NU purses for ‘plus-one’ benefit
Regent-approved measure for unmarried couples to be included in annual benefits enrollment

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In November, University of Nebraska employees will be able to sign up domestic partners for health insurance and other benefits. On June 5, the NU Board of Regents — in a 5-3 vote — approved the “employee plus-one” proposal that extends benefits eligibility to an “adult designee” who shares an employee’s household. The employee and adult designee must be financially dependent. Family coverage would include the adult designee and their dependent children.

All NU benefits are included in the coverage. We believe this is appropriate for positioning the university competitively,” said James B. Milliken, NU president. “I also think it is absolutely the right thing to do for our employees.”

Greg Clayton, UNL’s director of risk management and insured benefits, said his office has received a few calls about the plus-one proposal since the Regents’ vote.

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Work in progress

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Li returns after being detained in China

Li Weixing Li returned to the United States June 23, some 11 days after he had expected to touch down in Alaska to meet his traveling wife and child. He didn’t make a flight, instead, he spent two weeks detained in the Henan Province, China, about 400 miles south west of Beijing. The result of what he calls a “personal accident.

Li, an assistant professor of psychiatry in management in the College of Business Administration, had finished leading a successful study funded by a Northwestern University Regent-approved measure for unmarried couples

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Changes come as Rouths ready for retirement

By Troy Fedderson
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“Together” holds special meaning in the lives of Larry and Caroline Routh. The couple has worked together on three college campuses — first at Kearney State College (now the University of Nebraska at Kearney), the University of Kansas and UNL (where they began jobs together in January 1988). They’ve committed to campus together nearly every weekday.

Together, the Rouths have worked to assist UNL students — Caroline helping at the start of college, financing educations via scholarships and Financial Aid; Bryan Scherbarth, a former Pears employee, is the driving force behind the Pears grill outs.

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P.O. Pear store Days

Dairy Store extends the legacy of P.O. Pears

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A U.S. tradition is firing up a Lincoln legend. For the third summer, the UNL Dairy Store is serving freshly grilled P.O. Pears burgers at land events offered at least once a month through August. The events include the same burgers, fries and a few of the burger-friendly staff from P.O. Pears, a distinct Lincoln bar and burger joint where you ordered at an 8-foot-wide, seat of red, plastic booths.

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Kebbel to shift to new role in mobile media

Elin Wissing, senior vice chair for Academic Affairs, announced that Gary Kebbel, dean of Journalism and Mass Communication, has agreed to lead a search for a new editorial executive to continue his role in the mobile media business.

Kebbel became dean on July 1, 2015, after being director of the Institute for Advanced Journalism and Media in New York City. He has a background in journalism and media, with a focus on mobile media.

Read more about Kebbel’s new role at http://go.unl.edu/bZ.

Grant to aid study of using drones in news gathering

A project to explore using drones to do reporting got a boost when UNL journalism law student Bowers received a prototype grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation in June.

Matt Waniek, a professor of practice at the College of Journalism and Mass Communication, who helped lead the project. Waniek and his undergraduate student assistants will study unmanned vehicles, or drones, in potential to gather news and public data collection. The university will seek out drones and use them to study how they can be used for news gathering and how they can be used for the legal and ethical issues of drone journalism.

Waniek said that drones are a “no-brainer” solution for news gathering, as they can provide a new perspective on events.

Read more about Kebbel’s new role at mobile.unl.edu/newsletters/unl Camp offers Nebraska students language skills, cultural lessons

Beverly Haugerud, assistant professor of computer science, said the site also includes a password list; using phrases, mixing in numbers and symbols. "And we'll make it again a security measure that is not based on just one number," she said. "It is a layered approach," Haugerud said. "It's a way for Knight to provide quick access to a site." "When you dispose of a computer, you need to make sure that you don't leave any personal information behind. And when you're working on your own, you need to make sure that you're not using the same passwords on all sites; and you need to have a lot of different passwords that you don't need to break into your system. Just three days into the program, the student had learned to count to 100 and was working on learning skills helpful in the marketplace, like asking how much items cost.

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The Dickinson Fossil Heritage Center at Ashfall Fossil Beds State Historical Park.

Children and adults can learn and do more now that the Dickinson Fossil Heritage Center has opened at the Ashfall Fossil Beds State Historical Park.

The new 1,520-square-foot center features educational exhibits, a fossil dig area and dig site, and footprint-scratching tools to engage children. It also features exhibits focused on paleontology and the rocks and fossils of Nebraska.

The center will be a model to several other digs throughout the state.

The Dickinson Fossil Heritage Center was made possible with grants as well as funds from the University of Nebraska Foundation. The center is a result of years of planning and three decades of fossil collecting and research.

The Dickinson Fossil Heritage Center features educational exhibits, an educational center, and a field site. The center is open to the public.

For more information, go to http://www.unl.edu/fossilencountercenter.

