IANR, the Extension programs and CASNR in Lincoln

One of the last things he spoke about was being industry-centered at our campus, helping to create those strong connections between students and instructors with industry partners and to market to other students that at NCTA you get an unique experience and that NCTA can get you out into the career field right away instead of the nightmare many students face where they are wondering if there will even be a job opportunity once they graduate.

After his presentation there was an open discussion where students and faculty could ask Dr. Hussman questions in regards to their concerns and inquiries about him and what he could do for our school.

Our next candidate, Dr. Ron Rosati, will be here February 4, and will be presenting at 10:00 AM at the Education Center in the auditorium. Don't miss it! These are opportunities for the students voice to be heard and questions to be answered.

"There are things that we don't want to happen but have to accept, things we don't want to know but have to learn, and people we can't live without but have to let go.."

— Unknown

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 04 Dean candidate on campus - Dr. Ron Rosati at 8:00 a.m.
- 06 District XI CDES #1 at 8:00 a.m.
- 06 Midwest Dueling Pianos at 7:00 p.m.
- 07 Dean candidate on campus - Dr. Peter Camfield at 8:00 a.m.
- 07 NCTA Career Fair at 9:00 a.m.
- 09 Sherman Tegtmeier Reining & Horsemanship Clinic at 7:00 a.m.
- 10 Tuition and fee payment deadline
- 11 SURF Orientation Meeting at 4:30 p.m.
- 12 NCTA Community Advisory Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Student Senate Meeting at 12:00 p.m.
- 14 Last day to drop first 8-week course
- 15 May degree applications due

March

- 01 First 8-week final exams

To add an event, contact Eric Reed at ereed2@unl.edu

Things I Think

By Kevin Martin

1. Decisions are easy to make. The follow through often is not.
2. What college students do with their country in the next 10 years is of epic importance.
3. Grow up, or go home and wait in the parking lot for your high school friends.
4. Politics. Learn how to play the game. There is no way around it.
5. The guy at Wal-Mart who made fun of my ammunition purchases a few months ago is asking if I want to sell any. LOL.
6. I hope when I die people will say "That guy owed me a lot of money". Just kidding. Maybe not.
7. Spring fever. Catch it in moderation.
8. The girl that turned in \$20 she found last week gives me hope. Thank you.
9. People that don't think the rules apply to them are in for a rude awakening someday.
10. Sometimes the road less traveled is less traveled for a reason.



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The Challenge Begins First Dean Candidate: Dr. Dann Husmann

By Megan Streweler

As the auditorium filled with students, staff and faculty members from the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, in the Education Center on Monday, January 28, Dr. Dann Husmann prepared for his presentation as a dean candidate for NCTA. He had prepared a PowerPoint presentation that included all the ideals and reasons for why he thinks he would be a good fit for the school. Some of his topics mentioned were enrollment, recruiting and marketing. Others were the team-, student-, instructor-, content- and industry-centered emphasis areas.



Dr. Dann Husmann speaks to an audience about what he plans to bring to NCTA if chosen to be the new dean.

He wanted to find ways to help our marketing and recruiting to high school juniors and seniors, and possible transfer students. Two of the results he wants to accomplish are to have more support services for students, and to create better working relationships among students, instructors, faculty, and staff. He put a lot of emphasis on the CASNR program at Lincoln, and wants to implement a similar aspects of that program here. In other words: create a family atmosphere.

Husmann wants to help students with their growth and development, and to chal-

He wants to "start with the end in

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Amanda's Column: The Little Bunny in Blue

Opinion by Amanda Castle, *Editor*



Over the years, he has definitely showed some wear and tear. His once bright sweater is now a dull blue. His eyes show history from his long life, but his smile shows me comfort when I am down. There is a tear below his nose and his hair isn't as soft anymore. Not to mention his twelve inch ears shrunk to a measly two inches, if that. Although he be a little on the rough side, he is my protector when I fear. Who is this friend of mine, you may wonder?

He is my bunny. He was given to me when I was little and ever since, we have never parted ways. That's right, my bunny came to college with me because like every adventure I had in the past, he is always a part of the journey. When he was given to me, I never thought of a good name to give him or even that I should name him, so he simply remained "Bunny" to me.

Now, as I mentioned before, his ears were once long and full, like any normal bunny's ears should be, but now they are quite short. Honestly, whenever he is seen, people have mistaken him for being a bear. There is a story behind this.

