

Farmers Market

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contract with a \$30 non-refundable fee, which provides market space, a table and two chairs. Spaces should be reserved by Sunday, September 1st, by contacting Bush at (308) 367-5226.

NCTA offers online horticulture classes in addition to its traditional on-campus, two-year technical education curriculum. Additional information is available at <http://ncta.unl.edu> or at 1-800-3CURTIS.

NCTA Farmers Market

If interested please fill out this form and return form and money to:

Tee Bush
404 E 7th St
Curtis, NE 69025
308-367-5226

Business Name: _____
 Products to be Sold: _____
 Contact Name: _____
 Contact Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Yes, I would like a booth at the NCTA Farmers' Market in Fall of 2013*
 No, I am not interested in participating in the NCTA Farmers' Market in Fall of 2013 but would like to be contacted in the future.

Registration deadline is September 1, 2013
 *Please make checks payable to NCTA – Horticulture Club.

Study Hall

Having trouble finding a place to study? The Agribusiness Management Systems Division is now offering weekly study hall sessions to students in every major. The sessions begin each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Ag Hall 32 and last until 9:00 p.m. An instructor from the AMS department is available each week to help answer questions.

CALENDAR

- September
- 7 Farmers Market at 9:00 a.m.
 - 12 Redhead Express Concert at 7:00 p.m.
 - 13 Last day to drop a full semester course and receive a 50% refund
 - 13 Mental Health Panel at 8:00 a.m.
 - 13 RSO/SOFS Annual Meeting at 2:00 p.m.
 - 14 3rd Annual Aggiefest Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest at 8:30 a.m.
 - 14 Farmers Market at 9:00 a.m.
 - 17 Flag Football at 4:00 p.m.
 - 17-22 Nigerian Friends Visit (Tentative)
 - 18 IMPACT 2013 (FFA) at 9:00 a.m.
 - 18 Class of '53 60th Reunion at 11:00 a.m.
 - 18 Flag Football at 4:00 p.m.
 - 18 RSO SOFS Annual Meeting at 4:00 p.m.
 - 19 FSA Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
 - 19 Flag Football at 4:00 p.m.
 - 20 Team Roping at Mill Park Arena at 7:00 p.m.
 - 21 Farmers Market at 9:00 a.m.
 - 21 Fall Festival Parade at 11:00 a.m.

To add an event, contact Traci Bradney at 308-367-5200 or trbradney2@unl.edu

Things I Think

By Kevin Martin

1. Someone check the thermostat.
2. Really Huskers?
3. The inventor of air conditioning should be on Mount Rushmore.
4. My dog thinks she's starving, so she's eating rotten apples and tomatoes. Not fun to watch TV with.
5. For gosh sakes just go to class. It isn't like they are pulling off your finger nails or anything.
6. What if we subsidized the schools and made the prisons run off box tops and fundraisers instead of the other way around?
7. Did you see the picture of Harley's neighbor's horse accident? How was that physically possible?
8. College isn't supposed to be a gimme. High school was a gimme. Reality check in 3,2,1...
9. If your room is starting to smell, it's that pile of clothes in the corner and that half eaten jar of beans under your bed.
10. Find a way.



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AGGIE UP!



Available Online

- ncta.unl.edu/aggie-up
- facebook.com/aggieup

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Farmers Market Ready for Saturday



Tee Bush, assistant professor of horticulture, is helping students host their own farmers market this year.

By Mary Crawford

Pumpkins, squash and other autumn garden fare will line tables and booths at the NCTA Farmers' Market being hosted each Saturday morning from September 7th to October 12th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Vendors are welcome to join Horticulture Club students at the University of Nebraska-Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) in selling their produce at the NCTA Farmers' Market, said Tee Bush, Horticulture instructor.

The market will be at the Livestock Teaching Center parking lot, on the east side of the campus.

