

Speech Comedy Night in the Barn

An hour of student "Speech Comedy" will take place in the Barn student union this week, Wednesday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m. The speakers are from Eric Reed's speech class.

"Students will have an option to present a public speech. If they want to hone their skills in front of a live audience, this is their chance to do it. They all chose something humorous."

NCTA Speech Comedy Night
Barn, Wednesday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.

"Life in the Family of Ken and Barbie"

-Erik Williams and Kari Qualley

"Scenes from Juno"

-Andrew Bose

-Alyssa Journey

-Jakki Nachtman

Bose is Aggie of the Month

By Eric Reed, Faculty Advisor

Andrew Bose of Orleans, Neb., was named the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture's "Aggie of the Month" for April 2011.

Eric Reed, NCTA assistant professor, said Bose "has many admirable characteristics as a student. You can see in the quality of his course work that he's motivated to succeed. He is also very respectful to others."

Bose will receive an Associate of Science degree in veterinary technology from NCTA in August after he completes an internship at a veterinary clinic during the summer. He plans to earn a doctorate in veterinary medicine degree but must take a bachelor's degree first. He will begin taking classes at Oklahoma Panhandle State University in the fall.

At NCTA, Bose works as a resident assistant in the men's hall dormitory. He also participates in Student Technicians of the Veterinary Medical Association (STVMA) and serves in the student senate. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

Bose is completing 21 credit hours but says he enjoys the work and likes doing anything related to animals. In the future, he wants to own a veterinary practice.



Cody Rajdl entertains at one of the NCTA student speech nights in 2010.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April, 2011

- 20 PTK Introduction Reception in Ag Hall at 6:00 pm
- 20 Speech Comedy Night in the Barn at 7:00 pm
- 21 Student Steak Feed at 5:00 pm
- 23 Shaggy Horse Show in Livestock Teaching Center at 7:00 am
- 25 West Central District Clover Challenge Event 4-H Computer Contest at 4:30 pm
- 29 Second Semester Finals begin
- 30 Kevin Meyer Horsemanship Clinic in Livestock Teaching Center at 7:00 am

May, 2011

- 2-4 Second semester finals
- 4 Graduate Practice in the Barn at 6:30 pm
- 4 2011 Awards Night Program in the Barn at 7:30 pm
- 5 Graduation at 1:30 pm
- 6 Wallace 2nd and 3rd grade visit in Veterinary Hospital at 9:30 am
- 12-13 Cow/Calf College in Livestock Teaching Center 8:00 am - 10:00 pm
- 13-15 Sandhills Hunter/Jumper Association Spring Clinic in Livestock Teaching Center at 5:00 pm
- 30 Memorial Day (NCTA offices closed)

June, 2011

- 13 Summer Session Begins
- 17 Last day to Drop a summer session course and receive a 100% refund.

To get an event added to the Calendar of Events contact Eric Reed at ereed2@unl.edu or find an Aggie Up! editor.

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New Associate Dean Appointed



New NCTA Associate Dean Scott Mickelsen. (Courtesy photo)

Dean Weldon Sleight announced that Dr. Scott Mickelsen has been appointed the new NCTA associate dean. The position became vacant when Rick Mestas resigned the position to accept a position with the Department of Defense in Washington, DC.

"Dr. Mickelsen grew up on a ranch and fully understands and loves production agriculture and the rural communities that serve this great industry," Sleight said.

Mickelsen is originally from Idaho. He received his education at Ricks College, Utah State University and Iowa State University. His professional career includes teaching high school agricultural education, managing a large cattle operation in Wyoming, and serving in teaching and administrative positions at Iowa Lakes Community College and North Central Technical College in Wausau, Wisconsin, where he was dean of agriculture.

Sleight added, "We are very fortunate

to have Scott accept this position. He has extensive experience in production agriculture and also fully understands the two year college mission and the importance of NCTA to the state of Nebraska. He will provide key leadership as we substantially increase our enrollment during the next five years." It is the Mickelsen family's intent to move to Curtis by June 1.

Mickelsen said: "What a great opportunity to be selected to work for Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, where there is such a rich history of training agriculturists, and a vision toward a dynamic future."

PTK Blood Drive a Success

NCTA's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and the American Red Cross hosted a blood drive on the NCTA campus April 4. In four hours, the Red Cross met its goal of 30 units. A total of 37 units were collected. PTK also helped set up eight appoints for Monday, April 11, in Maywood for people who had to be turned away due to running out of bags.

PTK faculty sponsor Krystle Friesen encouraged students to participate in the blood drive and said afterward, "I want to thank Collegiate 4-H and FFA for helping out that day and a special thanks to everyone who came in to donate. We appreciate the effort to help someone else."

