

## A Helpful Insight in Class

By Amanda Castle, *Editor*

Topics swirling around students' minds consisted of current ratios, leverage, liquidity, balance sheets, profits, and don't forget the projected monthly cash flows. However, this wasn't a normal day in business classes, because this was all coming from someone "on the other side of the desk," a person, who admitted to being the dream breaker in some cases but who loves to be the dream maker most of all



Joe Carrey talks to students in this semester's ag-business classes.

Recently, NCTA welcomed Joe Carrey into classes to talk to students about their futures and how to be prepared when they decide to make the next step in their lives. Joe Carrey, Vice President and Loan Officer of Farmers State Bank, in Maywood, could be seen in classes such as Farm and Ranch Management and Entrepreneurship.

Students who plan to leave NCTA and start their own businesses, or even those who will ever want to buy something of value, could put to use what was being taught by Carrey. Real-life instances were brought up and discussed. Carrey went on to say, "Agriculture is where it is at now; there are a lot of great business opportunities happening, and we would like to help you make that happen. I am in the field of helping you fulfill your dreams."

Several crucial points were discussed. Mainly, when you go to the bank, have your financial statements organized. This includes a projected monthly cash flow, an income statement, and a balance sheet. Joe Carrey said he understands that as college students most of us have very little to our name as far as assets and capital, but it is crucial to start somewhere.

Another item that is important for potential students obtaining loans is to have a plan. When the student goes to the bank and asks for the loan, it will depend on the numbers and how the ratios work out in the end, but a plan needs to be in mind as well. Carrey remarked that when there is a place for question in your financial statements, you need to have an explanation as to how and why your plan is going to cover that up and make it work. Students who plan to get a loan need to be aware of their goals and need to have an idea of how they are going to make it, because in the end that is what they have to prove to the loan officer.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- 05 Student Senate Meeting 12:00 p.m.
- 11 4-H Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Aggie Days Contests at 8:00 a.m.
- 12 NCTA Community Advisory Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Dr. David Norman lecture on "Why is there Hunger in a World of Plenty?" at 12:00 p.m. in the Ed Center
- 13 Student Senate meeting at 12:00 p.m.
- 15 Resident Halls close down at 5 p.m. For Spring Break
- 17-24 Spring Break (Student Holiday)
- 20 Farm Safety Day for 5th & 6th Graders 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at LCT Arena
- 23 Purina Feeds/Land o' Lakes/NCTA Feeding and Fitting Clinic at 8:00 a.m.

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

## Things I Think

By Kevin Martin

1. Whiners...please listen to "If I Were You" by Hoobastank.
2. Play the cards you are dealt. Taking cards that are not yours will get you in trouble.
3. If you are truly giving everything your best effort, failure does not exist.
4. You're either for something or against it. In the middle just means you are too lazy to find out the facts.
5. When you're 18, it's hard to believe everything eventually comes full circle. Believe me, it does.
6. Your parents are not always right. They are not always wrong, either.
7. Your reputation today will follow you the rest of your life. Fact.
8. Two friends... One just ran a marathon, the other had a triple bypass and both knees replaced. Glad to be in the middle.
9. Not brave enough to wear suspenders all the time yet. Soon though.
10. Honesty brings about peace. Dishonesty fuels hate and discontent.



Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

# AGGIE UP!



## NCTA Hosts Western Regional Horse Show

By Amanda Castle, *Editor*



If you noticed a lot more horse trailers and, well, horses around campus on Friday, March 1, that was because NCTA had the opportunity to host, along with Colby Community College, the Western Regional Horse Show through the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association.

Entry fees were \$30 per class and the classes were judged by Mark Guynn of AQHA. Classes ranged from traditional western pleasure patterns to reining patterns. Students from USAFA, UNL and OPSU were all among the contestants. The NCTA Equestrian Team sponsored the event and there were concessions available through the NCTA Safari Club. The event was considered a success and is in consideration for next year.



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## Amanda's Column: Spring Time on the Horizon

Opinion by Amanda Castle, *Editor*



I can feel it, deep within my bones, a warm and beautiful feeling I have been longing since the cold began. When the cold came about, I could feel

myself closing up, like a beachside café closing down for the winter. Summer, days of sun and life was ending, only to come again in a year. But I can feel the warmth approaching, it is awakening from its burrow.

