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Holiday honors values

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Kelley said. As a candle is lighted, the family discusses the principle that is being honored that day, she said.

During Kwanzaa week, each symbol tells a different part of the story of African-American tradition. Three of the main symbols, Kelley said, are a straw mat, a cup made by hand and the seven candles and candle holder. Other symbols are an ear of corn, gifts and a feast. The feast is held on Dec. 31 when the black candle is lit.

The celebration and tradition of Kwanzaa was developed by Maulana Ron Karenga in the late 1960s. Karenga, a professor at the University of Southern California-Los Angeles, was a leading scholar in African culture. To Karenga, the holiday was about unifying

African-Americans with their culture, Kelley said.

Learthen Dorsey, an associate professor of history and ethnic studies at UNL, does not celebrate Kwanzaa, but knows about its traditions and has friends who celebrate it.

"Kwanzaa is an Afro-centric holiday but it is about African-Americans uniting with culture," Dorsey said.

Kelley said the holiday was often mistaken as a substitute for Christmas, which it isn't. Just as people celebrate the Christian culture and tradition of Christmas, she said, people celebrate Kwanzaa as a tradition and celebration of African-American culture.

"Kwanzaa is not just a substitute for Christmas ... it is an addition."

Holidays promise R&R, family, football for students

By JAMIE SUHR
Staff Reporter

Finals will soon be over and it will be time for relief from the stress and tension.

For many students winter break is a time to visit family, go to work, or just kick back.

Freshman business major Amy Patras uses the vacation to work at the grocery mart in Sargent to pay for tuition. This is the only time of year that she gets to work full time.

Joe Bousquet, a freshman meteorology major, will use his time off to fulfill a dream. He's obtaining a pilot's license.

Graduate student Ted Bubak has learned to balance his holiday time between his two loves.

"I'm going to relax and spend time with my wife. If I'm not doing that then I'll be out bow hunting or working at Lemke Construction," he said.

For students who live away from their families, the break can give them a much-needed time to visit.

Senior psychology major John Christensen said he is going out of town to visit his grandmother, grandfather and brother. "I haven't seen them since the summer," he said.

The winter break may be the only time for some parents to see their sons and daughters during the school year.

It's been a year since Nicole Madsen, freshman pre-physical ther-

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py major, has seen her dad. She said she's going down to Clearwater, Fla., to get reacquainted.

Some students say the travel will help them relieve the stress from finals week.

Kenny Ford, a junior business finance major, is not going to rely on just one trip to get away from the stress.

"I'm traveling to Atlanta, Cleveland and Los Angeles. I need to get out, release some tension. I plan on spending my break resting from all the testing," he said.

For Cornhusker fans, Jan. 2 will be an important day. The Huskers will face Tennessee for a chance at their third national title in four years.

"I'm going to Miami to watch the Orange Bowl and to cheer on my boys to a win," said Kim Pella, a freshman interior design major. "Then I'll go home to Overland Park, Kan., and shop."

A couple of weeks away from classes can give students a fresh start and a chance to regroup for next semester's trials and tribulations. Jessica Fujan, a freshman architecture major, said she would relax while spending time with family and friends.

"I'll just enjoy the time off from studying."

No students excluded in ticket lottery

From Staff Reports

All students who entered the ticket lottery for the Orange Bowl game will receive tickets.

The Athletic Department Ticket Office sold exactly 500 tickets — which was the total number available, Ticket Office Director John Anderson said. "The lottery is now void," he said.

Last week, students could enter the lottery with no guarantee they would receive tickets.

Anderson said ticket sales multiplied after Coach Tom Osborne announced his resignation Wednesday. About 300 tickets were sold on Friday.

The Huskers will play Tennessee Jan. 2 in Pro Player Stadium in Miami.

Students may pick up their tickets at the Athletic Department Ticket Office any time after Wednesday. The hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Election '98

Wilson calls off campaign plans to stay in state

From Staff Reports

Jimmy Wilson Sr. said Sunday he is "99 percent sure" he won't run for Congress in 1998.

Wilson, who founded the James B. Wilson Jr. Memorial Foundation after his son was murdered in August 1995 while working as an Omaha police officer, said he wanted to continue the foundation's work in Nebraska rather than seek the 2nd District congressional seat.

In recent weeks, Wilson said he had been approached about running for the Republican nomination. He said he was flattered by those who encouraged him to run, but said he had decided to stay in Nebraska and work for the passage of tougher crime laws.

"I think with what I'm doing, who I am and what I stand for, I could do a hell of a lot more here in Nebraska than I could do in Washington, D.C."

Forensics team dominates two tournaments

From staff reports

The UNL forensics team had a victory and another major achievement last weekend in two separate tournaments.

One part of the team, consisting mostly of younger members, took first place over 19 other teams in a tournament at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Freshman Jody Christopherson's win in prose interpretation, junior Wayne Bena's win in communication analysis, and senior Roger Stahl's victories in poetry interpretation and oral interpretation helped the team win for the second time in three years. Christopherson and freshman Katie Koch also won in duo interpretation.

At a two-part tournament in Tempe, Ariz., the rest of the team took fifth among 64 schools. Senior Mike Wagner won in communication analysis at the semester's largest tournament. Second-place winners included senior David Azizinamini in poetry interpretation and Wagner in after-dinner speaking.

In the first semester, the forensics team has won 36 championships and 153 awards.

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