I was three when I went to the hospital for an overnight stay. Doctors and nurses were a constant blur, noises and lights were always honking and flashing, I was a scared little tyke. This bunny was given to me for a little comfort. His ears, however, came at the mercy of it all. There began the long sacrifice of his ears, as I started to chew on them out of nervousness. He has been there for me ever since.

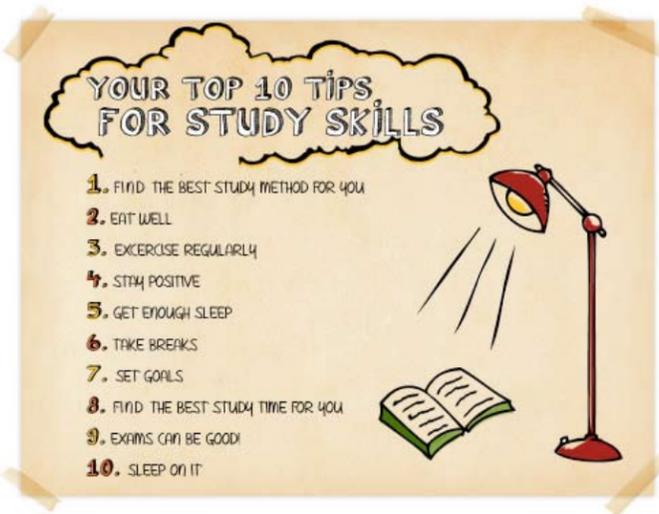
Mr. Bunny has seen it all. The push and shove of a busy airport as we board the flights to unknown lands



on vacations, the being of stuffed into a backpack for a long road trip across the state lines, and the front row seat for every scary movie watched. My bunny was there for every laughter shared with family, every tear cried over hard times, and every cough and snuffle suffered from a cold. And of course, my bunny was there for the day of the big move. He came to college with me because like most of us, it was the first time being away from home and from family. Now, next year, the rabbit and I are once again packing up and moving nine hundred miles from home to new trials, new adventures and probably new hardships.

As I mature, I realize that my bunny is a symbol. A symbol of security. In life in general, just like his ears, nothing ever stays the same. My bunny never lets me forget my past experiences because it is a reflection through his tattered body. He is a constant reminder of the journey taken through life; sometimes we have

to take it alone, other times we have the company of a friend. Perhaps I could one day retire the little friend, but probably not until after college at the very least.



"So God Made a Farmer"



Chrysler introduced a new generation of Americans to the late conservative radio broadcaster Paul Harvey when it appropriated Harvey's "So God Made a Farmer" speech for a Ram truck ad during the Superbowl. In case you missed it, we're reprinting it:

"And on the eighth day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, 'I need a caretaker.' So God made a farmer.

"God said, 'I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the field, milk cows again, eat supper, then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board.' So God made a farmer.

"God said, 'I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt and watch it die, then dry his eyes and say, 'Maybe next year,' I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from an ash tree, shoe a horse with hunk of car tire, who can make a harness out hay wire, feed sacks and shoe scraps. Who, during planting time and harvest season will finish his 40-hour week by Tuesday noon and then, paining from

tractor back, put in another 72 hours.' So God made the farmer.

"God said, 'I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bales, yet gentle enough to wean lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-comb pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the leg of a meadow-lark.'

"It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners. Somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed, and brake, and disk, and plow, and plant, and tie the fleece and strain the milk, . Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft, strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh, and then sigh and then reply with smiling eyes when his son says that he wants to spend his life doing what Dad does. 'So God made a farmer.'"



Money Time

By Megan Streweler

It's that time of year again: Scholarship and financial aid season, where we spend hours trying to convince people we are great candidates for their scholarships or programs and that we are in need of aid. Many scholarships are available; you just have to look in the right places. Many resources exist online and on campus, so there is no excuse as to why you could not find scholarships that fit your needs.

A few places to check on campus would be to check with your department head or advisor. Oftentimes they know of scholarships that would match up perfectly with your plan. The faculty members are here to help us, and they are a great resource for us when it comes to planning ahead. You can also check with Scott Mickelson or Vicky Luke, as they too will have some printed scholarships or can lead you to some that are online. Another good place to check is your hometown. Sometimes the scholarships that get granted to a high school senior unfortunately are not used, so the banks or booster clubs, American legions or Elks Club, might have some scholarship money sitting around and waiting for a student to use it. Let that student be you.

