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October/Nov. 2008

20-21st-Fall break-student holiday

22nd-2nd 8 week classes begin

28th-Last day to drop a 2nd 8 week class (100% refund)

30th- Halloween Dance (STVMA)

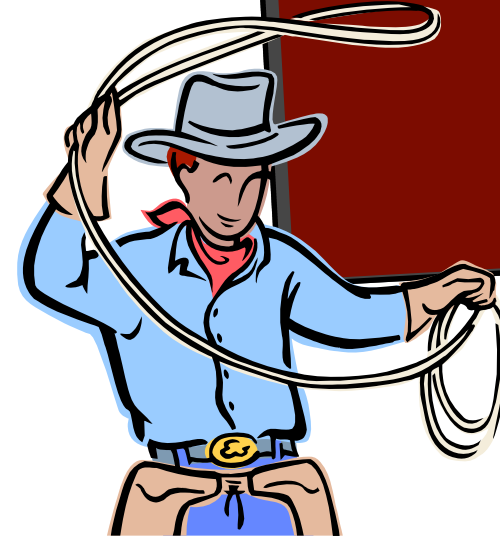
4th-Last day to drop 2nd 8 week class (75%)

11th-Last day to drop 2nd 8 week class (50%)

12th-Registration begins for 2nd semester

18th-Last day to drop 2nd 8 week class (25%)

26th-30th-Student holiday



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AGGIE UP!

October 16, 2008

New Floor in Place

As basketball season approached, the Aggie basketball teams have something more than just the season to look forward to. They have a great place to play as well.

The new portable wood floor was recently installed in the NCTA/Curtis Community Center and is ready for action. The custom built floor went together like a big puzzle, and amazingly, does not have the appearance of some "pieced" floors that do not fit precisely together.

The "air" floor, laid on top of the existing rubberized sur-



allows the floor to flex, substantially reducing joint and back injuries to athletes.

The season is near. Come out and support the Aggies in their new home!

Inside this issue:

- Football standings
- Open house
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- "Cold" tips

Equestrian Team Riding High

The NCTA Equestrian Team met with success recently at the Colorado University Horse Competition. Attending members Jess Bowman, Kim Anderson, Dakota Adler and Shana McKeown all placed at the two-day event.

Competing in the International Horse Show Assoc. English and Western competitions, riders draw their horses from the hosts group of riding stock. Riding your own horse, one you know very well, can be difficult enough. Imagine picking a ride out of a hat, and competing with the luck of the draw.

That's tough.

Jess Bowman, (right) of Lancaster County, PA, received the overall Reserve High Point Rider at the English portion of the Colorado competition. Bowman is a novice in the jumping classes and an intermediate competitor in the "flat" classes. (Walk, trot, and canter). The overall point score is calculated for the entire competition, all classes and riders. Bowman was pleased with her performance, stating, "I was very honored to receive Reserve High Point Rider for the event. I hope to get the High

Point Rider one day soon."



World Wide Farmers on Campus

The World Wide Farmers exchange has come to Curtis. Students from Togo, Cameroon, Brazil, and the Philippines are living on campus and

living "the good life".

David, Ace, Fabio, and Williams will be here until the end of October, taking classes and getting a hands on feel for the technology used in the states.

The group has made visits to the Wach Vineyard,

West Central Research Center, area feedlots, Gerald Gentleman Power Plant, and Tyson Packing. They are also helping with harvest, and hope to be involved in everything possible while they are here.

These are great guys, lets make them feel welcome!



Bookstore has new look

The Aggie bookstore has taken on a new look for the 2008-2009 school year.

Replacing the old, cold, steel framed bookshelves are new, wooden modern shelving spaces that allow a better grouping of books and materials.

The bookstore still offers a nice selection of NCTA items including tee shirts, caps, sweatshirts, and

vet tech wear. Overalls, over-shoes, and "tools of the trade" are available as well. Miscellaneous items ranging from padlocks to calculators and jump drives are ready for sale.

A new twist is the offering of Husker items on the racks. (After all, we are a part of the University of Nebraska!)



THINGS TO KNOW WHEN ITS "COLD"

The leaves are falling, the mornings are colder, and old man winter is just around the corner. Although we probably all know better, here is a short list of things to remember as the weather changes seasons.

1. **Your car needs you to take care of it before it snows:** Tires lose air pressure, hoses need checked, and

anti-freeze in your radiator needs tested. Wiper blades are worn and your emergency car kit needs replenished.

2. **Class doesn't get cancelled because it snows:** Come on. Whether you live in the dorms or in and around Curtis, you can make it. Walk for crying out loud. It takes longer to warm up your vehicle than it

does to walk.

3. **Your animals need you to understand what they are going through:** Some dogs and cats can handle the cold. Some cant. Large animals need more feed and adequate water. Just don't assume they can adapt without some adjustments. You cant!

STVMA Halloween Dance Oct.30

STVMA is having their annual Halloween dance Oct. 30th in the old gym from 9-12.

Students are encourage to dress for the occasion (appropriately please!) and come ready to have a



great time!

Cost: \$3 per person, \$5 for couples in costume. \$4 per person not in costume, \$6 for couples not in costume.

Flag Football Season Nearing Playoff Time

Football season is in full swing across the country, and things are no different in Aggie land.

The flag football season is nearing its close with teams vying for spots in the playoffs. Good weather has helped the season along with super student participation.

The standings as of 10/14/08 with the playoffs and championship game (Aggie Bowl) scheduled for 10/22 and 10/23.

Thee House 5-0

Brickhouse 4-0-1

Spankies 2-3

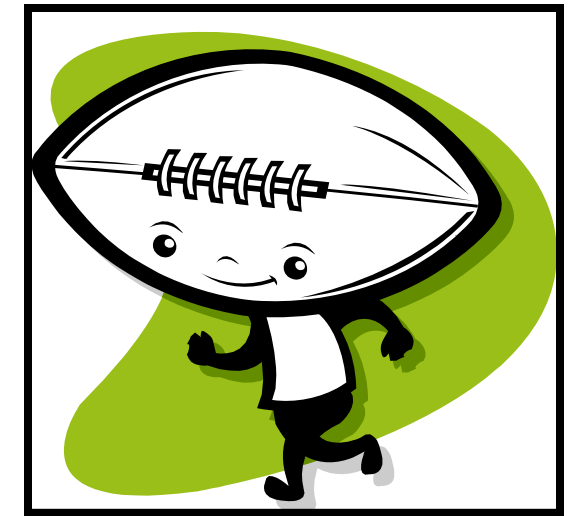
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Green Demons 1-3

Herefords 1-3

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Good luck to all!



Over 200 Attend 2008 Open House

Over 200 prospective students and their family members attended the 2008 NCTA Open House on October 15th.

The all day event drew 75 juniors and seniors from Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, and Colorado who are interested in furthering their education at NCTA.

NCTA, being known as the "hands on college", followed through with interactive classrooms throughout the day.

Students interested in Vet Tech programs were able to view small animal surgery, equine dentistry, methane digester operation, and

vibralong use as well as ultrasound methods.

Ag Production offered up classrooms in low stress cattle handling, feeder cattle grading, equine training, and sprayer operations as



well as harvest options and techniques.

Horticulture dealt with plant propagation, plants in motion, and sports turf techniques, while Ag-Business had a quiz bowl competition, a career assessment opportunity and a credit management review.

Clubs and organizations had the opportunity to recruit future Aggies at the Career Fair in the old gym with employers that included Ag Valley, NPP, All Points Cooperative, Frenchman Valley Coop, Professional Vet Products, Nebraska Brand Inspectors, and the local extension office.