Is it just my imagination or was I seeing new events and visitors throughout our campus environment earlier this fall? Images of Tommy Lee, CNN, and Access Hollywood have inundated Husker Haven. Did you observe the same images?

As a professional organization, paying attention to such images is vital to our professional development, relationships, and market value. These images represent change.

Although change accompanies unfamiliarity and foreign feelings, it also revolutionizes our ideas and concepts as a learning institution. In turn, our minds are stimulated and willing to consider different methods and techniques. Therefore, change becomes an essential tool in re-engineering an improved UNL atmosphere.

In the coming weeks, I challenge you to take notice of our campus surroundings! However, do not merely admire images and modifications. Analyze them. Truly realize how different it is for UNL to have had Tommy Lee on campus. Assimilating to such campus changes will strengthen us for a similar journey and transformation. Like a caterpillar to a butterfly. Then, putting our “heads” together we can devise a creative plan for implementing such reform to our own image as an organization.

People will say, “Have you observed the same images? UAAD ROCKS! They are not full of members who are ‘Too Fast for Love’! They are a ‘Live Wire’ and will ‘Take me to the Top’!”

How do YOU see UAAD?

Great Green Holidays!

We’re sharing holiday ideas at the December 15th Graze & Mingle that will delight the eye and help us ease the strain that our annual festivities place on our beloved planet. Reduce, reuse, recycle -- and by all means revel! Lower your holiday costs and in the process turn would-be “trash” into clever treasures. Please let me know if you’ve got samples of “Green Holiday” ideas that you’d like to add to our festive UAAD Green Ideas display at the next Graze & Mingle (mkocz@unl.edu).

Veterans History Project ...Continued

If you and your family and acquaintances would like to learn how to record the first-hand stories of wartime veterans for the archives at the U.S. Library of Congress, please send me an email asking to be added to the interest list (mkocz@unl.edu). Judy Rosenkotter from the Veterans History Project closed our November meeting with an invitation to all of us to become involved in interviewing veterans for this wonderful mission.

Judy has already made preliminary arrangements with Project trainer Mary Schubert to offer a special training session for UAAD members and their guests during January 2005. The training is free. At this point the date and time are to be determined, but the session will most likely be on an evening or weekend. Also, if you are a veteran and would consent to be interviewed for the Project, I’ll be happy to help connect you with Project volunteers. For text and audio samples of interviews that are now part of the national VHP archive, visit “Experiencing War: Stories from the Veterans History Project” at http://www.loc.gov/folklife/vets/stories/wwiilist.html
Don’t Misuse Confusing Word Pairs

Some words or phrases sound alike but possess subtle differences in meaning. In the following sentences, pick the word that best conveys the meaning of the sentence:

1. She is (likely/liable) to succeed. He is (liable/likely) to be misunderstood.
2. Her stingy behavior was (contemptible/contemptuous). His rebellion showed his (contemptible/contemptuous) nature.
3. He (differed from/differed with) his brother in both his temperament and appearance. She (differed from/differed with) her neighbors over their political leanings.
4. That is (an especially/a specially) good idea. The guitar was (especially/specially) designed for left-handed players.

Answers:

1. She is likely to succeed. He is liable to be misunderstood. **Rule:** Likely means probably destined; liable means exposed or destined in a negative sense.
2. Her stingy behavior was contemptible. His rebellion showed his contemptuous nature. **Rule:** Contemptible means deserving contempt; contemptuous means feeling or showing contempt.
3. He differed from his brother in both his temperament and appearance. She differed with her neighbors over their political leanings. **Rule:** To differ from people is to be different from them; to differ with them is to express disagreement.
4. That is an especially good idea. The guitar was specially designed for left-handed players. **Rule:** Especially means particularly or extremely; specially means for a particular purpose.

Happy Holidays!