Speaking of online, with as much time as we spend on Facebook, you should check out our school's Facebook page, there are scholarships listed there as well as on our website that are constantly getting updated. If you have questions about filling out the essay portion of the application or need help, don't be afraid to ask Kevin Martin or an advisor. They can help you with these obstacles.

And don't forget about the FAFSA or your student loans. Make sure you get those filled out and updated for the upcoming year so that you can receive grants or federal student loans for continuing your education.

Deadlines are fast approaching; some scholarships are due March 1. Don't put these applications off to the last minute and make sure to read the eligibility requirements. This is money people invest in you so that you can make something of yourself. Don't waste it.

Aggies Speak Out

"What were your reactions to the plans for NCTA, purposed by Dean Candidate, Dr. Dann Husmann?"



Caleb Kafka: Holyoke, Colorado
"I think he can bring a lot to the table in creating a student centered campus. He was focused on making NCTA a better learning environment."



Luke Glodowski: Farnam, Nebraska
"He seemed to be interested in improving the education methods at NCTA. He was interested in seeing more students transfer. In summary, I think he could do a lot for the education methods, but I would like to see a candidate who is not afraid to tell students that they can achieve their goals, hopes, and dreams with the education gained at NCTA. I would like to see a candidate with ideas similar to those of Weldon Sleight."



Tyler Gruntorad: Lexington, Nebraska
"I thought he talked about the CASNR Program at UNL a little too much. I didn't like that because I came to NCTA for the reason that it was different and unique. NCTA is much different than UNL and I personally don't think trying to change and become more like it is a good thing. I thought he should have focused more on what he could do to expand NCTA instead of change it."



Tana Almand: Vinita, Oklahoma
"I thought he was a good candidate for the position. He was focused on the student body and exposing the school to gather more students for next year. I think that's a very good thing. I am anxious, though, to see what the other candidates have to bring to the table as well."

Resume and Interview Workshop

By Megan Streweler

On January 22, Kevin Martin and Matt Allbright put on a fantastic workshop in which Kevin went over the correct way to fill out an application and create a table with your skills, jobs, and duties that will help when updating your resume. Matt discussed the basics of creating a resume and the different formats available. Matt also discussed interviewing and how to land the job in the interviewing process.

Kevin emphasized making sure not to leave any blank spaces on the applications and to always leave your contact information. (If you don't leave your contact information, how is the employer supposed to contact you for an interview?) List all of your schools, skills, and extracurricular activities. Show that you are involved in community events and activities.

Matt presented students with a packet of information that contained information on proper attire for men and women during the interview, looking out for bad habits, and proper etiquette during lunch inter-

views. There were a few examples of resumes in the packets for students to use as templates for their own resumes.

Matt and Kevin will be in the Education Center on Monday afternoon to go over resumes for the Career Fair.

If you have any questions in regards to interviewing and resumes, please contact Dottie Evans, Matt Allbright or Kevin Martin.



Kevin Martin, NCTA Student Services, explains some of the "do's" and "don't's" of filling out applications.

NCTA Career Fair This Week

By Megan Streweler

Don't forget about the Career Fair that will be held on campus February 7. Some of you will be required to go as a homework assignment for a class, but this is going to be a great opportunity for all students to get their names out in today's industry with some of our local cooperatives, businesses and companies.

Also don't forget to bring copies of your cover letter and resume, and to look your best, as these could be potential employers and places that you intern for.



Photo courtesy www.careerealm.com.

Twelve participants have registered, and there is the possibility that a few more participants that have not completed the registration will show up. So, come prepared. Even if you think you are not interested in the businesses that are scheduled to be here that day,

grab a business card and try to leave a good impression. You never want to burn bridges, and you don't know if you might run into a situation later in life when contact with that person or organization could help you out.