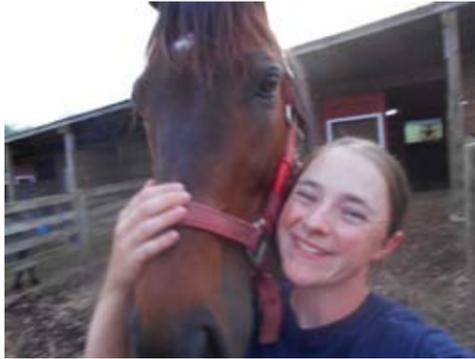
"Now that students are back on campus and our late summer and autumn produce is close to harvest, we hope for an enjoyable Saturday morning shopping experience at the Farmers' Market while providing students the marketing aspect of their hands-on education in horticulture," said Bush.

Vendors can apply for the six-Saturday

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Jessie's Jumbled Thoughts

By Jessie Connelly, Co-Editor



Work before play, but keep it real. We all know the first part of this saying, and most of us follow it pretty well. Without work,

nothing gets done, fields don't get plowed, food doesn't get made, and so forth. If we were to mess around while on the job we'd probably end up out of a job; nobody wants to hire someone who can't stay on task. The word "before" is a key part of this saying; it's not saying that you can't play ever, it's saying you need to get the important stuff done first. But even though work is an essential part of our daily lives, we can't forget the play part. A social life is a really important part of our routine. That's right; I am saying that without our social lives, we can't function. We need it to keep ourselves sane.

Let me put forth a couple of scenarios. So, first we have the diligent student who puts schoolwork first, spending hours studying and hours working on class projects. What does the student get out of it? Awesome grades, approval from teachers and a GPA worth graduating with. But let's say this student spends all, and I mean ALL of his time studying and never goes out with friends. First of all, he's not going to have any friends, eventually; and then he's going to fry his brain with all of that information he's putting into it. My advice for that student: go out and have some fun once in a while. I'm not encouraging partying it up every night; I mean, we should stay within the limits of the law, but go out and see a movie or have a night out with friends at a good restaurant. Don't forget that there is a world outside of school and it's waiting for you.

Another case: the hard worker. He goes to work every day, works overtime sometimes and when he does come home, he brings work home with him. He spends all of his time being devoted to his

job and works hard at being loyal to the company. What does he get out this hard work? A raise in his pay, maybe even a promotion. But what good is all of that if you have no one to share your good fortune with? My advice to him: put away the computer and the file folders for a couple of hours and go out and enjoy the company of others. It's healthy for you to get out and let your brain have a rest. Even acting wild and crazy once in a while can help keep you sane. Becoming too involved in your work is just going to turn you into a robot, and you'll forget what life is all about.

So just remember: work is important, so is studying and keeping on top of your classes – that's what we're here for. But don't become so involved that your friends don't even know who you are anymore. You can live life and stay out of trouble at the same time and have fun doing it.

Farm Bureau Club



Agronomy professor and Farm Bureau Club advisor Dr. Brad Ramsdale was there to help the Farm Bureau Club host a BBQ on Sept. 3. (Photo by Dean Erickson)

Simon Says –



Welcome to NCTA for those of you that are first-year students, and welcome back to all returning students. To my mind, NCTA offers the best post-secondary education experience possible: studying

agriculture on a small campus in a rural community! How many 'Big' schools had their top administrators out helping students move into the dorms, and how many 'Big' schools let you bring your horse? How many 'Big' schools can boast of a 63% graduation rate and have more jobs for their graduates than graduates?

Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself and explain why I am writing this 'Blog'. My name is Simon, and I am a cat. I know, I know, there are a lot of dog people at NCTA, but not everyone can be as enlightened as my human. I'm trying to embrace diversity, so you are forgiven.

I am a farm cat from Southeast Nebraska – Pawnee County, to be exact. My humans ran the family farm for several of my nine lives then moved around some to Omaha (another life gone) and Manhattan, KS (now, *there's* a town full of cat people) before coming to NCTA.

This 'Blog' (it's not really a 'Blog'. A blog is a web-based post or discussion) hopefully will bring to your attention topics in the news or ideas you might have missed, ones that I think, as a superior creature, you might want to think about – or ponder, as I say. Hope you enjoy my 'blog'. It's time for my nap!

Today's topic – 'Some Tips on Getting the Most out of Your College Experience'

1) Learn to learn. Learning is NOT a passive activity. If you expect to sit in a classroom and let knowledge wash over you, you will be sadly disappointed with the outcome. Get involved in the process. Be prepared for class, ask questions if you don't understand something, do extra work beyond what is minimally required. Prepare yourself to be a lifelong learner. Agriculture – particularly the technical aspects– is changing

rapidly, and you need to be able to adapt and change to remain competitive.