I know it's going to be a good day when I wake up to the Cardinal's singing outside my window. There is a little pair of them outside my window that nest in the bush, and when the sun rises they sing beautiful sonnets. It reminds me of times on tropical lands and music of the nature feeds my soul. If I close my eyes hard enough perhaps, I could wake up to warmer days in this lingering wintery season.

The sweet doves that nest in the numerous trees on campus gives me peace and faith in the fact, warmer days are approaching. When I can feel the sun amongst my face, I soak it in, closing my eyes and feeling it immerse into my skin, oh what a glorious feeling.

Warmer nights are approaching, and the sun stays up longer. The Lord blesses us with a daily array of breath-taking sunsets. The Angels, my Angel, play and dance with pastels across the sky, for the world to see. It is truly then that no one could ever deny the love of the Lord, because he gives us so much to be thankful for. Thankfulness is shared for those warmer days.

Now, I understand the great need for moisture in this shrunken ground. With the sun, there needs to be

water to renew and sustain life. Snow, rain, whatever it be, may it fall from the sky and fall greatly, just be rain if I must choose. As the snow melts from campus, I can see the earth soak it up and thirst for more. But faintly, underneath the snow and among the soil, if you squint your eyes hard enough and tilt your head just the right way, a green tint can be seen. Life is on the rise, green grass is sprouting, or maybe it is only in my dreams.

But let me dream, dream of the warmer days.

Baby calves, lambs, colts and piglets are all greeting this dear world, opening their innocent eyes to unknown adventures. With time they grow out of their shyness and race their friends. A favorite sight of mine, sitting in the old feed truck, watching as the calves dash past with their tails in the air, battling for that finish line. Oh how those warmer days does so much good.

As ice begins to melt, water begins to flow, as the ground begins to thaw, flowers begin to sprout. As I close my eyes and feel my skin being kissed by the sun, I pray for this to last please don't let this end. I can feel it, deep within my bones, a warm and beautiful feeling I have been longing since the cold began.

A warmer season is in the midst, spring time is on the horizon.

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## Thoughts from an M&M Jar:

Let us Love One another... 1 John 4:7

Opinion by Megan Streweler



Lately I have noticed not just in my group of friends but all over campus that students are irritable and grumpy. It seems that it takes one little thing to set someone off and they blow up like a volcano. They lash out and snap at the ones that they supposedly say they would do anything for.

Sometimes it feels like I have been launched back several years and I am back in high school with the same old drama. Students forming cliques and being stuck up. Seriously, we are adults and we should act like it. No more of this "he said, she said" crap... we need to start taking responsibility not only for our actions but also for our words that are spoken as well as unspoken. Sometimes what you don't say speaks the loudest.

Some students need to learn the value and meaning of what a true friend is and does. It's not someone who is two-faced or does more talking than listening in the relationship. A true friend is someone who is willing to stand by you no matter how good or bad your day is. They cheer you on through your struggles and triumphs and shut up when their friend needs to vent. Some of you need to go back to kindergarten and remember the golden rule and what it stands for and practice it.

This is the second semester for you freshman and it's time to grow up. Mommy and daddy aren't hear to protect you and neither are your old high school friends, they are out living their lives going to their own schools. This is about as close as you are going to get to the real world without being baptized by fire and be grateful for that. It's time to wake up, quit taking people, whether it is your friends, family or even professors, for granted. Now is the time when we learn how to make long lasting relationships, whether it they could be future business partners, possible future spouses, and life-long friends.

One verse I read that has been resonating in my head all week has been one from the Bible, "Let us love one another, for love comes from God."

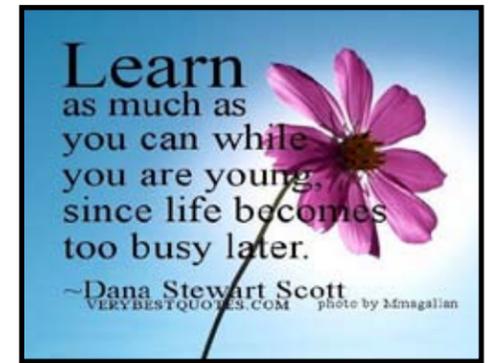


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## Cornhusker Economics Outlook

By: Megan Streweler

Some very special guests visited out campus for the first time in a while on February 26, and these guests presented the Cornhusker Economics Outlook to students and advisors. They presented information on the Crop, Livestock and Policy Outlook from past years and then their predictions for 2013.

