

NCTA Hosts Shiny Show

By Aaron Couch, *Aggie Up!* Head Editor

NCTA's Horse Show Team hosted the annual Shiny Show on September 17. The Shiny Show was the final show for the Greater Nebraska Horse Show Circuit.

Events ranged from Hunt Seat Pleasure and Showmanship to Barrels and Poles to Trail, but the most looked forward to and exciting event was the Egg and Spoon, where riders of all ages competed to hold their egg on a spoon the longest while walking, trotting and loping.

Overall the team was excited about the turn out and how well the show operated. A total of 47 people from Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and South Dakota showed at the Shiny Show this September, including instructor Judy Bowmaster's granddaughter, Emma.

"The show was good—there was some fun and also some frustrations, but it turned out well," said NCTA student Bayleigh Murphy.



Assistant Professor Judy Bowmaster-Cole's granddaughter Emma participated in the NCTA Shiny Show. Photo by Aaron Couch.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

- 6 Student Body Bonfire at 9:00 p.m.
- 7 Les Vogt Clinic at 8:00 a.m.
- 10 Volleyball Pink Out/Split the Pot at 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Class of '51 Tour and Lunch at 8:00 a.m.
- 13 PTK Blood Drive at 10:30 a.m.
- 13 Student Movie Night at 8:30 p.m.
- 14 First 8-Week Final Exams
- 17-18 Fall Break (No classes)
- 19 Second 8-week session begins
- 20 Student Movie Night at 8:30 p.m.
- 22 Equine Sale at 7:00 a.m.
- 25 NE Agri Terrorism Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- 30 Sherman Tegmeier Reining Clinic at 8:00 a.m.
- 31 Halloween Dance at 9:00 p.m.

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

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Where to Ride Your Horse

By Julie Davis, *Aggie Up!* Guest Writer

People have been asking about where they can and cannot ride their horses, so I did a little research and asked around. According to my sources, you can ride your horse anywhere in town except the main street. My resources say you can even ride your horse down the street to Ag Hall. The only other places that are "off limits" are sidewalks, campus grass, and people's yards. No one wants to walk outside their home and have to pick up after a horse has left a mess.

Also, it looks really tacky if there are "horse apples" on the sidewalks. The only thing people are asking is to keep your horses on the streets and then you will be fine. Also, if you are concerned that you don't have anywhere to ride, try country roads, the arena in Mill Park, or even go down alleys that don't

have a lot of debris in them.

If you take equine safety, you can ride your horse in the LTC arena. If you don't own a horse and really want to ride, take equine safety and then you can ride in the LTC as well. The LTC has open riding on Wednesdays from 1-4 if you need somewhere to go.

My last piece of advice is respect people's property. I have heard of many people in the community and students here on campus complain about the horses' messes. If your horse makes a mess, especially in someone's yard or sidewalk, pick it up. If we don't start taking care of this problem, horses will be banned from riding in town all together.

You can still have fun and ride, but be respectful of people's land.

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Student Senate Influences Campus Policies

By Eric Reed, *Aggie Up!* Faculty Advisor

In a time of economic difficulty and political gridlock—when more Americans than ever say they are dissatisfied with the way the country is being governed—it's no surprise that public officials are held in low esteem. It would be difficult, however, to compare the politics of Washington to the NCTA Student Senate.

Student Senate is a source of information about college policies and events. It is a group of students made up of two representatives from each organization on campus who help shape college policies and serve as a voice for the entire student body.

Rather than bickering about matters of little importance, members try to reach a consensus about important issues. They also support campus student organizations.

"It's not one of our actual duties, but one of the things we do each week is share with each other about what's going on—it's kind of like of an advertisement," said Student Senate President Alyssa Journey.

