NCTA hits record enrollment, up 33 percent

By Mary Crawford

Student enrollment at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis is up 33 percent from a year ago, a record for NCTA enrollment with 512 students, NCTA Dean Ron Rosati announced Tuesday.

The 102-year-old school, the only two-year college degree program of the University of Nebraska system, issued its count after the first full week of classes began on August 24.

Full-time campus enrollment increased by 4.8% to 239 students. However, the largest boost comes from enrolling nearly double the students in dual credit from 130 last year, to 254 this semester.

“Things I Think
By Kevin Martin
1. Your truck is loud. Cool. Take your foot out of it and save some gas.
2. I like this freshman class (so far). They seem to be fun and have some common sense.
3. This is a very good group of RA’s in the dorms. Treat them with respect and you will get the same in return.
4. Intramural Flag Football and Bongo Ball Photos
5. Like it or not you have to buy textbooks. Then you have to read them, or you have a $100 backpack weight.
6. I like this freshman class (so far). They seem to be fun and have some common sense.
7. My wife runs on the road north of the water tower. Please don’t run over her. I need her more than I think.
8. Tell the truth and don’t fake it. Good people, SUCCESSFUL people will always do those two things. Smoke doesn’t get you very far.
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10. Tell the truth and don’t fake it. Good people, SUCCESSFUL people will always do those two things. Smoke and mirror machines eventually break down.
Flag Football

Farmers Markets began Saturday

By Mary Crawford

Late summer produce pumpkins were on produce stands in the Curtis City Park Saturday, Sept. 5.

The first of six Saturday farmers markets featured local produce and other items provided by local growers and the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture horticulture club, said Tee Bush, NCTA instructor and club sponsor.

The NCTA Farmers Market begins in Curtis again now that NCTA students are back on campus,” Bush said. “We coordinate the Farmers Market in conjunction with the NCTA Community Garden.”

Funding support for the project is part of the University of Nebraska Rural Futures Institute, to engage communities in local food production and horticultural education opportunities, she said.

Vendors display items from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. More vendors are invited to rent booth space for the six-week term, which ends Oct. 11. The $30 registration fee is charge of vendors.

“Our horticulture students coordinate the garden and the farmers markets and also will be working with Frontier County Extension in a Food Preservation and Garden Safety Workshop on Sept. 17 from 6-9 p.m. at the Curtis Community Center,” she added. “We hope gardeners and those interested in home canning and food preservation will attend.

To register for the farmer’s market space or for details on the food preservation workshop, contact Tee Bush at 308-367-5226.

Cafeteria menu

Monday Sept. 7
• Breakfast: Closed for Labor Day
• Noon: Closed for Labor Day
• Evening: Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday Sept. 8
• Breakfast: Pancakes
• Noon: Chicken Cordon Bleu
• Evening: Chili Cheese Dogs

Wednesday Sept. 9
• Breakfast: Biscuits and Gravy
• Noon: Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich
• Evening: Crispy Chicken Sandwich

Thursday Sept. 10
• Breakfast: Hash Brown Scramble
• Noon: Tater Tot Casserole
• Evening: Bosco Sticks

Friday Sept. 11
• Breakfast: Breakfast Casserole
• Noon: Chili Crispitos
• Evening: no evening meal offered

Monday Sept. 14
• Breakfast: Pancakes
• Noon: Fried Chicken
• Evening: French Dip Sandwiches

Tuesday Sept. 15
• Breakfast: Breakfast Sticks
• Noon: Lasagna
• Evening: Popcorn Chicken Bowl

Wednesday Sept. 16
• Breakfast: Biscuits & Gravy
• Noon: Hamburger Deluxe
• Evening: Cubed Steak

Thursday Sept 17
• Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs
• Noon: Enchiladas
• Evening: Runzas

Friday Sept. 18
• Breakfast: Breakfast Bites
• Noon: Pasta Bar
• Evening: no evening meal offered
**College: Best Years of Your Life?**

By Kyle Cardwallader

High school graduation was not that long ago. For some, it is definitely a lot closer than others. If people you know are anything like the people I know, then you had several people telling you that college is the best years of your life. I’m sure these were meant to be words of comfort and to make you excited about the next few years of your life. Instead to me they sounded like words that could crush any hopes you had.

Are you telling me that the best years of my life are going to be over before I’ve even hit my middle 20’s? That they are either going to be spent going to class everyday, getting drunk everyday (not to judge or anything), or both for the select few who have managed to find a happy medium between the two? Yeah, doesn’t sound so great to me.

College is definitely supposed to be a fun time, no doubt. It’s a time to make new friends, try new things, and start to live the life that you want to have. You, hopefully, find your independence and take the first steps in making your dream career a reality. It’s a time that should be enjoyed. It’s a great time, but for your sake and mine, I hope that these years attending college are not the best years of your life. I don’t know about you but I want so much more than what any college has to offer. I would rather live the best years of my life.

**Student Services Help Tips**

By Justin Baughner, NCTA IT Services Manager

Available services for students:

- Email (lifetime) from huskers.unl.edu
- Box (while student) from box.unl.edu
- Free Symantec AntiVirus at antivrus.unl.edu

Helpful Hints:

- Create a 2nd account that isn’t “Administer” and run your computer from that account. When you get a virus it won’t be able to hose your computer.
- Save your homework to multiple USB drives. At least 5 of you will have your USB drive fail this semester. I can’t recover your data off of it either!

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**Aggies Speak Out**

What has surprised you the most about NCTA from your time here?

Cheyenne Simon

Lawton, Iowa

Ag Business

“I was surprised by how relaxed it is here! What other college can you ride your horses past the main education center and it’s no big deal?”

Daniel Cox

Valentine, Neb.

Animal Science

“I was surprised at how the classes have a friendly, personal vibe.”

Korey Forster

Smithfield, Neb.

Livestock Management & Ag Business

“I would have to say the friendliness of the community. I don’t think I’ve gone a day at the college/town without someone waving as I drive down the street, holding a door open for me, or saying hello as I meet someone walking down the side walk. I guess I didn’t expect that when I first got here.”

Eleanor Audenkamp

North Platte, Neb.

Agriculture Education

“I was surprised on how easy the transition was from high school to college. Everybody is so great. I felt as if I have known them for a long time; the professors really seem like they genuinely want us to succeed in what we do, and sometimes at other institutions you hear of professors being horrible. I also was surprised by how much I love my classes. In high school you had to take certain classes so they weren’t enjoyable; here, this is the stuff I like and the stuff I’m passionate about so I love learning about it.”

Ian Jeffries

Cozad, Neb.

Animal Production Systems

“How friendly the people are and how nice the campus is.”

Darbe Dodson

Maywood, Neb.

Livestock Management

“Probably what has surprised me the most would probably be how much I enjoy it; I knew I’d like it because it’s getting me that much closer to my future, but I actually enjoy the classes.”

Common sense is a flower that doesn’t grow in everyone’s garden.