We had Paul Burgener from Farm Futures discuss the crop outlook where he went over the drought that not only Nebraska is in but the entire Great Plains region. He followed with giving detailed reports and projections on the markets for corn, soybeans, wheat and dry beans.

Then we had Kate Brooks from who is the extension livestock economist from UNL go over the markets and predictions in cattle, pork, poultry and dairy industries in Nebraska and the Great Plains region.

Next we had Brad Lubben who is the extension policy specialist from UNL who gave us some insight to crop insurance and how important it will be to have it in the upcoming year along with filling us in on some more details in regards to the fiscal cliff, the farm bill, farm program payments and decisions and risk management decisions.

Finally Kevin Kock from Great Western Bank finished up the night with discussing some information about ag loans and interest rates along with all the opportunities Great Western Bank can be a lucrative partner with those in the farming and ranching.

It was an excellent seminar where students could catch up on the markets, get accurate information on the outlook for agriculture commodities for 2013 and become informed on what is going on in Washington D.C. in regards to the agriculture industries.

## Minnesota Trip

By Megan Streweler



Standing: Seth Waterman, Instructor Jeremy Sievers, Jacob Wilgenburg, Josh Swalve; seated: Samantha Yonkers, Megan Streweler, Rachel Johnson. (Photo provided courtesy of National Farmers Union.)

On February 14, six students, Jacob Wilgenburg, Rachel Johnson, Seth Waterman, Josh Swalve, Samantha Yonkers and Megan Streweler, along with Jeremy Sievers, traveled to Minneapolis, Minn., to the College Conference on Cooperatives (CCOC).

The conference was two and a half days of speakers, presentations, tours of facilities of the cooperative businesses sponsoring the event and in the community, along with learning about how we can and do use cooperatives overseas to help countries in need.

On Friday, after listening to speakers talk about CHS and then how the Minnesota National Guard worked with cooperatives to introduce agriculture in Afghanistan, the students were bussed to the Mill City Museum and the Mall of America.

On Saturday, after a day of touring the city and three cooperatives, including a grocery store, REI outdoor recreation store, and a residential housing co-op, they got to go the Plymouth Playhouse Dinner and Show to watch the Ring of Fire: Life and Music of Johnny Cash.

**College Tips:**  
**Read the syllabus: Often.**

## Aggies Speak Out

*Are you ready for spring weather and why or why not?*

Josi Arnold-Krumwiede: Fleming, Colorado



“Yes! I may love snow, but I love rain even more! I also love hoodie weather and all the gorgeous colors outside.”

Bailey Obermeyer: Crescent, Iowa



“Yes, I am really looking forward to it. Being able to walk out of the house without 5 layers on and being able to ride every day without the snow is what I’m looking forward to most. And graduation.”

Haley Vollmer: Kearney, Nebraska



“I am so ready for the spring weather. Spring is the most relaxing time, it gives me time to clear my head of all of my studies for a while, it is just nice to sit outside and enjoy the fresh air.”

Hayley Hauptman: Beatrice, Nebraska



“Yes, I am looking forward to the approaching spring time because the days get longer and the weather gets warmer so it is nice to be outside.”

Zach Gimeson: Phillipsburg, Kansas



“I am so ready for spring weather. Where do I begin, there is such much to look forward to like, fall crops to plant, fishing, working horses, and graduation of course.”

## Exercise Program Helps Horse Show Team Become Better Balanced

By Jessie Connelly

Exercise is good medicine, so the saying goes. Joanna Hergenreder, Assistant Professor at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) thinks so too. This is Hergenreder’s first year teaching at NCTA as the equine management professor, and she has already implemented many new things for the school. One of these things is an exercise program for her horse show team.

