



Flying high

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Regents approve new CBA building

By Sheri Irwin-Gish
Business Administration

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents approved plans for a new College of Business Administration building, making way for one of the most significant events in the history of the college, and the largest academic building project in recent history at UNL.

The announcement reflects the strategic vision of Donde Plowman, dean of the College of Business Administration, to build a world-class college of business. Plowman said the new building is essential in achieving that goal.

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"Building a state-of-the-art facility will help us attract world-class faculty and students and will help us establish a major footprint in the Big Ten, home to some of the best public business schools in the world. To achieve our enrollment goals, we need state-of-the-art facilities and more room to teach more students," Plowman said.

"The new building will provide all of the things that our students need to graduate from CBA best prepared for the modern workforce."



Concept drawing of the new CBA building proposed for the corner of 14th and Vine streets.

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Chancellor: 'Size matters' to UNL's future

University Communications

Size is the key to UNL's future success, Chancellor Harvey Perlman said Sept. 11 in his annual State of the University Address.

In the 45-minute address, Perlman said meeting growth goals in enrollment, research dollars and faculty hires will provide greater opportunities to students and allow the university to serve students better. A growing university will also benefit Nebraska, helping the state draw and retain talented young people.

Increased research will generate jobs necessary to keep those talented young people in Nebraska.

And, growth would help UNL increase its standing among Big Ten peers, he said.

"Last year I proposed we set our sights on a university of 30,000 students, a \$300 million level of research expenditures, a 70 percent six-year graduation rate, and a significant increase both in the number and recognition of tenured faculty," said Perlman in the address. "Some of you might have thought we would take a year or two off and consolidate our gains, or at least enjoy the fruits of our labors. We are entitled to bask but not pause in our new sense of place."

"The things that come to those who wait will be the things left behind by those who get there first."

To achieve enrollment goals, Perlman said UNL must recruit every Nebraska high school graduate, recruit more non-residents, and

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College of Architecture Community Design Studio



Architecture majors in the Community Design Studio will get the chance to generate a master plan for the National Museum of Bermuda. The museum recently expanded and includes barracks that were recently used as a prison. The project, which will be led by Peter Hind, assistant professor, covers 16 acres around the oldest dock.

Bermuda bound

Hind, students land master plan project

By Troy Fedderson
University Communications



Dan Scott (left) and Peter Hind visited the National Museum of Bermuda earlier this month. Scott, a masters student, is using the site and museum as the subject of his architectural thesis.

Peter Hind's summer vacation is ushering a UNL program onto the world stage.

While visiting family in Bermuda, the assistant professor of architecture inquired about expansion plans for the British protectorate's maritime museum. After discussions with the museum's director and governing board, Hind landed a group of UNL seniors in the College of Architecture's Community Design Studio a job developing the museum's new master plan.

"This spring and summer we will take students to Bermuda on a service-learning trip to work with trustees and constituents to organize and produce a new master plan for the National Museum of Bermuda," said Hind. "This is very cool because it takes what has been a local community design studio and expands it to international. And, I also get the opportunity to



The acquisition of the casemates, the former prison and barracks, will allow the museum to expand.

give something back to my home nation and a museum I grew up with."

UNL's Community Design Studio was resurrected by Hind six years ago. The senior-level architecture course has previously worked with Lincoln-area organizations to design various structures.

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National Museum of Bermuda (<http://www.bmm.bm>)

— Served as the primary mid-Atlantic naval yard for the British Navy from 1795 to 1995.

— Run by a non-profit, non-government charity

— Collection includes more than 30,000 objects spanning the 16th to 21st centuries

— Draws more than 50,000 visitors annually



Greek mythology love stoked Hoff's career path

By Troy Fedderson
University Communications

Michael Hoff can trace the roots of his archaeology career to a book

His parents purchased the Greek mythology book and Hoff, then a first grader, read it cover to cover, repeatedly.

Today, Hoff is a professor of art history and classics at UNL. He is also director of an excavation that this summer unearthed a massive, 1,600-square-foot Roman mosaic in southern Turkey (<http://go.unl.edu/hoff>).

"Being an archaeologist is all I've

ever wanted to be," said Hoff. "It's what I dreamed about."

As an 8-year-old, Hoff was inspired to learn Greek after watching the Cinemascope Spartans."

And when it came time for college he enrolled at the University of Missouri to be part of its respected



Hoff

film "The 300

One of U

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archaeology program.

"I wanted to work in the ancient Mediterranean world of the Greeks and Romans," Hoff said. "To do that, you needed degrees in classics or art history. I earned degrees in both."

At that time, undergraduates

were not allowed to go on digs. That is something Hoff does not allow to happen today.

"I want our students to have the opportunity to participate in a dig early in their undergraduate career," Hoff said. "It's invaluable experience to be able to go beyond the classroom and see what archaeology is all about. For me, getting down in the dirt is the best part."

His first dig, at the Roman Fort of Segedunum in England, came the summer after college graduation. He was there for six weeks and never saw the sun once.

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Regents honor Allen, Popoola with Kudos

Paula Allen and Zainudeen “Deen” Popoola received University Kudos Awards at the Sept. 14 meeting of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents. Allen is administrative assistant for the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, a post she has held since 1987. Popoola is director of custodial services and has been with UNL since July 2009.



Allen



Popoola

Allen’s nominator said she serves as the face at the ASUN front desk welcoming students and visitors. She works with the ASUN executive officers and 35 senators on legislation, election rules, homecoming packets and keeps permanent record of ASUN legislation and formal actions. She also maintains financial records for ASUN, Student Legal Services, homecoming, the Big Event and 475-RIDE.

“Paula’s ability to work with students who are elected to serve UNL is only but one part of the outreach that she provides,” said Marlene Beyke, director of administration for ASUN.

“Students, parents and campus visitors often find our office first when coming to the Nebraska Union. Her smile and ability to make them feel welcome is invaluable.”

Popoola’s nominator said his leadership has positioned Custodial Services as a top custodial operation.

“Deen has developed a team-oriented department that values its members’ individual talents,” Popoola’s nominator wrote. “He encourages his staff to be forward thinkers and empowers them to unleash their talents.”

Under Popoola’s leadership Custodial Services has earned certifications with honors in the cleaning industry management and green building standards. UNL is the only Big Ten institution to earn these awards.

Custodial Services also won a third place “Best Practices” award from the Central Association of College and University Business Officers for the creation and implementation of an online training program.

The Kudos Award is a universitywide honor presented by the regents to celebrate staff who go above and beyond in their work for the university. For more information, go to <http://go.unl.edu/ukp>.

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The next edition of the Scarlet publishes Oct. 25. The deadline to submit items for publication is 4 p.m. Oct. 18. For more information, send email to tfedderson2@unl.edu or call 402-472-8515.

The Scarlet interview: Donde Ashmos Plowman

Dean of Business Administration



Donde Plowman

Donde Ashmos Plowman is the James Jr. and Susan Stuart Endowed Dean of the College of Business Administration and professor of Management. Plowman was named the ninth dean of CBA in February 2010. She started as dean on July 1, 2010. Plowman sat down with University Communications’ Troy Fedderson for this Q&A on Sept. 19 – the same day as her 60th birthday.

What drew you to apply for the CBA dean position at UNL?

Initially, when I was called about this job, I really didn’t want to leave Tennessee. But the more I learned about the position, the more excited I became about the possibility. This college wanted to change and I have been fairly successful in my brief career in helping mobilize faculty around change. I thought this position really fit my talents. I also have family roots in this state. My great grandparents lived in a sod house in Broken Bow and my grandmother grew up there.

How did you react when UNL joined the Big Ten Conference?

I actually missed the announcement. My husband and I were vacationing in the Bahamas and, for the first time in my life, I turned off email for a week. When we landed back in the United States, I had friends who sent email congratulating me on being promoted to dean of a Big Ten business school before I even started the job. Big Ten business schools are what others aspire to be like. They are where big research is being done. They have degree programs others try to emulate. I was thrilled by the change.

How does CBA stack up against related Big Ten programs?

We are at the bottom overall, but we have some programs that really stand out. Actuarial Science is one of the 12 best programs in the country. It is also one of four Big Ten programs named a center of excellence by the actuarial society. Our ethics program stacks up very well and finance has a very strong ranking. We are strong in specific areas, but we need to raise our reputation across the whole college.

What is your No. 1 accomplishment since becoming dean of CBA?

Getting the new building proposal approved had to be the top accomplishment. From the day I walked in here we started talking about the need for a new building if we were going to continue growing.

How will the new building benefit CBA and the university?

