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Mary Ann in Financial Aid can answer your questions about billing and scholarships. And Britni Freiboth, in charge of housing, is also there for anyone just needing to talk. Freiboth is in charge of Student Activities and she is open to hearing student ideas for improving college life for students at NCTA. Get to know the RA's, too. They're students just like you, but they want to help you have the best college experience. Men's Hall RA's are: Landon Scott, Ben Bishop, Andrew Bose. Women's Hall RA's are: Tiffany Taylor, Alyssa Journey, Katrina Rottness. Aggie West RA's are: Lisa Neidermeyer, Kelsey Ryan, Gavin Jager, and Joel Stryker



The NCTA graduating class of May 2010

Write for Aggie Up!

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Saddle Up Nebraska

Saddle Up Nebraska is a new monthly equine magazine based out of NCTA and Midwest Messenger. The first issue was released in January 2010. Since then the magazine has been growing and adjusting to the interests of readers. Saddle Up features topics of interest to the equine industry in Nebraska with articles on horse events, Nebraska 4-H'ers, equine news, research and human interest stories. Some of NCTA's very own faculty have published in Saddle Up, including Jo Bek, Cory Reng, Judy Bowmaster and Eric Reed.

Saddle Up Nebraska is seeking more input and article ideas from readers. One way students can help is by checking out the Saddle Up Nebraska Facebook page and submitting questions for the "Ask A Vet" column and posting ideas for articles they would like to see in future issues. Students who are interested can also write articles for Saddle Up Nebraska and have them published by contacting Assistant Professor and Saddle Up Nebraska News Editor Eric Reed.

"Students in College Composition will write at

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

August 2010

- 23 First Semester Classes Begin
- 30 Last day to DROP a full semester or first 8-week course and receive a 100% refund

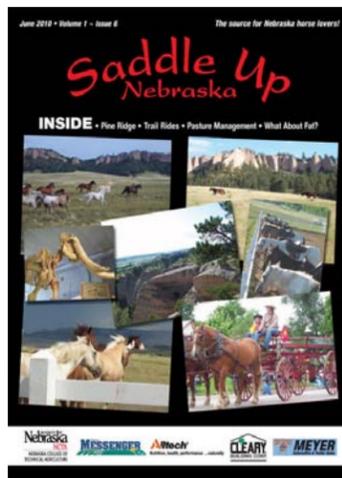
September 2010

- 3 Last day to DROP a full semester or first 8-week course and receive a 75% refund
- 6 Labor Day (Student and Staff Holiday)
- 10 Last day to DROP a full semester or first 8-week course and receive a 50% refund
- 11-12 Les Vogt Performance Horsemanship Clinic
- 14 South Platte United Chambers of Commerce Candidate Forum
- 17 Last day to DROP a full semester or first 8-week course and receive a 25% refund
- 18 NCTA Equestrian Team Shiny Show

least one article for the magazine this semester," said Reed. "This will give them a chance to improve their writing skills by writing for readers across the state instead of composing assignments solely for my classroom.

"Talented student writers have already seen their work in print, including Noel Ochoa, Katrina Rotness, Brittany Weber, Tiffany Taylor and others," said Reed.

Readers can receive a 1 year subscription for \$15 at the Saddle Up Nebraska website (www.saddleupnebraska.com).



The June issue of Saddle Up features articles by NCTA students Katrina Rotness and Noel Ochoa; Assistant Professor Eric Reed; and UNL West Central Research and Extension Center Nutrient Management Specialist Tim Shaver.



AGGIE UP!

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Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

Welcome from the Dean

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- Tiffany Taylor Co-Editor
- Noel Ochoa Co-Editor
- Eric Reed Faculty Advisor

Welcome to NCTA, your home away from home. We are excited about the great incoming 1st year class. You represent eight different states and will join a student body from 12 states. Our second and third year students have some important experience from past years that will make this year even better.

We also welcome some new faculty who have joined us during the past couple of months. Jake Woehl, a Douglas, Wyoming native, has joined the APS faculty as an animal science professor.

He is an NCTA graduate and received his BS and MS degrees from Oklahoma State University. Tee Applegarth, from Whitman, Nebraska is a new professor in Horticulture Systems. She has her BS and MS degrees from UNL and has responsibility for the nursery and landscape option within the division. Sarah Barg, from Hubbard, NE is our admissions coordinator responsible for recruitment. She has a Bachelor of Journalism degree in Advertising from UNL.

While our campus is very quiet this fall, within a few weeks work will start on some major buildings that will substantially change the living/learning environment at NCTA. We are very excited about these developments and thank all of our partners that have made these new buildings possible. In



Some of the planned construction to begin in 2010.

particular we thank Dr. George Garlick. He was instrumental in making the community center available for our athletic programs which allowed us to make the old gym into your student union. Dr. Garlick will also be building a new residence hall that will be open next fall. These buildings, coupled with the new state of the art Education Center and huge addition to the Veterinary Hospital, will significantly enhance NCTA's ability to serve you.

Please know that we have great confidence in you and want this year to be the best year ever.

Weldon Sleight
Dean

The Do's and Dont's of College Success

By Tiffany Taylor, Co-Editor

College is a special experience that gives students the opportunity for personal growth. Students gain the feeling of being independent and free to decide their future. In order to make the most out of college and enjoy all the benefits it has to offer, students must be organized and work hard for success. Here are some "do's and don't's" to help you be successful:

-DO go to class. Don't sleep through class. Attending class is important in order to do well. Missing just a few days can put you behind, and it's not easy to get caught up.

-DO ask questions. Instructors are here to teach and help you succeed in your college career; don't be afraid to ask for help and make an appointment if you need something explained. They are here to help you

-DO go to the library. The library is full of great resources and places to study. Use the library as your main resource, and if you need help finding something ask Mo.