Journey compared the Student Senate to student council in high school, adding that Student Senate does a lot of community service and campus projects. According to Journey, Student Senate is especially active during the holiday season, helping put up or take down Christmas lights in Curtis, organize the campus part of the local "Hometown Christmas" festival and host the Christmas



Secretary/Treasurer Sam Yonkers, Vice President Kaci Schroer, Parliamentarian Aaron Couch and President Alyssa Journey. Photo by Eric Reed.

Tree parade, which is a Christmas tree decorating competition for prizes. Student Senate also organizes a free-will donation soup supper fundraiser as part of the Hometown Christmas event.

Student Senate also supports other events, but its main responsibility is to discuss campus issues and student concerns. In the case that anything crucial needs voted on, the decision goes to Student Senate. Last year, Student Senate formed a committee to decide how Student Union Resource Funds (SURF) would be distributed to the different campus organizations. Also, any organization that wishes to be officially recognized by the college or that hopes to receive SURF funding must go through Student Senate. Organizations that miss more than three unexcused Student Senate meetings risk losing their funding.

Small Campus Security a Big Help

By Aaron Couch, *Aggie Up!* Head Editor

Many of you see custodial workers around doing this and that, but what you may not realize is that they are also employed as campus security personnel. Very few students realize their own safety. After consulting with Becky Currie, Supervisor Facilities Operations, I feel confident enough to say that we can be assured that NCTA has made the appropriate accommodations for student safety on campus.

Before I get started, I first want to apologize for the uninformed information in the article “Staying Safe on Campus” the previous issue of *Aggie Up!* It was stated to “know your campus security,” and in brackets it was said NCTA didn’t have any. Well, apparently we need to get to know them better, because we do. Here is the section again about getting to know your campus security:

“These men and women are hired specifically by your campus to help with safety. Knowing their names and faces can help add to your sense of security! Many colleges even have some sort of “safe walk” service, where you can call security and get someone to accompany you late at night so you can walk in safety.”

If you’re wondering, NCTA custodial/security workers are always available no matter what time. It says above that some colleges have a service where you can call security and have someone to accompany you late at night. NCTA is kind enough to provide such a “service,” and although it might not be called a specific name, we do have it at our disposal as students—this is one of the awesome benefits of a small school. According to Currie, she has helped students on occasion and states that all custodial workers are willing to do this. There is a number available to students to call 24/7, which is 308.367.6331. On the rare occasions this summer where there was not on-campus security at night, the security phone was taken home by different custodial workers, including Becky, in case of an emergency. I suggest putting this number in your phone right now. You never know when you might need assistance and can’t get in touch of one of the RAs.

Currie said that she truly cared about the well-being of each student, and I think that is an attribute of each custodial/security employee. She included a story that once while making rounds she found a girl sitting in a car, locked out of the dorms and her room. Becky helped her by following her back where the girl needed

to drop the car off and gave her a ride back to the dorms. She then unlocked both the dorms and her room for her. I just don’t feel you get that at other colleges.

There have been three new custodial/security personnel recently employed at NCTA: Darroll Terwilliger who works the graveyard shift 11pm-7:30am, Danny Wallace who works 3pm-12am — you might often see him around the Livestock Teaching Center in the evenings — and Connie Elson who is on call for any shift. Each of them are responsible for locking up buildings and checking to make sure they’re all secure. It was brought to my attention that this is done by going into each of the buildings — so don’t freak out! They are doing this for our safety. Not only are they checking all the outside doors, they also observe any “suspicious” activity while making their rounds, although they do get in and out pretty quick. Some of their other responsibilities include temperature checking the freezers and refrigerators in the cafeteria. This typically happens around 2:45am.

I’m not aware of NCTA having intentions of opening up “se-

curity-only” positions, but I was very well-pleased with the outcome of the interview with Currie. It was brought to our attention by Wallace on Facebook that NCTA does, in fact, provide security and offers great services to the students to ensure their safety.



Custodial/Security Personnel Danny Wallace. Photo by Aaron Couch.

Aggies Speak Out!