The building will not make a great college, but we will not be a great college without it. To attract world-class faculty and students we need something that is inspiring. We know we lose students who visit campus because of this old building. Our new building will be inspiring. It will be a vibrant place in a central location that all students will want to use and access. It will be a building that serves all of campus.

What are your long-term goals for the college?

The five-year plan is singularly focused to raise the stature and visibility of this school. Every decision we make needs to be aimed at that goal. In five years, I would like to say

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Donde Plowman, dean of CBA

that we were able to place 100 percent of our students in jobs. I would like to say our faculty are known around the world for the quality of their research. I would like to say that Nebraska is a name associated with a high-quality business degree.

How important is it for the college to be actively engaged with business colleagues outside academia?

It is essential that a business school have strong partnerships with the business community. We have some engagement initiatives that we want to undertake. We want to provide executive education courses where professionals can come for two days and learn about new accounting methods or leadership skills. We want more community business leaders in our classrooms as speakers. And, we want area businesses to offer more internships to our students. We’ve begun to make great progress on this front, but we still have work to do.

What is the one thing you want every potential new student to know about the College of Business Administration?

That this is a place where they can be themselves and get a great opportunity that offers them opportunity to be what they want. I met with an alumna from Wells Fargo two weeks ago who came from a Nebraska town of 1,000. She said she now has 10,000 people reporting to her. That’s something I want every Nebraskan to hear. I want Nebraskans to think that this is a place they can come to and create opportunities that are not possible at other places.

What is something most people don’t know about you?

I am named after three Methodist ministers. Donde is a combination of the first names of Don Forsman and De Hinkley. And my middle name, Lee, is the same as Howard Lee Plowman, who is my father.

What do you do for fun?

We love to cook and have people over for dinner. I love to play the piano. I also love to read. For the first time in 20 years I’m not in a book group. I’m currently reading “11/22/63,” my first Stephen King novel. I picked it up because it involves the JFK assassination and that is a day I certainly remember.

If you had to vacate your office due to an emergency situation, what is the one thing you could not leave behind?

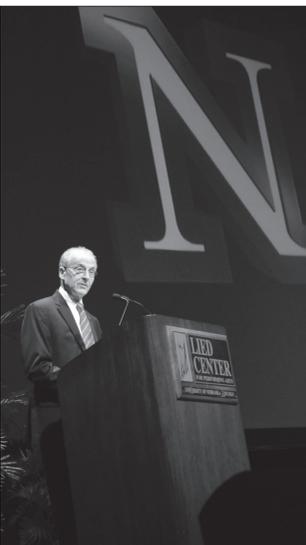
I’d take the pictures of my kids and husband. I really would want to have them with me.

State of the University Employee Service Awards



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(Top) Tony Rathgeber, conference services and events manager for Housing, and Dodi Fearing, dining service supply team leader at Harper-Schramm-Smith Dining Service, cut and place watermelon slices on plates during the Sept. 11 all-university picnic.



(Above) Teresa Zahren (center), a counselor/trainer with the Employee Assistance Program, hand out an employee service award on Sept. 11. More than 380 UNL employees received awards for years of service to the university.

(Left) Chancellor Harvey Perlman opens his 13th State of the University Address in the Lied Center for Performing Arts on Sept. 11. In the speech, Perlman challenged faculty, staff and students to think bigger. The speech is available at <http://go.unl.edu/gio>.

Campus enrollment totals decline 1.6 percent

By Kelly Bartling
University Communications

Total enrollment at UNL is 24,207 for fall 2012, according to the Office of Institutional Research and Planning. This is a decrease of 1.6 percent compared to fall 2011.

Colleges seeing the highest undergraduate enrollment growth are Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources: 3.7 percent; Business Administration: 4.5 percent; and Journalism and Mass Communications: 3.8 percent. Largest increases in numbers of graduate students are Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts, 26.8 percent; and in professional programs, doctor of plant health, 22.2 percent increase; and doctor of audiology, 8 percent increase.

First-time, full-time freshmen decreased by 156 students compared to fall 2011, at 3,937 students. First-time transfer students decreased by two, to 1,031.

UNL awarded a record 5,139 degrees in 2011-2012, including 3,719 bachelor’s degrees.

“We graduated the largest class in the history of the university last May, and we may be seeing the impact of the 120 credit-hour limit on degrees on getting students out more quickly,” UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman said. “We continue to believe we are poised for significant enrollment growth in the next few years.”

UNL’s colleges in recent years began decreasing the number of hours required for graduation and in 2011 the Board of Regents implemented a policy standardizing NU bachelor’s degrees at 120 credit hours. This is an effort to ensure students graduate in four years if they take class loads of at least 15 credit hours per semester for eight semesters.

Perlman said UNL enrollment increased in a year-to-year comparison in numbers of students from outside Nebraska, including a large increase in international students.

The data comes from registrations on the sixth day of class. These numbers are part of a system-wide announcement Aug. 31 from the University of Nebraska central administration.

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The College of Business Administration has experienced an increase in enrollment, including a 25.4 percent increase in fall 2012 in first-time freshmen, and a 4.5 percent increase for the college as a whole. Over the past six years, enrollment in CBA has grown nearly 10 percent, to 3,172. The college also plans to increase faculty from 111 (2011) to 140 in 2017 — improving the student-to-faculty ratio to 35 to 1 and improving instructional delivery.

Chancellor Harvey Perlman in fall 2011 set a goal to increase enrollment universitywide to 30,000 students by 2017. Increasing enrollment in CBA to 5,000 students is of primary importance in reaching that goal, Perlman and Plowman said.

“We are looking toward the business school to be one of the primary attractions if we are to increase enrollment,” Perlman said. “Its current building is inadequate for its current size and we expect it to grow. To be competitive it needs a new building and we have sensed considerable enthusiasm among its alumni to raise the money to make it happen.”

The proposed \$84 million project is 240,000 square feet that includes space for interactive learning, collaboration, conferences, competitions and other events; program-specific state-of-the-art classrooms; “one stop” student support services; and improved and expanded technology that will support current and future business programs.

The site proposed for the new CBA building is at 14th and Vine

streets, just north of Kauffman Academic Residential Center. Construction of the project will begin after commitments for all funding are in place and authorization to proceed is received from the president of the university. Source of funding will be private donations.

“Our main focus is to make sure students feel welcome and hear the message of what the College of Business Administration has to offer,” Plowman said. “Through personal phone calls by faculty,

administrators and students, and other targeted efforts, we let transfers and high school students know that they belong here. This new building will provide a central area for our students to learn, study and meet others.”

Plowman said CBA is gaining a stronger presence on campus with its minor in business — new this fall — which is available to any non-business students. The new building will serve not just CBA students but the entire university, she said.

RFP issued to replace University Health Center

UNL has issued a request for proposals to determine if an outside health provider would construct a new building and assume responsibility for the University Health Center.

Chancellor Harvey Perlman announced the proposal in his Sept. 11 State of the University Address. Juan Franco, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, outlined the rationale for the proposal in a Sept. 12 message to campus (<http://go.unl.edu/my7>).

“The increasing complexity of medical care suggests that connecting our health center to a private healthcare organization or group could benefit us through purchasing capabilities, electronic medical record implementation, regulatory compliance, and might provide our students access to a broader range of medical services,” said Franco. “If a partner is identified, the anticipated effect of this change will be improved health care services for our students for equal or lower cost.”

Perlman said the UHC is outdated and inadequate for current programming. And that the age

and sustainability of the facility represents a real concern as UNL’s student numbers and programming needs continue to grow.

“To replace the facility, we would have to impose a fee on all students — a fee students consistently have said they do not want,” Perlman said in a column in the Lincoln Journal Star.

According to details in the RFP, the new health center would be built by 2014 at the former Textron Building, northeast of Antelope Valley Parkway and Vine Street. The deadline to submit a bid is Oct. 5.

The private provider would assume control of the UHC about May 1. The RFP also includes a requirement that the provider must keep the health center’s nearly 100 employees on payroll for at least 90 days after the new contract begins.

“Our effort here is to explore whether there is a different model that can improve health services available to our students, in a facility that meets modern medical requirements,” Perlman said. “The students’ interest in access to high quality health care services is the driver behind this effort.”

UNL among best universities

UNL continues tied at 101st among top national universities in the 2013 U.S. best colleges ranking in U.S. News and World Report. It is tied with four other schools at 101.

Among public, national universities, UNL remains ranked in the top 50 at 47. Last year UNL was ranked 49th among all national public research universities.

For the second year in a row, UNL is featured among schools that focus on student success through enriched offerings. The UCARE program, Undergraduate Creative Activities and Research Experiences, is included among the 33 best university programs in undergraduate research and creative projects. UNL is also listed in the ranking

report among “A-Plus Schools for B Students.”