Registered participants for the career fair:

- Farm Service Agency
- All Points Cooperative
- Riverview, LLP
- Zoltenko farms Inc.
- Adams Land and Cattle
- UNL
- Lone Creek Cattle Company
- Darr Feedlot Inc.
- Farm Bureau Financial Services
- Fairview Veterinary Clinic
- NE Department of Agriculture
- Ag Valley Coop

Trausch and Alber Named to All Tournament Teams

By Jeremy Sievers, Basketball Coach

NCTA men's and women's basketball teams traveled to Tulsa, Okla., to play in the RHEMA Bible College Martin Luther King Jr. Tournament January 18 – 20. Jacob Trausch of Roseland, Neb., and Sara Alber of Blue Hill, Neb., were named to the three-day tournament All-Tournament teams. The Aggies were shorthanded in the tournament, playing with just five girls and six guys in the three day event.

Alber averaged 11.3 rebounds per game and 9.3 points per game to earn her All-Tournament honor. She and her teammates played every minute of their three games against opponents with benches triple the size of the Aggies' roster. Coach Jeremy Sievers said, "Due to injuries and some other issues we were very short staffed, but the girls never gave up and worked hard. The opposing coaches were impressed with our ability to keep coming and with the hard work the girls put forth. I was pleased with Sara's effort down low and was also very happy with Faith Stroup's per-

formance in the three games. Overall, the girls worked hard, hustled and never gave up no matter what the score or how fresh their opponents legs."



Above left to right: Sara Alber, Jacob Trausch. Below: Casey Stangle waits for a tip off against the Oglala Lakota College Bravehearts on January 30.



On the men's side, Trausch averaged 14.6 board per game and 14.3 points per game to earn his All-Tournament honor. The men did not fare any better than their female counterparts, going 0-3 in the tournament over the weekend. Coach Sievers said, "It was hard for the guys, like the girls, playing against teams with deeper benches and an overall better talent level. The guys worked hard and played to the best of their ability. They never let the score get them down, but kept fighting until the end." Trausch is ranked number one nationally in the USCAA Division II in rebounds per game (13.2) and second in defense and total rebounds. He is also ranked eleventh in points per game (18.3).

NCTA basketball will be in action at home on February 4. The men will play Doane College freshman and then conclude their home season with parents' night on February 9 versus Frontier School of the Bible.

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Dodge Ball for the Horse Team

By Amanda Castle, Editor

Nearly every Thursday and Friday night, usually around 7 or after, you can find a group of students gearing up to get their game on. No, it isn't gearing up for the party down the road, but rather a simple yet intense game of dodge ball.

It started as a way to relief stress before finals week, to bring the NCTA Horse Team together, and share some fun times together. It has grown to something more though. The Horse Show Team started an exercise program in the early mornings the week before finals last semester. The thought was it was a good way to get cardio exercises in and getting some time away from their studies. The turnout was good and the team wanted to continue the practice into this semester. Eventually, the exercising grew to games.

Now, the Horse Show Team showcases different types of games throughout the week nights. They have opened it up to the student body for added competition and comradely according to one of the team leaders, Matt Dole. For the past few weeks the team has been playing dodge ball in both the LTC arena and the Community Center. In the past, kickball was played in the

arena. In the future, there has been talk about playing basketball, capture the flag, soccer and possibly softball in the spring. Dole invites anyone that wants to come out and participate and says this about the games, "It's intense, so be prepared to play."

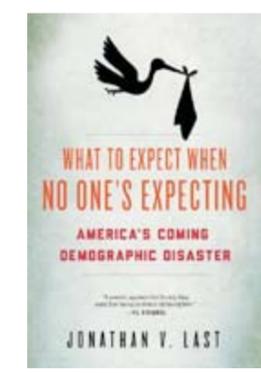
The activity is a safe and fun way for students to come out together and share some stress relief. For more information on when and where you can partake in the dodge ball games and any other games, contact Matt Dole.



Send your NCTA related photos, articles, and ideas to Amanda Castle at openann08@yahoo.com

Pets Outnumber Children 4 to 1 in U.S.

In a new book, *What to Expect When No One's Expecting* (Encounter Books, 240 pages), available this week, writer Jonathan V. Last says pets have become the "fuzzy, low-maintenance" replacement for children in America, outnumbering newborns by a ratio of 4 to 1.



"Educated, middle-class people have all but stopped having babies," writes Last, whose book also explains why the 1968 book



The Population Bomb, predicting mass starvation and overcrowding on earth, never happened and why America could now be facing a different set of problems.

Americans are not just owning more pets, Last says,

there are also more pet owners. People are spending more money than ever on their domestic companions. In 2008, the country spent \$4.3 billion on their pets, up from \$1.7 billion in 1994.