Men's Basketball Ends Season



NCTA men's basketball team. Pictured front row L-R: Dusty Metzner, Matt Glynn, Brandon Schriener. second row L-R: Coach Jeremy Sievers, Shiloh Holthus, Waylon Christen, Matt Wieden, Jed Sekutera, Joel Stryker, Statistician Samantha Adams.

The NCTA men's basketball team had a successful season, going 6-5 on a shortened season due to injuries and weather issues.

The team was led by second-year player Joel Stryker from Callaway, Neb., and freshman Jed Sekutera from Loup City, Neb. The Aggies scored an average of 62.36 points a game, leaving them just outside the top 25 in scoring for the USCAA Men's Basketball Division 2 rankings. The Aggies' five three-pointers a game gave them the 21st ranking in three-point field goals per game.

Defensively, NCTA gave up just 66.64 points a game putting them at number five in the national rankings.

Coach Jeremy Sievers said, "I am pleased with the way the guys worked together and worked through their injury issues and dealt with the disappointment of losing some games due to the weather. The size we got this year on the inside was a big change from the guard-orientated offense we ran last year with limited post players. Losing both Joel and Jed is going to leave big shoes to fill next year for the freshman class. Overall, we will lose pretty much all of our players either to graduation or transfer this spring and be left with three or four

upper classmen to take a leadership role and help the young players adapt fast next season." He scored 50 points in a single game and 95 points over three games in one week. He will graduate in May.

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Team led by Stryker and Sekutera

Joel Stryker was named to the USCAA Academic All-American team for a second straight year. He and teammate Jed Sekutera were named USCAA co-player of the week. Stryker and Sekutera led the Aggies in most categories.

Stryker led the conference in assists with 84. He also ranked 11th nationally for scoring with 224 points for an av-

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Joel Stryker is graduating as one of the top scorers in Aggie history with a total of 907 points, according to Coach Jeremy Sievers.

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Aggies Speak Out

NCTA has gone through a lot of changes recently; what is your overall opinion of these changes? What changes would you have liked to have seen implemented this year that were not, and what should be done for next year?

I like the changes at the deli because you have more of an option and its good food that's edible. I'm looking forward to living in the dorms for next year, but I cannot understand how the girls dorm is going to be co-ed for next year. I'm looking forward to working in the new vet tech building, and I think it will benefit us a lot. . . and also the new kennels!

I think one change for next year is try not to schedule the different entertainers/acts on Mondays and Wednesdays, and also get a few more in during the months for something to do.

-Ariel Buhrman, Saint Libory, Neb.

I think the changes are positive; the renovations were much needed, and I think they will be a good selling point for future students. I think things need to change with the cafeteria and Chandie's Castle. I like the changes in Chadie's Castle, including the addition of milk and hamburgers, etc. I think some things down in Chandie's Castle should be changed because there's no way to get food (decent meal) and a drink with one punch and staying under the \$5 limit. I realize that is the point, but it's bull for us [students].

-Khrystyna Gerke, Blair, Neb.

I personally think change is a great thing. The projects that are on going at NCTA are going to prove to be excellent additions to the campus, and I look forward to seeing the completed projects and using the new facilities. I think that it is wonderful that the campus is expanding and will be able to welcome more students. In addition to the new buildings being built I think that the more up-to-date the facilities are the more prepared we as students are going to be prepared to enter the work force.

Changes that I would like to see would include fixing the road in front of the LTC and sidewalks around campus, as well as more parking!

-Kathryn Knisley, Perkasio, Penn.

I like all of the changes, like the new dorms that are going up; we kind of need them. I think the new dorms are sorely needed, not just as an attempt to attract



Photo by Aaron Couch.

more students, but for some better living conditions for the students.

I would really like to see more diverse classes in the vet tech department. I think it would be way more convenient for me to take more large animal classes and have more hands on with a variety of large animals, which again is why I would like to see more diversity in the vet tech program, especially in the large animal portion. In addition to that, I think this could apply to the majors on campus too: Horticulture, APS and Agriculture Business. There are classes that aren't offered in these other departments, that I feel would be very interesting to take, but they aren't available.

-Ashley Panowicz, Saint Paul, Neb.

I hope after construction NCTA can do something about the roads on campus. I hate having to drive on the road going past the LTC to the vet tech building or past the Deli. Other than that, I'd say NCTA is on the right road (haha pun intended)! I live in Aggie West and it also would be nice to have that path a little better. I heard they were gonna make a sidewalk there; that's why they cut down those trees, but nothing has been done. Hopefully they can do something and maybe put a few of those solar powered path lights there for a night. I hate walking through there in the dark.

-Kelly Rathbone, Johnson, Neb.