2) Be curious about something. Learn everything you can about a subject. It can be related to your course of study or something completely unrelated. You will learn valuable research skills along the way and may find your life's passion in the process.

3) Find a mentor. This can be an instructor in or out of your program of study, a local businessman, clergy, or neighbor. A mentor will provide you with knowledge and insights into an industry you may be interested in and what you might expect in the way of obstacles and accomplishments along your career path.

4) Take advantage of internships. Internships are a great way to gain experience in your field, which gives you an advantage in a very competitive job market. Additionally, they give you an opportunity to assess whether or not your chosen career is really to your liking or to explore other possibilities. An internship outside of the family farm or business, in particular, can give you another perspective on how things can be done.

5) Think globally. A third to over one half of many U.S.-produced agricultural commodities is exported. The 'world' is truly our customer. Get to know them. People in other countries have the same basic wants and needs that we do. Our competitors are very good at what they do and will be happy to take away your customers.

6) Get involved outside the classroom. The most important things you will learn will be learned outside the classroom. Join a club; get involved in a campus activity; play sports at some level – here at NCTA we have several intramural sports. Learning social, organizational, and leadership skills outside the classroom may be the most important things you learn in school – high school or post secondary.

These are only a few of the things that will enhance your educational experience. College can be the best time of your life! Work hard. Do more than is expected of you and have fun!

Aggies Speak Out

What new club or activity would you like to see at NCTA?



Kara Reimers, Boelus, Neb.
“Pick-up dodgeball games.”



Morgan Bredthauer, Aurora, Neb.
“Campus-wide extreme hide-and-seek.”



Dean Erickson, Bertrand, Neb.
“More storm chasers!”



Tom Walter, Southwest Iowa
“Trap club.”

**“Definition of a college professor:
someone who talks in other
people’s sleep.”
-W.H. Auden**

Reiley’s Ramblings:

Gud Grammer is Emporent

By Reiley Wieland, Co-Editor

since i wuz in grAd skool, Ive always bin gud @ grammer n spellin. Its helped me right job aplica-tions, pass colledge composichun classes, n reed big-ger books. Even hear @ NCTA, a cupple instructors deeduct poynts from a signments 4 rong spelling and bad grammer. Many class mates have spoke out against this grating rubrik. Butt I fore won have 2 agree w/ da teachers.

Wasn’t that paragraph difficult to read, let alone comprehend? This displays the importance of proper grammar and spelling. I believe the biggest culprit behind this phenom-enon of my generation is texting. Between the brb’s, lol’s, and wuz’s, it’s not hard to believe that today’s youth have trouble spelling. Many times, it is just force of habit.

But what if that habit isn’t resisted when filling out a job application, or an essay for a scholarship? Is bad grammar and spelling really worth losing a job or free money? I think not. My solution: ask for help. NCTA has many resources for correcting important writings, whether it be a professor, fellow student, or the Aggie Up advisor, Eric Reed. So use these resources. I, for one, am always ready and willing to help students. So come find me around campus if you’d like.

Let’s be real, though. All college students talk about being “adults.” So it’s time to be an adult and spell like one. Many students have just decided that they aren’t good spellers and use that excuse as a crutch. I won’t buy it. I have told many people that I don’t believe they are truly bad at writing, but that they allow themselves to be bad. And that’s just laziness in my book. Adults also know how to utilize their resources and aren’t too proud to ask for help. I know writing is not easy for everyone. But part of being an adult is admitting these things. (I’ll admit that Trigonometry isn’t my strong suit, with it’s letters and symbols.)

Because, let’s face it, that first paragraph was as hard for you to read as it was for me to write. And would you want a doctor that said, “Taday, we’s gonna do surg’ry on yo hart.” I know I wouldn’t.



