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Youtube, Facebook, and blogs. One idea he said would be for faculty to create podcast assignments for their classes. Another idea would be for NCTA to use new media to communicate with alumni, promote the college and recruit students.

Williams attended a session on success strategies. He talked about leadership and “making things happen.” He explained how having something you believe in and surrounding yourself with people who also believe in something are important factors in achieving success.

“The conference is something we strongly believe should be attended next year,” said Ochoa. The conference was open to any interested students. NCTA offered to help with the costs.

Dean Dr. Weldon Sleight thanked Williams and Ochoa, calling them “good representatives for our students.”

Do you have something to say about this topic or any other topic? Send a “letter to the editor” to Aggie Up! at ereed2@unl.edu



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

October 2010

- 1-2 NCTA Rodeo Competition in LTC @ 12:00 p.m.
- 5 Chris Carter: The Mentalist in the Barn @ 7:30 p.m.
- 6 NCTA Mexico trip informational meeting in the Barn @ 7:30pm
- 6 Parliamentary Procedure Workshop in LTC @ 8:00 p.m. (organization officers encouraged to attend)
- 8 STVMA Movie Night @ 6:00 p.m.
- 11-14 Aggie Week
- 12 Flag Football Championship
- 14 Ice Cream Sundae Social in the Barn @ 5:30 p.m.
- 21 Sex Signals in the Barn @ 6:00 p.m.
- 31 Curtis Halloween Parade

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- 8 David Coleman: The Dating Doctor in the Barn @ 7:00pm
- 12 STVMA Movie Night @ 6:00pm



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Students Share Leadership Experience with Faculty

By Eric Reed, Assistant Professor, Aggie Up! Faculty Advisor



Williams (left) and Ochoa (right) speak to the NCTA faculty about attending the 2010 Nebraska

points that Williams and Ochoa took away from the speech are that change is an inevitable part of life and should be approached with a positive outlook, and solving problems requires getting to the root of a problem, not pointing fingers. They also explained how getting comfortable with the uncomfortable is a necessary part of growth. They stated we all need to step out of

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New Faculty at NCTA: Tee Applegarth

By Tiffany Taylor, Editor

Tee Applegarth is another new faculty member to join NCTA. Tee is a professor in Horticulture Systems and has responsibility for the nursery and landscape option within the division.

Tee grew up in Whitman, Neb., and her father manages the Gudmundsen Sand Hills Laboratory. She attended high school at Hyannis, seventy miles north of Ogallala. Some high school activities she participated in are volleyball, basketball, track, drama, speech and foreign language club. Tee was also in 4-H for shooting sports and horses.

Tee attended college at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she went into architec-



Tee Applegarth. Photo by Tiffany Taylor

ture and later transferred to horticulture. Tee received a Bachelor of Science degree in horticulture in 2008. She also received her Master of Science degree in public horticulture with a minor in leadership studies in 2010. While at UNL, Drew Anderson, NCTA Division Chair in horticulture, taught one of Tee’s classes. At the time, Drew was a Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Horticulture Laboratory.

In her free time Tee enjoys gardening and researching with plants. She has quite a collection of plants that she cares for. She enjoys expanding her knowledge of horticulture and wants to reach out to the

public and educate people not in the college setting. Tee is highly knowledgeable when it comes to the horticulture field and would love to educate anyone interested.

NCTA Student Senate President Erik Williams and Secretary Noel Ochoa went to Lincoln, Wednesday, September 22, to attend the 2010 Nebraska Leadership Conference. They were invited to share their experience at the weekly NCTA faculty and staff meeting on Friday, September 24.

In their presentation, Williams and Ochoa shared what they learned from keynote speaker Dr. Gary Bradt, author of *The Ring in the Rubble*, and his speech about change and leadership. Two of the key

our circle.

Williams and Ochoa also talked about the importance of creating a legacy. For them that means leaving behind a more involved student body at NCTA and a bigger voice for students on campus.

After listening to the keynote speaker, conference participants were separated into groups. Ochoa’s group focused on social media. Ochoa suggested NCTA look for innovative ways to use new media, such as

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Fall Festival

Once again the town of Curtis had a successful Fall Festival. The Fall Festival is held the third weekend of September every year.