U.S. News collects 15 indicators of academic quality and analyzes the data according to its methodology. Among the indicators are student ACT scores and class rank, peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, financial resources and alumni giving.

In the criteria, UNL’s academic reputation score increased, so did graduation rate (from 64 to 67 percent) the percentage of freshmen in the top 10 percent of their high school class (increasing from 25 to 26 percent).

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retain and graduate all students. He said Amy Goodburn, associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Alan Cerveney, dean of enrollment management, are leading an effort to increase UNL’s retention and graduation rates. And to help recruit new students, UNL is working with local firm Archival to advertise to potential students.

And while growth will benefit the university, Perlman hoped families of prospective students will not avoid UNL because it was too big.

“UNL may not be the right place for every student, but those who avoid us because they think we are too big run the risk of a lifetime of thinking too small,” Perlman said.

Perlman also called for a .5 percent reduction in expenditures. The

State of the University
Read Chancellor Harvey Perlman’s entire State of the University Address at <http://go.unl.edu/gio>.

cut combined with unspent salary funds will help UNL account for a deficit of approximately \$6 million caused by enrollment declines this year.

“I am confident that with focus we have the will and means to significantly increase enrollment for next year,” Perlman said. “This would turn this deficit from being a permanent structural demand for funds into a cash flow issue of one-year duration.”

“I am extraordinarily blessed to have been allowed to serve as your chancellor for these past 12 years. Together we have done wonderful things. We now have the hard work of growing this university.”

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New Hires

UNL welcomes these new employees hired in August. For more information on the “New Hires” list, contact Troy Fedderson at tfedderson2@unl.edu or 402-472-8515.

Changbum Ahn, Durham School Architectural Engineering and Construction, assistant professor

Megan Amundson, University Police, building access associate

David Arredondo, Cather-Pound-Neihardt Dining Service, dining service associate

Sue Bainter, Center for Research on Youth, Families and Schools, lecturer

Michael Ball, Custodial Services, custodian II

Alexis Bass, Art and Art History, digital Instructional Specialist

Neil Beaver, Custodial Services, custodian II

Fran Benne, Agronomy and Horticulture, office associate

Morgen Bills, TRIO Programs, mathematics learning specialist

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Stacey Burling, Athletics, life skills coordinator

Danielle Busboom, Athletics, volleyball assistant coach

Kimberley Cleveland, Abel-Sandoz Dining Service, dining service associate

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Ingrid Haas, Political Science, assistant professor

Mary Hayes, Custodial Services, custodian II

Derek Heeren, Biological Systems Engineering, assistant professor

Susan Helmink, Nebraska Forest Service, communications specialist lead

Jenna Hillgoss, Architecture, admissions associate

Allison Hunt, USMARC, ag research technician I

George Hunt, Civil Engineering, lecturer

Elna Sharlezavn Ibrayeva, Management, lecturer

Elizabeth Isaacs, Journalism and Mass Communications, lecturer

Katrina Jagodinsky, History, assistant professor

Christiane Jensen, Modern Languages and Literature, lecturer

Amitkumar Jhala, Agronomy and Horticulture, assistant professor

Rachana Jhala, Plant Pathology, research technologist I

Yu Jin, Mathematics, assistant professor

Matthew Jockers, English, assistant professor

Antone Jones, Harper-Schramm-Smith Dining Service, dining service associate

Jessica Jurzenski, Entomology, post-doc research associate

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Ruth Lionberger, Academic Affairs, international projects manager

Michael Litwa, University Libraries, programmer analyst II

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Bernadette McCrory, Mechanical and Materials Engineering, research assistant professor

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Jennifer Melander, Biological Systems Engineering, extension assistant professor

Laurie Miller, Economics, assistant professor of practice

Melissa Moll, University Libraries, assistant professor

Destiny Mostek, Southeast Research and Extension Center, UNL Extension assistant

Scott Murray, Finance, assistant professor

Sidy Ndao, Mechanical and Materials Engineering, assistant professor

Haley Oser, Plant Pathology, extension technologist

Samuel Padilla, Research Responsibility, export control coordinator

Nicholas Park, Sociology, lecturer

Mandy Petersen, Cather-Pound-Neihardt Dining Service, checker/cashier

Nora Peterson, Modern Languages and Literature, assistant professor

Liyan Qu, Electrical Engineering, assistant professor

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Malte Rehbein, History, assistant professor

Jennifer Rittenhouse-tenBensel, Technical Agriculture, assistant professor

Mark Robertson, University Police, emergency preparedness coordinator

James Rose, Athletics, fundraising officer

Erin Roth, Center for Research on Youth, Families and Schools, family-school consultant

Patrick Rowan, Athletics, swimming and diving assistant coach

Shannon Rowen, Nutrition and Health Sciences, assistant professor of practice

Leah Ruppanner, Survey Research and Methodology/Gallup, research assistant professor

Shanel Sanchez, Arts and Sciences, lecturer

Amy Schmidt, Biological Systems Engineering, assistant professor

Ty Schmidt, Animal Science, assistant professor

Melody Scholl-Miller, Arts and Sciences, computer technician

Matthew Schulte, Landscape Services, litter assistant



Quilt exhibit traces history of indigo dyeing

The exhibit “Indigo Gives America the Blues” is on display through June 2 at the International Quilt Study Center and Museum.

The exhibition features 13 quilts ranging from the early 1800s to the 1980s that illustrate the history of indigo dyeing in the United States. Also featured are a range of antique fabric samples, woven coverlets, and doll and crib quilts that display the versatility of indigo dye in American textiles.

Indigo dramatically changed the appearance of European and American textiles after it was first introduced, giving a range of colorfast blues to fabrics used in all sorts of household furnishings, including quilts. It continues to influence textile fashions today, as evidenced by its use in an American icon – blue jeans. “Indigo Gives America the Blues” traces the history of indigo dyeing and brings one of America’s favorite colors to life.

Indigo, with its distinctive blue color, is one of the oldest dyes used for textile dyeing and printing. A variety of plants in the indigofera family have been used for centuries in many parts of the world including Africa, Asia and Central and South America. Its range of long-lasting colors—from light sky blue to deep navy blue—made indigo hugely popular and highly valued when it was first imported from India to the western world in the late 1400s and early 1500s, resulting in the nickname “Blue Gold.” However, Europe, the British Isles and North America did not have this superior dyestuff in great quantities until exotic commodities began to be imported by the East India Companies in the early 1600s. Today, synthetic indigo colors more than one billion pairs of jeans; no other dye can produce the special appearance we expect of blue denim.

For more information, go to www.quiltstudy.org.

‘Chicago’ makes 3-show stop at the Lied Center

“Chicago,” the longest running sellout on Broadway, comes to the Lied Center for Performing Arts for four performances, Oct. 19-21. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Oct. 19 and 20, and 2 p.m. Oct. 20 and 21.

Tickets for the performances are available at www.liedcenter.org, the Lied Center ticket office or 402-472-4747.

“Chicago” is set in the razzle-dazzle decadence of the 1920s and features murder, greed, corruption, violence, exploitation, adultery and treachery. It tells the story of Roxy Hart, a housewife and nightclub dancer who maliciously murders her on-the-side lover after he threatens to walk out on her. Desperate to avoid conviction, she dupes the public, the media and her rival cellmate, Velma Kelly, by hiring Chicago’s slickest criminal lawyer to transform her crime into a barrage of sensational headlines, the likes of which might just as easily be ripped from today’s tabloids.

This month at the Lied

Gaelic Storm, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 3
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Ballet Folklorico de México, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 13

Time Capsule: A Century of Dance, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23

Violinist Philippe Quint, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 25
An Evening with David Sedaris, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 31

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A pre-show talk will be offered in the Lied’s Steinhart Room 30 minutes before curtain. The talks will be led by Laurie Martinez Lessman, Cris Rook, Alisa Belfower and Scott Anderson. The talks are free to ticket holders.

Heuermann Lecture to feature former agricultural secretaries

Feeding the world is the topic when four former U.S. secretaries of agriculture discuss “The Land-Grant Mission of 2012 – Transforming Agriculture for the 2050 World,” 7:30 p.m. Sept. 28, at the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

The event is the first Heuermann Lecture of the 2012-2013 season. It features these former agricultural secretaries: Nebraska’s U.S. Sen. Mike Johanns, Nebraska native Clayton Yetter, John Block and Dan Glickman.

The lecture is free, but tickets are needed. Free general admission tickets are available by calling the Lied Center ticket office,

402-472-4747.

Jeff Raikes, chief executive officer of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and Ronnie Green, University of Nebraska vice president and Harlan vice chancellor, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, will moderate the discussion.