Redhead Express to Give Concert at NCTA



By Jessie Connelly, Co-Editor

A new band is finding its way to NCTA on September 12. This group of four redheaded sisters are giving a free concert to anyone wanting to listen to their bluegrass and old time country music sound. The Walker sisters are originally from Alaska, but about six years ago they and their two brothers and parents started touring America, performing at fairs, festivals and performing-arts centers. The oldest of the four, Kendra, says, “Traveling is a really cool experience in itself. I love getting to meet so many different kinds of people and see so many unique places. I’m always itching to see something new and experience different cultures. I’ve found that there is so much right here in our own country.”

The kind of music these girls play include sounds from banjos, mandolins, guitars, and fiddles. Most of their songs are written by Kendra, and she says she enjoys writing in Nashville, their current home. “It’s amazing to me to be able to sit in a room in Nashville and write a song, take it to the band and arrange it and then be able to play it for people on stages all over the

country.”

The Walker sisters are currently working with producer Paul Worley to release their first album. Worley has produced for many famous names such as Dixie Chicks, Martina McBride, Band Perry and Lady Antebellum. The girls love to put on energetic and entertaining shows, playing everything from Country to bluegrass to Irish and gospel.

All four girls, Kendra, LaRae, Alisa and Meghan, enjoy travelling the country and playing for strangers all over. Even though they find it fun to play their music for people, it comes with a price. Long hours on the road, and many hours are put into rehearsals, writing and packing for the next big trip. But Kendra says, “We love what we do and love that we get to do it together, so it’s all worth it!”

So be sure to come and see these talented young women on Thursday, September 12, in “The Barn” here at NCTA as they play their music for your enjoyment! There isn’t a fee, it’s all free and refreshments will be provided. So please come and enjoy!

Move-In Day Photos by Eric Reed



Students Adjust to Residence Life

By Reiley Wieland, Co-Editor

Over the past week, freshman have had to adjust to many new things on campus. Things like having to find their own food and being responsible for attending classes have not seemed to be too much of a challenge so far. Possibly the biggest adjustment for freshman is the change in living arrangements.

For many students, this is the first time they have had to share a bedroom with another person. For Emily Glasshoff of Louisville, Neb., having to remember not to wake up her roommate in the morning has proven difficult. Morgan Fangmeier, a vet tech student from Hebron, Neb., admitted that sharing a bathroom with three other girls has proven quite a test of time management. In Aggie Central, many of the young ladies admitted to having brought too much "stuff."



In Aggie East, residents are getting a free spa treatment in their sauna-like rooms. On the bright side, the air conditioned lobby has proven a successful gathering place for residents. Several freshman have mentioned that this has helped them feel welcome and accepted at their new home-away-from-home. Resident Assistant Sara Peasley said, "We have a good group of 2nd and 3rd years who are strong leaders and great at giving assistance were needed."

The boys over in Aggie West have certainly helped the Game Lounge live up to its name. All of the latest games and systems have made an appearance, and tournaments have ensued. Even some of the girls have gotten in on the action, whether as spectators or surprising competitors.

Students have commented on the fun activities held during orientation week. Top pick was the extreme waterslide last Tuesday night. Jessica Moeller from Doniphan, Neb., said, "Compared to orientation week, this week has been completely boring!" The

others in the room agreed.

When asked what sort of activities they wanted to hear, residents gave many different answers. The girls from Aggie Central all wanted to have an old fashioned sleep over. "Chick flicks, junk food, pizza, and no boys allowed!" was the general consensus. The boys seemed excited at the prospect of an extreme scavenger hunt to "hone their cave man skills." Other suggestions included movie nights, board game marathons, and an assortment of food-eating contests.

On the other side of the spectrum, the Resident Assistants agree that there could be more student friendly activities on campus. Though there are many different ideas coming from all three dormitories, the RA's are always looking for new and exciting things to do with the residents. Sara Peasley is brain storming holiday themed ideas: "Ginger bread houses at Christmas, chocolate's and chick flicks on Valentine's day, and pumpkin carving before Halloween." Residents with birthdays in a given month will be the guests of honor at a monthly birthday party. Don't worry, those of you with summer birthdays, there will be a special "Half-Birthday" party for you.

Overall, students seem very happy with their new living situations and are excited about their lives here on campus. The Resident Assistants are loving those they live with, and can't wait to see what the year will bring.

College Tips:
*Third Law of Applied Terror:
80 percent of the final exam
will be based on the one
lecture you missed and the
one book you didn't finish.*