What do you do to keep your mind off home when you get homesick?

Amelia De Jong, Huntley, Ill.

The best way to keep from getting homesick is to hang out with your friends and keep busy. It’s okay to call whoever your missing, but you have to remember you’re here and you should make the best out of it; you’ll see them again soon enough :)

Cheyenne Hurlburt, Boelus, Neb.

I usually listen to music or watch a movie — just something to get my mind off whatever I’m missing at that point.

Ashley Davidson, Hastings, Neb

Skype.

Jack Horn, Granby, Colo.

My friends and my horse are my home away from home.

Jamie Marie Ost, Fredonia, N. D.

I guess I don’t get homesick often, but when I do, just being around friends helps. It helps also to have friends to go home with on the weekends.

Ariel Buhrman, Saint Libory, Neb.

I’d have to say I work [so] much that I don’t have time to miss anyone or think about home much, but when I do have time to think and miss family I go for walks to get away.

Jessica Schultz, Bellevue, Neb.

It gets really hard to not think of home. But calling home always helps, just listening to a familiar voice reminds me why I’m out here and it’s not so bad.

Dayna Cayer, Rapid River, Mich.

I have my horse up here, so I ride him every day. That helps me a lot.

Cassie Ziemann, Lyons, Neb.

I don’t get homesick often, but when I do I call home or watch movies, or listen to music.

Lindsay Blakeman, Merna, Neb.

I usually go find some of my friends and hang out with them. Or I just sit in my room and listen to my music, and of course do homework.

Taylor Rossenbach, Ainsworth, Neb.

I go hang out with friends or go running. Being around other people really helps i think.

Tanner Mcvay, Paxton, Neb.

I see it as I’m an adult and I have to live on my own after college, and college is my job right now. So you can’t just quit. You can’t rely on your parents your whole life. Of course I still call my Mom. and Dad a couple times a week and keep in touch.

Rem Miller, Aurora, Neb.

I stay around friends so that I don’t think about home

Victoria Johnson, Palestine, Tex.

Hanging out with friends is always a good way for me to keep my mind off of home

Michael Kukas, Harrison, Neb.

I try not to think of what is at home, like the cats or what not. I try to stay focused on what I am doing [at the moment].

Derek Moore, Bartley, Neb.

Just hang out with friends or do something that helps me keep my mind off it, like playing Xbox.

Meylin Carrasquillo, Omaha, Neb.

I either study, go horseback riding, study, go mattress surfing, study, watch movies, oh, and did I mention study?

Bailey Obermeyer, Underwood, Iowa

If I get homesick I usually try to surround myself with all the friends I’ve made here at NCTA. I really love it here, so I haven’t been homesick much. The biggest thing I miss is my mom’s home-made cooking!

Ashley Panowicz, Saint Paul, Neb.

I really never have gotten home sick even when I was a little kid. I enjoy being away from my parents and family. It gives me a chance to experience life on my own and gives me a chance to grow up and start making a life for myself.

Jacob Allan Trausch, Roseland, Neb.

I haven’t been homesick yet so far, but to prevent being homesick I have pictures of my family in my dorm room. Simply just glancing at the pictures a couple times a day makes me feel better.

Karla Freudenburg, Madison, Neb.

Volleyball and school keep my mind off home things. Also hanging out with friends.

Bayliegh Murphy, Hershey, Neb.

I call my parents and sister when I miss them, but if I’m really homesick I just go home....because it’s not like it’s far.

Josi Arnold-Krumwiede, Longmont, Colo.

I recently got quite homesick. I found the best thing to do was call, text, and Facebook people from home. Also, staying busy with school and friends helps. My roommate takes good care of me the instant I feel like I need someone at home. She’s like having a sister. The worst thing to do is sit around and be upset because you’re homesick. Get out and enjoy the experience of college!

Want to participate in Aggies Speak Out? Join the Facebook group and be the first to know about campus news!