The lecture will stream live and be archived at <http://heuermannlectures.unl.edu>. All Heuermann Lectures are broadcast on NET2 World at a date following the lecture. The Sept. 28 lecture also will be broadcast on RFD-TV and RURAL TV at a date following the lecture.

Series eyes issues facing women, girls

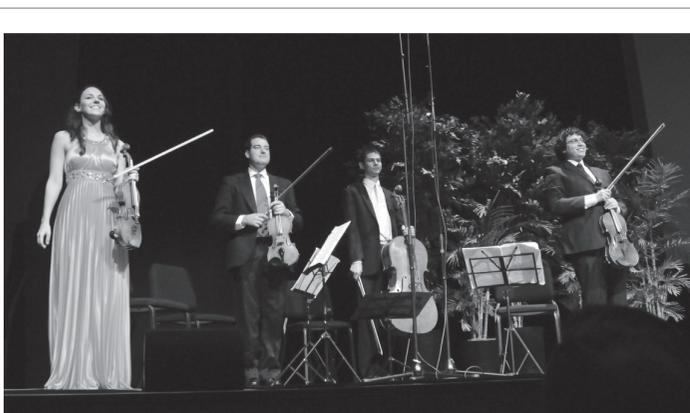
Nebraska Educational Telecommunications’ “Coffee and Conversation in the Community” series continues at 1 p.m., Oct. 21 at the Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center. The film discussion series will examine the Brad Lichtenstein’s documentary “As Goes Janesville.”

“As Goes Janesville” tells the story of Janesville, Wis., home of U.S. Congressman and GOP presidential candidate Paul Ryan (R-Wis.). For more information, go to <http://go.unl.edu/msm>.

“Coffee and Conversation” is free and open to the public. A community discussion in UNL’s Van Brunt Visitors Center follows each screening.

Other films in the series are: Nov. 18 — “Solar Mamas,” <http://go.unl.edu/2w7>; and Dec. 16 — “Beauty is Embarassing,” <http://go.unl.edu/27d>

The November film is part of “Women and Girls Lead,” a multi-year public media initiative. Learn more at <http://go.unl.edu/ava>.



The Skynos Quartet after its Sept. 11 performance at the State of the University Address. Pictured (from left) is Sara Pizzichemi, James Moat, William Braun and Justin Kurys.

Skyros studies with Chiara String Quartet

The School of Music recruited its first intact graduate string quartet this fall. The Skynos String Quartet comes to UNL for their doctoral education and will study with the Chiara String Quartet.

The Quartet includes Sarah Pizzichemi, violin, from Seattle, Wash.; James Moat, violin, from Toronto, Ontario; Justin Kurys, viola, from Timmins, Ontario; and William Braun, cello, from Tucson, Ariz.

“We really just want to get out and just play for everyone, and really break down that formal barrier between a performer and the audience,” Braun said. “We just want to get out, meet people and perform for them and really bring our music to lots of people.”

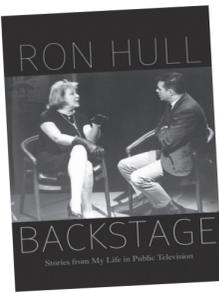
Jonah Sirota, Hixson-Lied Artist in Residence and violist with the Chiara String Quartet, said the Chiara first heard Skyros in October 2010 while teaching a guest artist masterclass at the University of Texas at Austin.

“We loved their exciting performances and their infectious positive spirit,” Sirota said.

The Skynos Quartet attended the School of Music’s Chamber Music Institute last summer, and after a rigorous audition process, became the inaugural graduate resident quartet this fall. They are pursuing Doctor of Musical Arts degrees in their respective instruments, with an emphasis in chamber music, that will add to their degree programs a rigorous focus on quartet performance. They are under the guidance of the Chiara String Quartet.

“The faculty, administration and staff in the School of Music and Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts worked hard last year to create this opportunity, positioning UNL as a leader in advanced chamber music study,” Sirota said. “To the best of my knowledge, we are only the second institution, along with the University of Maryland, to offer a performance-based Doctor of Musical Arts degree with chamber music emphasis to pre-formed chamber ensembles.”

<http://go.unl.edu/skyros>



NU Press publishes Hull’s autobiography

A new autobiography explores the life of Ron Hull, senior adviser to Nebraska Educational Telecommunications and professor emeritus of broadcasting.

The book, “Backstage: Stories from My Life in Public Television,” is published by the University of Nebraska Press.

Hull was born in 1930 in “Diddin’ Dora’s” establishment on the banks of Rapid Creek and was carried by the madam herself to a social worker at the Alex Johnson Hotel in Rapid City, S.D.

In the book, Hull tells his life story, from playing a bellhop in a junior class play in South Dakota to initiating the “American Experiences” series for the Corporation of Public Broadcasting.

“Ron Hull’s book is a compelling read,” said Dick Cavett. “It’s the story of a life filled with richness of experience, personal and professional success, invaluable public service, and authentic high adventure.”

For more information on “Backstage,” go to www.nebraskapress.unl.edu.

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Friday | Sept. 28

Final day to apply for December commencement

Grand Rounds, “Current Mental Health Challenges in China’s Universities,” Robert Partnoy, director of Counseling and Psychological Services, 8:30 a.m., University Health Center. Call 402-472-7450

HIV Testing, free and confidential, noon, Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center. Call 402-472-7498

Sister Circle meeting, support group for women of color, noon, Nebraska Union. Call 402-472-7450

Applied Ecology Seminar, “Improving Telemetry Technology for Wildlife Studies,” M. Can Vuran, computer science and engineering, 3 p.m., Hardin Hall. Call 402-472-6825

Mathematics Colloquium, “Nonlocal Models in Solid Mechanics: Overview, Applications, Challenges and Multi-scale Modeling,” 4 p.m., Avery Hall. Call 402-472-7223

Joseph and Dorothy Young Memorial Lecture, “The Layered Landscape,” Rick Darke, author of “The Wild Garden,” 7 p.m., Hardin Hall auditorium. Tickets required. Call 402-472-7921

Heuermann Lecture, “Land-Grant Mission of 2012: Transforming Agriculture for the 2050 World,” former U.S. Secretaries of Agriculture John Block, Dan Glickman, Mike Johanns and Clayton Yetter. Tickets required. Call 402-472-4747

Saturday | Sept. 30

Faculty Recital, UNL Faculty Jazz Ensemble, 3 p.m., Kimball Hall. Tickets required. Call 402-472-5370

Mid Autumn Celebration Party, 7 p.m., Nebraska Union. Call 402-472-5370

Monday | Oct. 1

Deadline to apply for education abroad scholarships

Flu Shot Clinic, 9 to 11 a.m., University Health Center. Call 402-472-7459

LBGTQA Brown Bag Discussion Group, “Adjusting to College Life and Being Out on Campus,” noon, Nebraska Union. Call 402-472-7450

Grassland Seminar Series, “Using Fire and Tree Thinning to Manage Missouri River Oak Woodlands,” Gerry Steinauer,

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, 3 p.m., East Union. Call 402-472-4101

Faculty Recital, University of Nebraska Faculty Brass Quintet, 7:30 p.m., Kimball Recital Hall. Tickets required. Call 402-472-6865

Tuesday | Oct. 2

Fall Career Fair, College of Engineering, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nebraska Union

Biochemistry/Redox Biology Center Seminar, “Stress and the Single Cell: Understanding Cellular Roles of the Hsp70 Molecular Chaperone Using Yeast,” Kevin Moran, University of Texas Medical School, 4 p.m., Beadle Center. Call 402-472-3173

School of Natural Resources Outreach Seminar, “Tracking the 2012 Drought: Nebraska and Beyond,” panel discussion with Mike Hayes, Mark Svoboda and Kelly Smith, all of the National Drought Mitigation Center, 7 p.m., Hardin Hall. Call 402-472-2908

UNL Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Kimball Recital Hall. Call 402-472-6865

E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues, “American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us,” Robert Putnam, author and political scientist, 7:30 p.m., Lied Center for Performing Arts.

Wednesday | Oct. 3

New Employee Orientation, 9 a.m., East Union. Call 402-472-3106

Flu Shot Clinic, 9 to 11 a.m., East Union. Call 402-472-7459

Fall Career Fair for business, service, government, liberal arts and science, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nebraska Union. Call 402-472-3145

Monthly Tornado Alert Test, 10:15 a.m.

School of Natural Resources Planning Research Seminar, “Future Plans for Nebraska’s Fish, Wildlife and Parkland Resources,” 3:30 p.m., Hardin Hall. Call 402-472-0232

Biotechnology/Life Sciences Seminar Series, “Metabolic Pathway Manipulation in Phototrophic Microorganisms: Water Oxidation to Starch, Oils or Hydrogen,” Matthew Posewitz, Colorado School of Mines, 4 p.m., Beadle Center. Call 402-472-2653.