Although the weather this year was cold and rainy, people bundled up and enjoyed the activities. Some of the activities included rides for kids in the park, a grand parade, team roping, fireman soccer, a street dance, FFA team penning and many more. Curtis came alive with the festivities and reflected the unity of a small town.



Photos of the Curtis Fall Festival. Clockwise from top left: STVMA participate in the Grand Parade, team roping at Mill Park, kiddy rides at City Park, owners of an antique model Ford in the parade, a horse-drawn parade float for Ag Valley. Photos by Tiffany Taylor.



Things I think

By Kevin Martin

1. Huskers are ranked a little high right now.
2. People need to realize that going to class alone does not get you a passing grade. You need to do the work.
3. This weather is pretty strange for the end of September.
4. Some of you are starting to slack off on the school work. The majority of you are off to a great start, don't get lazy now.
5. I miss sweet corn already.
6. I wish I could get the smokers on campus to quit. I am afraid for them. I have experienced the consequences first hand.

Season Passes

This year there will be a student section called "The Corral" at all home volleyball and basketball games for students to root on the Aggies. Organizations will also put on some form of entertainment.

Season passes in the form of a t-shirt will allow students to get into all home games. The t-shirt will have the NCTA swoosh on the front and a bull with the word "corral" on the back.

Contact Britni Freiboth at britni.freiboth@gmail.com by noon, Tuesday, October 5, to get your season pass and t-shirt.



Voting details and more information will appear at a later date.

NCTA Volleyball

By Jeremy Sievers

NCTA got off to a rocky start for their 2010 campaign with home losses to Barclay College and a road loss to Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa. The Lady Aggies fell at home in a double-header to Barclay by scores of 10-25, 12-25 and 12-25 in the first match and in the second match fell in three sets by scores of 14-25, 23-25, 11-25.

On Saturday, Sept. 18, the Aggies played the Eagles of Faith Baptist Bible College. The Aggies suffered another setback by the scores of 16-25, 16-25, and 11-25.

NCTA Freshmen Edith Nickel of Benedict, Neb., is ranked 17th national by the USCAA in scoring at 3.389 through nine games. Nickel is also ranked 13th in ace serves and 19th in blocks.

Fellow freshman Sarah Hammond of Hordville, Neb., is 3rd in the nation for services aces with a total of ten in nine games.



The 2011 NCTA volleyball team: Staci Holthus, Lisco, Neb.; Sable Gardner, Gordon, Neb.; Eliza Benteman, Waterville, Kan.; Sarah Hammond, Hordville, Neb.; Sheyna Huddle, Neola, Iowa; Edith Nickel, Benedict, Neb.; Alyssa Montgomery, Jennings, Kan. (Not pictured: Head Coach Jeremy Sievers, Assistant Coach Jordan Barent, Statisticians Megan Wallgren and Samantha Adams.) Photo by Eric Reed

Mo Khamouna Receives Librarian Awards

By Lauren Hospoka

The Nebraska Library Association has selected University of Nebraska-Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) librarian Mo Khamouna to receive the 2010 Houchen Bindery Beginning Professional Award. Khamouna will receive the award along with a cash prize at the Nebraska Library Association's annual conference in Grand Island in October.

The Houchen Bindery Award is given to librarians and media specialists who have made significant strides toward improving the additions, programs and resources in their libraries or media services early in their career.

In April, Khamouna was selected to also receive the 2010 Outstanding Science Librarian Award from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln chapter of Sigma Xi.

Sigma Xi was founded in 1886 as an honor society at the Cornell University Science and Engineering Department and currently has 75,000 members in over five hundred chapters in colleges, universities, and research centers and government labs around the United

States. The Sigma Xi chapter at UNL was founded in 1897 as the seventh chapter of the society. Today, the UNL chapter has 300 members.

Sigma Xi encourages the original research and work of participants who are eligible for the award.

Khamouna found successful grants for NCTA and is one of the many faculty and staff involved in the library's success in earning accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission and the American Veterinary Medical Association.

In addition, Khamouna

has started many programs and additions to the NCTA library, including a unique Ag Terrorism program offering information to farmers and citizens.

Khamouna attended the University of Paris and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in the humanities at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He earned a Master of Library Science degree at Northumbria University in England.

"It is a real honor to win these awards," he said.



Mo Khamouna. Photo by Tiffany Taylor.