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**Fountain Frolics featuring the Nebraska Repertory Theatre opens**

**Outlook 2010 for Windows Orientation, Introduction to Blackboard Workshop, Institutional Biosafety Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Temple Building. Call 402-472-6549**

The Nebraska Repertory Theatre opens July 6 and features five plays and a part of one-night-only performances.

*Great Plains Art Museum, 420-472-6549* 

*Great Plains Art Museum* is a venue for the public to enjoy and learn about the arts. The museum is located at 701 N. 16th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.

The museum has an active calendar of events, including lectures, workshops, film screenings, and performances. Visitors can explore the exhibits, attend classes, and participate in community events.:

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The Big Ten Conference and the Ivy League announced a new partnership between their two institutions to work together on various projects, including the study of the effects of head injuries in sports, continuing efforts during the coming months.

This new partnership will take the form of two separate initiatives. The first will involve the Ivy League being represented on the BIG TEN Board of Directors, while the second will be a collaboration between the two conferences to study the effects of head injuries in sports.

A joint statement from both conferences stated, "We are excited to announce this partnership, which will allow us to work together on important issues facing our athletes. By collaborating on the study of head injuries, we can better understand the risks associated with these types of injuries and develop strategies to prevent them in the future."

Both conferences have a history of supporting research on head injuries in sports, with the Ivy League having invested in a series of concussion studies over the past several years. The BIG TEN Conference has also been active in this area, with multiple institutions conducting research on the effects of head injuries in football.

The new partnership will allow the two conferences to combine their resources and expertise to conduct a more comprehensive study of the issue. This will involve bringing together experts in various fields, including medicine, engineering, and psychology, to develop a better understanding of the causes and consequences of head injuries in sports.

"We believe this partnership will be a significant step forward in our efforts to understand and mitigate the risks of head injuries in sports," said University of Pennsylvania Athletics Director Josh Byerly. "Our institutions have a shared commitment to the health and safety of our student-athletes, and working together will allow us to take a more holistic approach to addressing this critical issue."

The two conferences will also explore other areas of collaboration, such as the development of new protective equipment and the implementation of best practices for preventing head injuries in sports. This will involve working with athletes, coaches, and governing bodies to identify and implement effective solutions.

"This partnership is an important step in our efforts to improve the safety of our student-athletes," said BIG TEN Conference Commissioner Kevin Warren. "By working together, we can build on the good work that has been done in the past and continue to make meaningful progress in this area."

The two conferences plan to announce more details about their new partnership in the coming weeks, including specific projects and areas of focus. The goal is to conduct ongoing research and share findings with the broader academic and athletic communities.

"We are excited to contribute to this important work," said Ivy League Commissioner Loretta McDevitt. "By working together, we can make a real difference in the lives of our student-athletes and help ensure that they can participate in their chosen sports safely and free from the fear of head injuries."
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UNL Dairy Store customers wait in line for a P.O. Pears burger during a grill out on June 15. P.O. Pears was a restaurant and bar at 322 S. Ninth St. that closed in 2008. Bryan Scherbarth, a former P.O. Pears employee, obtained the rights to use P.O. Pears recipes and name for the Dairy Store. Offered for three years, the grill outs draw hundreds of customers.

"I have the rent that allows me to use the Pears name and recipes while I work at UNL," Scherbarth said. The Dairy Store's Pears grill outs have grown steadily in popularity through the years. Currently, the events draw hundreds.

"During peak periods, we have people waiting down the block for a Pears burger," Scherbarth. "It's awesome to see."

Along with the original recipes for the half-pound burgers and buns, Scherbarth invites Pears cooks back to work the grills. The cooks behind Pears' red lip counter were always good for a quick, often random comment during an order — a tradition Scherbarth has encouraged the former employees to continue.

"It helps pass the time in line," Scherbarth said. "And it's also something the customers who remember Pears enjoy. We try to make it as close to an actual Pears experience as we can."

A former Pears cook who has never missed a Dairy Store grill out is Doyle Limbach.

"It's great coming back to work the grill because you see so many faces of people who used to go to Pears," said Limbach. "And I also get to see former employees. It's like a big family reunion."

The grill outs are 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The next one on June 29 will feature music of Tupelo Springfield, a band that features UNL English faculty Steve Buhler, John Schulze, Kelly Stage and Jack Vespa.

Burgers come with a choice of Dairy Store cheese for $6.99, while signature P.O. Pears burgers are $7.49. The price includes potato chips, baked beans, macaroni salad, pickle spears and burger condiments.

For more information, go to http://dairystore.unl.edu.

\[Access a P.O. Pears burger menu at http://go.unl.edu/x9s\]

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Dairy Store employees Ashley Anderson and Kathy Vokoun prepare pre-ordered P.O. Pears burger meals on June 15. The orders were served to students enrolled in School of Natural Resources summer camps.

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