Wind Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Kimball Hall. Tickets required. Call 402-472-6865.

Thursday | Oct. 4

Fall Career Fair, Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., East Union. Call 402-472-3145

Biochemistry Graduate Student Seminar, Caitlin McAtee, noon, Beadle Center. Call 402-472-2932

Seminar, “Reconceptualizing Social-Ecological Relations – Is Resilience the New Narrative,” Melinda Benson, 2 p.m., Hardin Hall. Call 402-472-6549

Discipline-Based Education Research Meeting, “Statistics Education Research,” Jennifer Green, statistics, 2 p.m., Bessey Hall. Call 402-472-3503

School of Biological Sciences Seminar, Dai Shizuko, 3:30 p.m., Hamilton Hall. Call 402-472-2729

Engineering Library Lecture Series, “Using Journal Impact Factors to Highlight Your Research,” 4 p.m., Nebraska Hall. Call 402-472-3411

Young Entrepreneurs Across America information session on paid and summer internships, 4 p.m., Nebraska Union.

Mary McLaughlin Memorial Lecture, “Out of the Past: Women of the ‘Middle Period’ Re-imagined in Chinese Film and Visual Culture, Mulan and her ‘Sisters,’” Kristine Harris, SUNY/New Paltz, 5 p.m., Great Plains Art Museum. Call 402-472-5370

Faculty Recital, William McMullen, Czech and Hungarian music for oboe and piano, 7:30 p.m., Kimball Recital Hall. Call 402-472-6865

Friday | Oct. 5

Agricultural Economics Seminar, “The Effects of Well Management and the Nature of the Aquifer on Groundwater,” Quanguo Huang, University of Minnesota, Filley Hall. Call 402-472-1913

Symposium in Virology, 8 a.m., Nebraska Union. Call 402-472-4570

Sister Circle Meeting, a support group for women of color, noon, Nebraska Union. Call 402-472-7450

Sociology Colloquium, “Growing Importance of Education for Reducing Morality in the United States,” Mark Hayward, University of Texas at Austin, 12:30 p.m., Nebraska Union.

Geography/Applied Ecology Seminar, Melinda Benson, University of New Mexico, 2 p.m., Hardin Hall. Call 402-472-7531

Chemistry Colloquium, “Seeing the Invisible by NMR,” Dr. G. Marius Clore, National Institutes of Health, 3 p.m., Hamilton Hall. Call 402-472-3523

First Friday, 4:40 to 7 p.m., International Quilt Study Center and Museum, free admission. Call 402-472-6549

First Friday Reception, “Westward Bound: Big Color,” 5 p.m., Great Plains Museum. Call 402-472-6549

First Friday Reception and Opening, “The Geometric Unconscious: A Century of Abstraction,” 5 p.m., Sheldon Museum of Art.

UNL Parents Weekend opens, 5:30 p.m., multiple campus sites. Call 402-472-3755

Student Observatory Public Night, 7:30 p.m., Stadium Drive Parking Garage. Call 402-472-4728

Sunday | Oct. 7

Chamber Singers performance, 2 p.m., Sheldon Museum of Art. Call 402-472-6865

Monday | Oct. 8

Men’s Choral Festival, 8 a.m., Kimball Recital Hall. Call 402-472-6865

Drumbeat: Building Resilience Through Rhythm, a flexible therapeutic music program, noon, Leverton Hall. Call 402-472-8209

Workshop, NURAMP Module Three, “Budget Preparation and Development,” 1 p.m., Alexander Building West. Registration required. Call 402-472-7003

Institutional Biosafety Committee Meeting, 2 p.m., Ag Warehouse 1 (Environmental Health and Safety offices). Call 402-472-9554

Grassland Seminar Series, “Overview of the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition,” Ron Bolze, Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition,” 3 p.m., East Union. Call 402-472-4101

Education Mock Interviews, 4 p.m., Nebraska Union. Call 402-472-3145

Chinese Corner, practice conversational Chinese for free, 5:30 p.m., Nebraska Union. Call 402-472-5370

Men’s Choral Festival Concert, 7 p.m., Kimball Recital Hall. Call 402-472-6865

Tuesday | Oct. 9

Flu Shot Clinic, 9 to 11 a.m., University Health Center. Call 402-472-7459

University Singers performance, 7:30 p.m., Kimball Recital Hall. Tickets required. Call 402-472-6865

Workshop, NURAMP Module Four, “Research Responsibility,” 9 a.m., Alexander Building West. Registration required. Call 402-472-7003

Wednesday | Oct. 10

Workshop, “HR Training for Supervisors,” 8:30 a.m., Goughan Multicultural Center. Registration required. Call 402-472-8033

Nebraska Gateway to Nutrigenomics Seminar, “Vitamin D Transport Mechanisms in Health and Disease,” Matt Rowling, Iowa State University, noon, East Union. Call 402-472-3862

Big Idea Seminar, “Scenery as a Natural Resource,” Roopali Phadke, Macalester College, 3:30 p.m., East Union. Call 402-472-7082

School of Natural Resources Research Seminar, “Ecological Change in Mesic Grasslands in the Dawn of the Anthropocene,” Jesse Nippert, Kansas State University, 3:30 p.m., Hardin Hall. Call 402-472-0232

Performance, Culture Shock Camp, 7 p.m., Goughan Multicultural Center. Call 402-472-5500

Performance, UNL Jazz Orchestra and Big Band, 7:30 p.m., Kimball Recital Hall. Tickets required. Call 402-472-6865

Thursdays | Oct. 11
Biochemistry Graduate Student Seminar, Kyle Luttgearh, noon, Beadle Center. Call 402-472-2932

Discipline-Based Education Research Meeting, “Early Childhood Professional Development in Science,” Soo Young Hong, Child, Youth and Family Studies, 2 p.m., Bessey Hall. Call 402-472-3503

School of Biological Sciences Seminar, Benjamin Martin, 3:30 p.m., Hamilton Hall. Call 402-472-2729

Actuarial Science Career Fair, 4 p.m., Nebraska Union. Call 402-472-3145

Humanities on the Edge Lecture, “Reality in America: A Counter-Aesthetic for the Present,” Mark Grief, New School

University, 5:30 p.m., Sheldon Museum of Art. Call 402-472-1850

Performance, Symphonic Band, 7:30 p.m., Kimball Recital Hall. Tickets required. Call 402-472-6865

Guest Artist, Anthony Arnon, cellist, 7:30 p.m., 119 Westbrook Music Building. Call 402-472-6865

Friday | Oct. 12

Last day to change a course to or from “Pass/No Pass”

Redox Biology Center 10th Annual Symposium, “Molecular Mechanisms of Redox Processes,” 8 a.m., Nebraska University, 3:30 p.m., Hardin Hall. Call 402-472-3173

Architecture Open House for high school seniors, 9 a.m., Architecture Hall.

Sister Circle Meeting, support group for women of color, noon, Nebraska Union. Call 402-472-7450

Applied Ecology Seminar, Wyatt Hoback, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 3 p.m., Hardin Hall. Call 402-472-6825

Saturday | Oct. 13

Sheldon Art Association Members Book Club, discussion for “Color: A Natural History of the Palette,” 10 a.m., Sheldon Museum of Art. Call 402-472-1454

Quilts for Community demonstration, 10:30 a.m., International Quilt Study Center and Museum.

Opening, “Celebration of Youth XIX: Exploding Boundaries Exhibition,” 5:30 p.m., Hillestad Textiles Gallery, Home Economics Building. Call 402-472-6318

Monday | Oct. 15

Fall Break, UNL offices open

Tuesday | Oct. 16

Fall Break, UNL offices open

Workshop, NURAMP Module Five, “Administering the Award,” 9 a.m., Alexander Building West. Registration required. Call 402-472-7003

Open Forum, Chancellor’s University Safety Committee, 3 p.m., Nebraska Union. Call 402-310-5117

Wednesday | Oct. 17

Olsen Seminar, “Sustainable Farming and Food Systems in the Great Plains,” Charles Francis, agronomy, 3:30 p.m., Great Plains Art Museum. Call 402-472-3964

School of Natural Resources Research Seminar, “An EU-Funded Project for Demonstrating Concepts and Technologies of Precision Agriculture,” Stamatios Stamatodis, Gaia Education and Research Center in Athens, Greece, 3:30 p.m., Hardin Hall. Call 402-472-0232

Biotechnology/Life Sciences Seminar, “Genome-Scale Prediction of RNA Binding Proteins,” Yaoqi Zhou, Indiana University School of Medicine, 4 p.m., Beadle Center. Call 402-472-2635

E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues, “Violence, Religion, Financial Muscle and Liberation: Can Africa Heal Itself,” Charles Villa-Vicencio, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town, South Africa, 7 p.m., Lied Center for Performing Arts. Call 402-472-0074

Thursday | Oct. 18

Biochemistry Graduate Student Seminar, Anji Konda, noon, Beadle Center. Call 402-472-2932

Workshop, NURAMP Elective Two, “Export Control,” 1 p.m., Alexander Building West. Registration required. Call 402-472-7003

School of Biological Sciences Seminar, “Promotion and Tenure,” Sabrina Russo, 3:30 p.m., Hamilton Hall. Call 402-472-2729

Friday | Oct. 19

LaserFest Weekend (through Oct. 21), music-themed laser shows return for one weekend, Mueller Planetarium. Call 402-472-3779

Screening, “Blue Alchemy: Stories of Indigo,” 10 a.m., International Quilt Study Center and Museum.