-DO get organized. Get a planner and write your class schedule out and write down assignments. It's important to get all homework done on time. College instructors aren't like high school teach

ers. They will give you a zero for late work.

-DON'T stay up late every night. Rest is important if you want to succeed in your classes. Make sure you get to bed at decent hours, especially on class nights. Also stay healthy by eating and keeping hydrated.

-DON'T cram the night before. Even if you memorize the information for a little while, you won't retain it, and it won't stay with you in the future. Study for several days in blocks. Don't pull an "all-nighter," either. Studying the night before almost never works in college.

-DON'T let something negative in your social life affect your performance in the classroom. College is a place to learn, and the only way to be successful is to focus. Make sure studies come before friends and partying. Set aside time for friends after the homework.

-DON'T panic. If grades aren't what you hoped they would be don't get stressed; these things take time, but do make a plan to meet with advisors and teachers to figure out ways to improve.

These are some suggestions to have a successful school year. Stay on task and have fun.

Getting Involved at NCTA

While attending college you will have the opportunity to get involved in one of many organizations on campus. It's good to get involved with at least a couple organizations so you have something to do in your free time and so you can meet new people.

There are a wide variety of different organizations based on students interests. Some organizations, like Student Technicians of the Veterinary Medical Association (STVMA) for Vet Tech's, are for specific majors. Other organizations might have something to do with your major, like Safari Club for those going into exotics. Other organizations include: Student Senate, Women in Ag, Collegiate FFA, Horse Show Team, Working Ranch Horse Team, Horticulture Club, Col-

legiate Cattleman and Year in Review.

If you are interested in any of these organizations look for signs about when each of them are meeting and attend.

You can also ask your advisor or RA's about organizations.

With all the different organizations there is something for everyone, so get involved!



The 2009 - 2010 NCTA Horticulture Club

Going Somewhere

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

About ten years ago, while I was still in high school, I sat down and wrote out a list of ten things I wanted to do before I died. This was, of course, long before the release of "The Bucket List," and at the time I was the only person I knew who carried a list of goals in his wallet.

My "top ten" list was at once modest and ambitious. Some items reflected an honest desire to grow as a human being and attain a better understanding of the world. Other items reflected my ignorance. On one hand, I wanted to gain true compassion for the suffering of others. I also wanted to do a flip off a diving board, speak at my high school graduation, publish a book, read at least a thousand books and see the world.

In the past ten years I've marked several items off my list - I've even done my flip. I spoke at my high school graduation, and I've published a couple of books. This summer I went to South America for the eighth time, taxiing, trekking, hiking, busing, and walking across five countries in two months. I climbed one of the "new" Seven Wonders of the World at Machu Picchu, was robbed by police in Bolivia, saw where the communist revolutionary Che Guevarra was captured, swam at Ipanema Beach in Rio de Janeiro, watched the Americans lose in the World Cup at Paraguay, toured Argentinian wine country, and observed exotic animals in the Amazon Rainforest with my wife.

The funny thing is, I never would have taken that trip in college. Why? First of all, I had an education to pay for. Second, I would have been too scared.

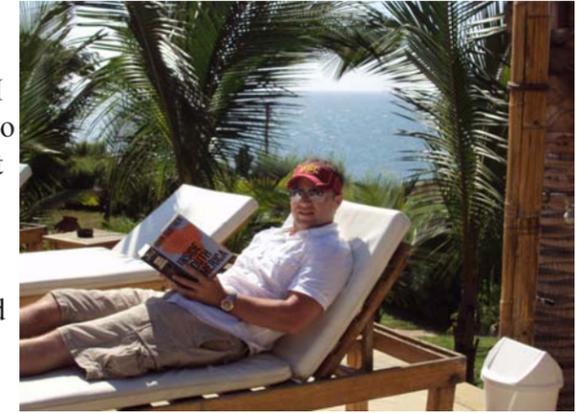
No one should let fear get in the way of his or her goals. Here's something I learned: you can't live your life in the future, and you're wasting your life if you're living in the past; but you can't squander the present by failing to have some goals that you are striving for.

People You Should Get to Know in College

By Tiffany Taylor, Co-Editor

There are a lot of faculty on campus, but there are a few people to whom you should introduce yourself and get to know. These people can help you with any questions or concerns you may have on campus. They will also help you voice your opinion to the other staff. First, there is the college Dean, Dr. Weldon Sleight. His office is located in Ag Hall. Dr. Sleight

ing for. During my trip, I listened to a podcast in which Dennis Prager described telling a high school au-



Eric Reed in Peru

dience in California that you can't let your life be dictated by emotions. Some of the worst decisions in the world came from people with the best intentions. Those of you who have taken my classes know I stress logic and clear thinking over pure pathos. I'm always asking you to challenge your beliefs and be prepared to support your opinions with good reasoning and evidence. Going though life making decisions based on how they make you feel (rather what makes sense) can be disasterous. You'll spend more time gratifying desires than trying to do what's right.

Don't get me wrong, emotions are important. I am just as passionate as the next person. I live for the times when everything feels just right. But college (and the real world) isn't always about "feelings"—especially your feelings. It's about doing the right thing and taking responsibility for your life. It's about learning to be accountable for your actions and understanding that you have a duty to make the world a better place. Your "bucket list" should reflect clearly understood values, not just selfish desires.

If you are in college you should have some big goals. Go write your list.

loves talking to students and seeing how they are doing. Next, you should get to know Rick Mestas, the Associate Dean. Mestas traveled all over the world before coming to Curtis. Kevin Martin, in Admissions, is in charge of retention. He's the guy to see if you're struggling in class or just need someone to talk to.

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