Hergenreder started the year by having her team members meet once a week for cardio workouts to keep them fit and in shape riding horses. These workouts came from various sources. Sometimes they would use videos from core workout videos; sometimes they would use some from different dance type videos, such as Zumba. Hergenreder also instructed the team to do separate cardio workouts five times a week. These could include walking to class instead of driving, riding horses, going out for a run or jog, or anything else that would get their heart rate up. She said this was very beneficial for the team, and at the beginning of the next semester she decided to go extreme. She implemented an exercise program adopting Chalene Johnson’s Extreme Workout program. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, the horse show team meets at 7:00 am to work out together using the videos that Johnson has made. For some of the team members, 7:00 am doesn’t work, so they go at a different time during the day so that they can still get the benefits from these workouts. Hergenreder has insisted that these workouts will help them grow not only stronger, but also become more balanced. A more balanced rider makes for a better rider.

Sometimes getting up that early in the morning to work out is not an easy thing to do, but the team still gets a few laughs in there as they find things amusing about the videos or their fellow teammates.

Hergenreder has also asked her team to do three separate cardio exercises throughout the week. A few times, doing the videos did not work out, so the team ran the stairs in one of the buildings on campus. They ran up three flights of stairs, back down, then out the door on the bottom floor, around the front of the building and back in through the other entrance. Even

though this workout only lasted about ten minutes, it was very tiring for many of the team members, but it was still a good way to get their heart rate up and work muscles otherwise ignored.

When talking about this effort to make her riders more balanced Hergenreder expressed hope that “We can take this out of just our team, and out into the community and get them involved.” Hergenreder’s hope is to get the community to join in workouts or other activities that are fun and can bring a good name to the college.

## Livestock Judging Team

By Kara Reimers



Livestock Judging Team (l-r): Tana Almand; Cory Johnson, Kara Reimers and Blake Hodson.

The NCTA Livestock Judging team started the semester with fewer contests compete in. They have judged two contests so far, one in Des Moines, Iowa, and one in Kearney.

February 10th was the Iowa Beef expo. The team did well by scoring better on their reasons and dropping fewer points in placing the classes. February 23rd was the Nebraska Cattleman’s classic, in Kearney. The members improved their scores and the team placed 13th out of 20 junior college teams. Coach Dr. Doug Smith is happy with the individual improvement and is looking forward to April 2, when the team will go down to Lubbock, Texas, to compete there. Besides judging contests, the team will officiate the District Livestock Judging contest in Albion, Neb., March 12.

## Three New Instructors Come to NCTA

By Luke Glodowski

Three new instructors have been hired on at NCTA this spring. They are Dottie Evans, George Haws, and Dustin Zitek. Evans and Haws are teaching as adjunct faculty in the General Education department while Zitek will be the instructor of diesel mechanics, welding and preventative maintenance.

Dottie Evans started out teaching as a junior high school teacher. This inspired her to attain a master's degree in Human Resource Management from Kansas State University. Her husband, Paul Clark, is a professor and chair of the Agri-business department of NCTA. He worked on a farm to support her education. After Evans achieved her education, she began work with two organizations dealing with adult training and recruitment at K-State University. During this time, she was also supporting her husband's education at K-State.

Evans had been interested in teaching since she was a young child. Wanting to continue her teaching career, she decided to teach Human Relations at NCTA. She brings a passion for strength-based psychology. This opportunity was the first time she has taught college students in such a formal teaching setting. Evans explained her role at NCTA: "My goal is to introduce students to new ways of thinking; to help people focus on their strengths rather than try to 'fix' themselves." She went on to say how everyone uses psychology every day of their lives as they work with each other and think of themselves in work and home life. Evans said she hopes students will walk away from the classroom with a new positive understanding of themselves and others.

George Haws grew up in Gilbert, Arizona, which is part of the Phoenix metro area, but he has spent most of his life in Nebraska. Haws got his college education at Brigham Young University with a bachelor's in agronomy. Later he attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and attained his master's degree in journalism. After his education, he acquired a job