Seminar, “EdMedia Offers Tech Training,” 11 a.m., East Union. Call 402-472-2885

Sister Circle Meeting, support group for women of color, noon, Nebraska Union. Call 40

\$3.2M grant to gauge if program can help struggling children

By Scott Schrage
Children, Youth and Family Studies

The Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools has earned a \$3.2 million U.S. Department of Education grant to explore whether an intervention approach that bridges living rooms and classrooms can also span the persistent achievement gap facing disadvantaged children.

Three of the intervention's creators, CYFS director Susan Sheridan, research associate professor Lisa Knoche and faculty affiliate Carolyn Pope Edwards are leading a newly funded four-year study of its ability to help these struggling children close gaps in cognition, language skills and social-emotional maturity as they enter preschool.

Called "Getting Ready," the CYFS-designed intervention aims to strengthen parent-child relationships and foster family-school partnerships that improve the educational prospects of children at risk for developmental delays.

Disadvantaged children who enter school behind their more privileged peers traditionally fail to catch up — and often see those peers widen the gap over time, Knoche and Sheridan said. The study will consequently gauge Getting Ready's impact on child outcomes not only throughout two years of preschool, but also before and after kindergarten.



Sheridan



Knoche

Because the intervention approach focuses on cultivating relationships and promoting home-school continuity, Knoche and her colleagues will also examine how Getting Ready influences parents' engagement with children and collaboration with teachers. In turn, the researchers will determine how these dynamics contribute to the intervention's effectiveness.

The study, which received funding through June 2016, will measure these outcomes by randomly assigning families and teachers to groups that either do or do not

participate in the Getting Ready intervention. Approximately 300 children deemed at risk for developmental delays will take part in the study, which will draw participants from roughly 75 rural and suburban preschools in Nebraska.

Sheridan and Knoche unveiled Getting Ready in 2004 with CYFS faculty affiliates Carolyn Pope Edwards and Christine Marvin. Pope Edwards is a co-investigator on the current study, and Marvin is serving as a training and supervision consultant. CYFS affiliate Keely Cline has been named the project director. James Bovaird, director of the CYFS statistics and research methodology unit, is serving as a co-investigator. CYFS research assistant professor Brandy Clarke is filling the role of clinical and research supervisor.

Jockers opens new door to classical literature study

By Steve Smith
University Communications

Mark Twain once said that all ideas are second-hand, consciously and unconsciously drawn from a million outside sources. Oscar Wilde put it more bluntly when he said that talents imitate, but geniuses steal.

Matthew Jockers, an assistant professor of English at UNL, has assembled a way to quantify the spirit of those sayings, particularly when it comes to certain authors and the impressions they left on other writers. And in doing so, he's opened a new door for literary theorists to study classic literature.

Jockers combines programming with text-mining to compare 18th- and 19th-century authors' works with one another based on their stylistic and thematic connections. The process, which he calls macro-analysis, crunches massive amounts of text to discern systematically how books are connected to one another — from each work's word frequency and word choice to its overarching subject matter.

"We've known for some time how to search these works electronically, and how to look for things we already know are out there," said Jockers, a fellow at UNL's Center for Digital Research in the Humanities. "But the question became 'How do we mine them to find something we don't already know?' What became

apparent was that the next frontier was analyzing large amounts of text to learn new things (about the books), and this is a way to do just that."

Using macroanalysis, Jockers processed digital versions of nearly 3,500 books from the late 1700s through 1900 — everything from giants like Jane Austen and Herman Melville to lesser-known writers such as Scottish novelist Margaret Oliphant. The process affixed each book with its own unique "signal," allowing it to be plotted graphically near other books that it was closely related to, but farther away from books exhibiting more dissimilar styles and themes.

The result was a stunning graphical distribution that displays connections, insights and trends both obvious and perhaps not so obvious about the period's literary world. The systematic method found that, unsurprisingly, the books of Austen and Sir Walter Scott were highly original and influential; and that Melville's "Moby Dick" was an outlier from much of the literary network of the period while still being related to several works by James Fenimore Cooper. And, though gender was not included in the comparison data, the program plotted a large majority of the period's books by female authors in very close vicinity of one another.

<http://go.unl.edu/rt4>

Awards and Honors

Klopfenstein earns career awards

Terry Klopfenstein, professor of ruminant nutrition, was honored with two of his profession's most prestigious awards this summer. He received the American Feed Industry Association's New Frontiers in Animal Nutrition Award from the Federation of Animal Science Societies and received the Cattle Feeders Hall of Fame Industry Leadership Award.

The Federation of Animal Science Societies cited Klopfenstein's "pioneering and innovative research relevant to the nutrition of animals that benefits mankind and the nutritional value of foods from animals."

Shavers appointed to human trafficking taskforce

Anna Shavers, professor of law, has been appointed by Gov. Dave Heinemann to serve on Nebraska's

task force on human trafficking. She will serve as co-chair of the research subcommittee. The task force was established within the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. It is tasked with investigating and studying human trafficking, the methods for advertising human trafficking services, and the victimization of individuals coerced to participate in human trafficking.

Veterinary association celebrates Smith

David R. Smith, professor and UNL Extension dairy/beef veterinarian, was awarded the Helwig-Jennings Award from the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine at the American Veterinary Medical Association's annual convention this summer. The award, established in 1980, is presented to individuals who have rendered outstanding and prolonged services to the college.



The UNL research team involved in the discovery includes (left) Evgeny Tsybmal, Yong Wang (now at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Wash.) and J.D. Burton. In the background is a portion of the Holland Computing Center supercomputer.

Team discovers new class of materials

Find may lead to new types of data storage devices

By Tom Simons
University Communications

An international team of scientists, including UNL physicist Evgeny Tsybmal, has discovered a new class of materials that could prove to be very useful in developing new methods of creating computer memory.

The research team, led by Christos Panagopoulos of Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, explored layered heterostructures at the atomic scale, in which different materials were deposited in layers a few atoms thick. They discovered that the new class of materials boasts a very attractive property — ferroelectricity, which may be used to create new types of data storage devices.

A ferroelectric material exhibits its spontaneous electric polarization, characterized by a positive electric charge on one side of the material and negative on the opposite side. The polarization



Download a video of Evgeny Tsybmal discussing the discovery at <http://go.unl.edu/yfa>

can be reversed by applying an electric field (from a battery, for example). These two possible polarization orientations make these materials attractive for developing computer memory because each orientation could correspond to zero or one.

"Our discovery shows a possibility that researchers could engineer properties at the atomic scale and create new, artificial materials exhibiting novel functional properties not existing in their constituents," said Tsybmal, who is Charles Bessey Professor of Physics and director of UNL's

Materials Research Science and Engineering Center. "This significantly broadens the class of known ferroelectric materials and provides possibilities to design new ferroelectrics."

The findings were reported in the Sept. 18 issue of Nature Communications, the Nature Publishing Group's multidisciplinary online journal of research in the biological, physical and chemical sciences.

The co-lead authors of the paper are Yong Wang, a former graduate student in Tsybmal's group and now a postdoctoral fellow at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Wash., and J.B. Burton, a former graduate student and postdoctoral fellow and now a research assistant professor in Tsybmal's group.

It's the seventh time in last six years that research from Tsybmal's lab has been published in one of the five highest-impact interdisciplinary journals.

Read more at <http://go.unl.edu/uqo>.

Speakers Bureau begins 18th year

The UNL Speakers Bureau is in its 18th year this fall with 25 speakers and several topics from which to choose. This free service connects faculty and other university experts with Nebraska citizens through service organizations, schools and other groups who want knowledgeable, interesting speakers on a variety of topics.

The 2012-13 Speakers Bureau features speakers available on a year-round basis or during the academic year only. This website, www.speakersbureau.unl.edu, provides access to each speaker's topic information with a form to submit to book a speaker for your event. For questions, please contact Mitzi Lenz at speakers2@unl.edu or 402-472-0088.

The members of the 2012-13 Speakers Bureau and their topic(s) are:

- Sylvana Airan, "My Life Growing Up in Pakistan"
- Andrew Benson, "The Amazing Ecosystem in Your Gut and its Critical Roles in Human Health," "Personalized Medicine — A Story of the Human Genome and the Genomes of its Symbionts" and "Producing Foods for Health"
- Christian Binek, "Magnetic Refrigeration," "Magnetic Thin Films: From Basic Research to Spintronics" and "Physics Between High School and High Tech"
- Charles Braithwaite, "African Americans on the Great Plains," "The Global Classroom: Using New Communication Technology to Improve Education" and "Tribal Colleges: Culture and Higher Education on the Plains"

— Daniel Claes, "What the Heck is a Higgs Boson?," "Are We Alone in the Universe?," "Comic Book Physics 101, Part 1: Secret Origins," "Comic Book Physics 101, Part 2: Physics Disassembled" and "What happened to the Faster-than-Light Neutrinos?"

— Donald Costello, "The Birth, Death and Resurrection of Computers in Banking," "The Bronx in the Middle of the Last Century," "Computer Games," "Information Technology — Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" and "Systems Thinking in an Apple-like World"

— Kenneth Dewey, "Chasing Icebergs," "North to Alaska and Across the Canadian Arctic: A Photographic Journey," and "Severe Storms 101"

— Robert F. Diffendal Jr., "New Mexico Geology and Life in the Art of Georgia O'Keeffe," "Pleasures and Perils of Owning Beach-Front Property" and "The Past, Present and Future of the Platte River System"

— Stephen Ducharme, "Can a Photon Wave?" and "Nano-scale Science and Technology"

— Galen Erickson, "How Ethanol and Cattle are Good Together (i.e., alcohol and beef)," "What is the Real Impact of Feedlots on the Environment?" and "Finishing Cattle Issues and Ways to Improve Profits of Feedlots"

— Michael Hoff, "Ancient Roman Religion and Nebraska Football," "Athens Under Roman Domination" and "Pirates and Romans Along the Cilician Coast of Ancient Turkey"

— Roger Hoy, "The Nebraska Tractor Testing Lab: Past, Present and Future"

— Gary Keibel, "How to Use Social Networking like Twitter or Facebook or Foursquare as Reporting Tools," "Reaching Youth: If it's Not on a Cell Phone, it Doesn't Exist" and "The Changing News Ecosystem"

— Meg Lauerman, "Research, Recruitment and the Big Ten Conference: An Overview of What's New at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln"

— Peter Levitov, "International Students in the United States"

— Patrice C. McMahon, "For Good or For Ill: The Return of Nation Building," "U.S. Power in the Networked Era" and "Partners in Peace: Nongovernmental Organizations in Peace Building"

— Tapan Pathak, "Current and Future Global Climate Change: What it Means for Nebraska?"

— Wes Peterson, "A New Age of Colonialism? Land and Resource Deals in Low-Income Countries," "The 2012 Farm Bill: Prospects for Reform" and "The Implications of Increased Regional and Bilateral Trade Agreements for World Trade"

— Paul Read, "Gardens of the World" and "Grape Expectations: Nebraska's Developing Grape and Wine Industry"

— John Richmond, "Does Music Make You Smarter? It Depends on What You Mean!," "Finding the Next Mozart! Music Composition Education in the 21st Century," "Speaking the Universal Language Without an Accent: UNL in Our Global Musical Village"

— Kelli Smith, "Developing a Top Internship Program" and "How to Effectively Recruit College Students"

— Greg Snow, "Cosmic Rays from Outer Space: What Do We Know About Them?," "Did a Giant Asteroid Kill the Dinosaurs?" and "High Energy Physics and the Discovery of the 'God Particle'"

— Sandra Stockall, "Communication is a Contact Sport" and "Wow, That Felt Great!"

— Joseph Weber, "Teaching Journalism in China: A Semester of Surprises"

Religion in society is focus of Oct. 2 Thompson Forum

An acclaimed author and political scientist known for helping influence the way people think about the fabric of American society will deliver the first lecture of this season's E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues.

Robert Putnam, Malkin Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University, will present "American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us" at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. The lecture is this year's Governor's Lecture in the Humanities.

The talk will be based on Putnam's book of the same title, which was co-authored with David Campbell, University of Notre Dame. It focuses on the role of religion in American life and is based on data from two of the most comprehensive national surveys on religion and civic engagement ever conducted, the book won the American Political Science Association's 2011 Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award for the best book on government, politics, or international affairs.

This season's Thompson Forum lectures have been organized around the theme of religion, rights and politics.

To reserve free tickets, call the Lied Center at 402-472-4747 or 800-432-3231. Tickets may also be picked up in person or ordered by downloading a form from the forum's website, <http://enthompson.unl.edu>.

Forum lectures will be available live online at www.unl.edu as well as on Lincoln Time Warner Cable Channel 21, UNL campus Channel 8 and UNL's KRNU radio (90.3 FM).

Sign language interpreters will be available at each lecture for the deaf and hard of hearing.

The Thompson Forum is a preeminent lecture series and cooperative project of the philanthropic Cooper Foundation, the Lied Center and UNL. It was established in 1988 with the purpose of bringing a diversity of viewpoints on international and public policy issues to the University of Nebraska and the residents of the state to



Researchers, students and workers spent more than two months unearthing and cleaning the mosaic at Antiochia ad Cragnum this summer. Michael Hoff said work on the mural and a linked bathhouse will continue in the 2013 dig season.

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"The rain quickly made it an underwater archaeology project," Hoff said. "I remember finding some interesting things, mostly pot shards and a few coins."

Hoff's second dig was drier at an agora in Athens and he uncovered an important architectural block.

"The excavators knew there was going to be this building somewhere in the vicinity because an ancient author mentioned it," Hoff said. "I was the first to find it."

The stone was from an ancient building where Zeno taught his philosophy of stoicism.

He continued to work at numerous sites in ancient Athens, Greece, Corinth and Crete. In 1997, Rice Townsend, a colleague who teaches at Clark University, asked if Hoff would join a team searching for Roman sites in southern Turkey.

"I thought about it for a day and decided this could be a good shift in my career path," Hoff said. "I really wanted to participate in a pure archaeology project. That wasn't possible in Athens and Greece any longer. So I decided to go over to Turkey."

That decision has led to a massive project that will probably be the last of Hoff's career.

The group spent the first eight seasons surveying the hills and valleys on the south coast of Turkey, finding Roman cities and villages that had never been excavated.

In 2004, the research group decided to begin excavation of



This photo of a cottonwood tree in the bend of a river is included in Michael Farrell's upcoming exhibit at the Great Plains Art Museum. The exhibit features Farrell's transition to color photography.

Exhibit to feature Farrell's photos

Great Plains Art Museum will present a new exhibition, "Westward Bound: Big Color Landscape Photographs," by Michael Farrell. The exhibition will run Oct. 5 to Dec. 9 and the artist will be present for a First Friday reception 5-7 p.m. Oct. 5.

Michael Farrell has been practicing his fine art photography for more than 40 years, and his works are included in collections of the Museum of Nebraska Art, the Joslyn Art Museum, and the Great Plains Art Museum. He holds a master's degree from the Institute of Design at Chicago, and has been a resident of Lincoln since 1972. Farrell is television production manager for NET Television and also adjunct faculty in the College of Journalism and Mass

Communications at UNL.

The exhibition represents a turning point in Farrell's artistic career: the shift from black and white to color.

"Michael Farrell is a precision technician when it comes to all aspects of landscape photography: from site composition to camera and darkroom success to final print," said Amber Hunter, museum curator. "He has a high regard for the history and traditional craft of photography, so I was intrigued when he first told me he would be working in color and utilizing digital technology. However, he incorporated the newer technologies very selectively."

For more information, go to www.unl.edu/plains/gallery.

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Projects have included a house for Neighborworks Lincoln and displays at the Lincoln Children's Zoo. The zoo design, which earned a design award from the American Institute of Architects, included a massive "zoo" sign and camel exhibit.

The scope of the Bermuda project is much larger, incorporating the world's most complete Victorian-era dockyard. Other parts of the project include a series of barracks buildings that were converted into high-security prison and recently became a part of the museum; "The Keep," a massive fortress built to guard the naval base, and now the primary home of the museum; and the Commissioner's House, a private quarters/ceremonial house built in 1823 that served as barracks in World War I and as the Allied headquarters for North Atlantic submarine radio interception in World War II. The house, restored in 2000, was the first residential building in history to utilize cast-iron framing.