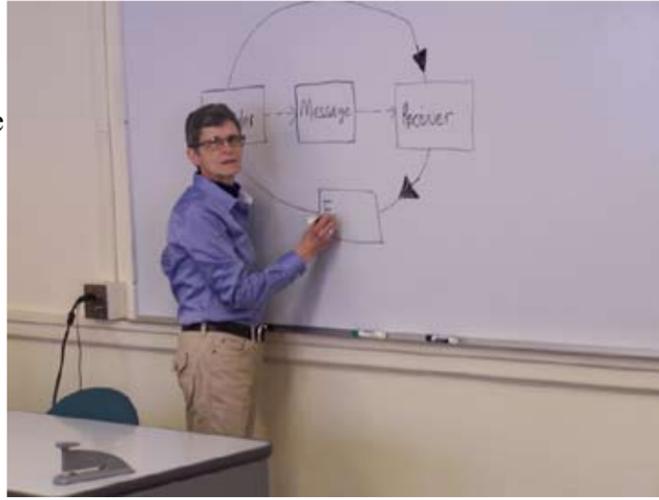
with the University of Nebraska-Extension in Lincoln County, where he worked for 16 years. He then worked for a private, farming-related business. Haws said he still had a passion for teaching, though. After this job, Haws began work at NCTA. Haws had this to say about NCTA "At first I saw this job as a good

opportunity to be close to home and teach, but now that I'm here, I have really grown in my appreciation for NCTA. Haws said his goal was to provide students all the tools they need for success. Besides work at NCTA, Haws also works with Community Connections in Lincoln County. He is the coordinator for the tobacco free Lincoln County. This involves public relations work and non-convention-

al teaching. Haws said he feels very fortunate to have both jobs and enjoys being able to teach in a formal and non-formal settings.

Besides teaching, Haws enjoys hobbies such as riding his bicycle, playing violin, gardening, and playing organ at his church. He is also a member of the Sandhills Orchestra, with which he plays the violin.

Dustin Zitek was born in Nunn, Colorado. He grew up on his family farm where they had cattle,



Dottie Evans is teaching Human Relations on campus.



George Haws is teaching Business and Technical Writing this semester.

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By Luke Glodowski

horses, and rough stock. Before he started the seventh grade, his family moved to Hereford, Colorado, and his father began to get involved in the trucking industry. Zitek remembers playing many sports in high school, including rodeo. He also got involved with his father and other local farmers to help with the fall harvest in the area. Dustin remembers how mechanic work and repairs were not his father's strongest talents. He decided that this was what he was going to bring to the operation.

While still in high school, Zitek did a journeyship for a local plumbing and electric company. He installed the plumbing and wiring in three houses. All houses passed inspection with flying colors. Zitek learned to weld by the various opportunities on the farm and FFA and took a welding course in college as well. Zitek attended the North Eastern Junior College (NEJC) in Colorado where he attained an associate's degrees in automotive and diesel technology. During his second year of college he became the President of the Auto-tech club, for which he did fundraising for scholarships to new students, field trips, and tools. During his third year of college, he got recognition for being student of the year and attained various other certificates. Also, during his third year he helped bring the diesel mechanics program back and was a tutor of the younger students.

After college, he got a job at a diesel, automotive, and towing garage where he attained his towing certificate. Later he went to a garage that focused on larger diesel machines such as trucks and tractors. This job included schooling for applications for companies like Detroit, Mercedes, Freightliner, and Western Star. Then he went to Evingston, Wyoming, and did welding work on oil pipeline, steel buildings, and hand railings. While in Wyoming he was also a subcontractor and worked for Stateline Metals, where he did fabrication and machining of parts, as well as welding on aluminum and stainless steel.

While in Wyoming, Zitek met his fiancée, Jo Hergenreder, whom he had known when he was very young and in college. Hergenreder later attained a job at NCTA. Zitek also landed a job at NCTA. Zitek had this to say about his responsibility at NCTA: "I want to get the Ag Mechanics program running on all cylinders



Dustin Zitek is leading the new Ag-Mechanics program.

by bringing in certification for mechanics and welding, and helping students learn specialized skills." Zitek had many good ideas of how students could apply these skills. For example he mentioned cooperating with railroad companies for the benefit of students. Zitek said within five years he hopes to have two year programs developed for automotive and diesel mechanics, as well as a one year welding program. He would like to see at least twenty students participate in these programs.

## Student Senate



Above: Left to right: Officers Bayleigh Murphy, President; Victoria Joseph, Vice President; and Josi Arnold-Krumwiede, Parliamentarian, lead a meeting of the Student Senate in February. Student Senate has been helping to incorporate new activities such as the Halloween Carnival in October and working to help bring the student organizations into compliance.