"This site has a rich history and existed long before Nebraska became a state. It indexes the change of naval history, from sail to paddle wheels to propellers," said Hind. "Some of the buildings are incomplete because they were being built as naval technology shifted."

The museum is special to Hind, who remembers attending its opening.

““

This is very cool because it takes what has been a local community design studio and expands it to international And, I also get the opportunity to give something back to my home nation..."

Peter Hind,
assistant professor of architecture

"The Queen opened it in 1975 or 1976, and I remember walking through the gates as a 5 year old," Hind said. "Going there as a kid is one of my favorite memories."

The Bermuda project will include up to 12 UNL seniors. The first group will go to Bermuda in February and collect data, hold meetings and gather data. The information will be used by students in the spring semester design studio. Then, next summer, a second group of students will return to Bermuda to produce the master plan in an intensive, month-long studio program.

Hind said the intent is to have the master plan complete by the end of summer 2013.

The museum is providing funding for the project, including travel assistance, housing, food and travel needs (while on the island).



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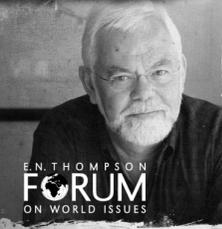
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Courier Services to roll out electric cars

By Troy Fedderson
University Communications

A pair of Mitsubishi i-MiEV electric cars will begin purring across campus in October. The “green” vehicles — named 110 and 220 in homage to voltage standards — will be used by Courier Services to make campus deliveries.

Patrick Barrett, director of Transportation Services, said the rising cost of gas fueled UNL’s move to an electric alternative.

“Really this is a nice way for UNL to go green in another area,” said Barrett. “We use fuel-efficient subcompacts now. But it will be nice to reduce our emissions further through this electric option.”

The vehicles have a range of about 75 miles before a charge is needed. Barrett said that distance is under daily averages for Courier Services and the vehicles will be recharged overnight.

“We tested the vehicle for three weeks in June and were very happy with how they performed,” Barrett said. “Horsepower and torque were very good and the power is at a constant level. They have great visibility for the driver.”

“They are actually so quiet that they are set

up to make a little noise as they go down the road.”

UNL is leasing the vehicles for three years through a dealer in Des Moines, Iowa. The dealer is the closest Mitsubishi dealer approved to service electric vehicles.

The motor and batteries are under warranty for seven years. Other mechanisms, such as door locks and window cranks, are under warranty

for three years or 36,000 miles. Barrett said UNL technicians will handle repairs they are trained to fix. Mitsubishi will fix major problems.

“Until we get a record of electricity used, life of tires, battery life and such, we won’t be able to do a complete life cycle cost analysis,” Barrett said.

Barrett expects UNL will purchase additional electric vehicles in the future.

“UNL is definitely taking the lead in Nebraska when it comes to using electrical vehicles,” Barrett said.



UNL has purchased two Mitsubishi MiEV electric cars. The vehicles, numbered 110 and 220, will be used to deliver items across campus.

East Campus Activities Bldg. transitioning to temporary space

By Christopher Dulak
Campus Recreation

After 86 years of continuous use, preparations are beginning for the East Campus Activities Building to be renovated into part of the new East Recreation Center complex.

During the week of Oct. 13, the Activities Building will close while UNL Campus Recreation relocates the strength training equipment and cardio workout machines to a temporary fitness center in the Fleming Fields Annex Building, 2301 N. 33rd St. The facility is adjacent to both East Campus and Fleming Fields Softball Complex. Students and members will need to use the City Campus rec center for workouts during the move.

The Fleming Fields Annex Building will open for fitness workouts on Oct. 22. It will remain in use as a fitness center during construction of the new East Recreation Center.

The new East Recreation Center is scheduled for completion in summer 2015.

Campus Rec is hosting open house events at the Fleming Fields Annex Building 4 to 6 p.m. Sept. 26, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 27. The sessions are open to the public.

The facility will have six treadmills, six ellipticals, eight bikes, two stair climbers and fourteen strength machines/racks, plus dumbbells and benches. A stretching mat area, day-use lockers, changing rooms, restrooms, a shower room, and air-conditioning are also prominent components of the facility. On-site permit parking is available as well as nearby on-street parking.

The Activities Building will stay open until cold weather and/or the new construction precipitates a permanent closure. It will be closed Oct. 13-21 for the equipment relocation and re-open Oct. 22. Open hours will be posted.

For more information, contact Christopher Dulak 402-472-8749 or Sherri Tompkins 402-472-9036.

Agricultural Research and Development Center 50th anniversary celebration



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Visitors play with an interactive screen that provided information about ecosystems and wildlife during the Agricultural Research and Development Center’s 50th anniversary celebration on Sept. 23. The event, held at the ARDC site near Mead drew more than 500 visitors who participated in various activities, exhibits and presentations. See more photos at <http://go.unl.edu/zey>.

Master plan shaped by interactive, online map

Information submitted through a new interactive, online mapping tool will be used to help shape UNL’s new master physical and landscape master plans. The tool is designed to allow individuals to enter specific information about their City and East campus habits.

“The interactive mapping tool allows people to enter information on a wide range of topics,” said Jennifer Dam, assistant director of campus planning and space management. “That information will be put graphically on a map and used by the consultants to get a sense of where people park, the routes they take across campus, places that people see as significant, etc.”

“It will provide the consultants with a variety of information that they can use as they look at how to plan the campus for the future.”



Access the online map at <http://sasakistrategies.com/UNL>

The website allows individuals to identify important landmarks, areas they like to socialize, favorite outdoor recreation areas, preferred parking spaces, transportation routes, and campus areas where they do or do not feel safe.

The planning/design firm Sasaki

Associates of Watertown, Mass., is leading the master plan project. The firm spent the summer gathering information about UNL. That information was presented during open houses on Sept. 12 and 13. Project leaders from Sasaki also collected additional information during those open house sessions.

The consultants will return to campus in October and/or November to present findings and gather additional information to finalize the plans. Final public presentations are planned for spring.

The plans will also be presented online for feedback in the fall.

Dam said campus administrators hope to have the plans ready for presentation to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents by late spring or early summer.

Game day volunteers recycle nearly 1,200 lbs.

While more than 90,000 fans were watching or tailgating in and around Memorial Stadium during the Sept. 1 Huskers home football game against Southern Mississippi, volunteers were making sure the tailgaters recycled.

After contributing more than 70 hours for the effort “Go Green for Big Red,” the 31 student volunteers saved some 1,200 pounds of recyclables (plastic, aluminum and bottles) from entering the landfill.

The effort focused on offering tailgaters free green bags at different parking lots and collecting them when full. Recycling bins were also located next to waste containers along high-traffic pedestrian walkways leading to Memorial Stadium. Recycling Enterprises collected the recyclables from the parking lots. B&R Stores donated lunch to the volunteers.

The effort needs volunteers for the remaining home football games. For more information, contact UNL Recycling at recycling@unl.edu or 402-472-9139.

NET project allows Nebraska voters to voice, record opinions

It’s an election year. The candidates have plenty to say. But NET News wants to hear from the voters.

Partnering with the Nebraska Library Commission, NET News is offering “Campaign Connection 2012: Voter Voices.”

The unique election-year project aims to gather citizen thoughts, perspective and questions on issues at libraries across Nebraska, including four in Lincoln.

NET News has set up locations for participants to record quick and easy videos, using web cameras and a YouTube channel. Videos can also be recorded independently and

sent in for the project.

Participants are asked to discuss an issue that matters to them, why it’s important and what helped guide their opinion. Participants are also asked to end the video with a question for candidates in the U.S. Senate race.

NET will edit and present this content on several platforms, including YouTube, Facebook, the website for the project (netNebraska.org/votervoices), radio and television.

The following Lincoln City Libraries branches are participating in the “Voter Voices” project:

Bennett Martin Branch (136 S. 14th St.) — Voter Voices recording is available: Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.; and Sundays, noon to 5:45 p.m.

Eiseley Branch (1530 Superior St.) — Voter Voices recording is available: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon; Thursdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m.

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Walt Branch (6701 S. 14th St.) — Voter Voices recording is available: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon; Wednesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.; and Saturdays, 2 to 4 p.m.

For more information on other “Voter Voices” locations and the overall project, go to <http://net-nebraska.org/votervoices>, or contact Mike Tobias, NET News senior producer/reporter, at mtobias@netnebraska.org or 402-472-9333, ext. 735.

New acquisition



“Invocation,” a 1970-71 abstract expressionist painting by Lee Krasner, is currently on display at the Sheldon Museum of Art. The painting was recently purchased by the museum and the Sheldon Art Association.



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