Smoking ban pending

Hospitality industry shares concerns at Chamber forum

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Features Editor

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Knowledge of the Newsworthy

ACROSS
1. In Havana, he just organized a march of protest against what he called America’s “rude provocations.”
4. The “birds” have it — and humans are getting it too.
6. Gunmen stormed the offices of a major oil company in this country, which impacts on U.S. energy supplies.
8. The highest score ever by a basketball player in an NBA games was one ________.
9. The given name of the sports figure who scored the highest-ever score in a NBA game.
11. In Venezuela, this American singer and activist called Bush “the greatest terrorist” and “the greatest tyrant” in the world.
12. The U.S. military is conducting war games in this Far East country.
13. Commentators say the American people wholeheartedly support Bush only in this one public issue, following a deadly airstrike in Pakistan.
14. Which “fruitful” computer company joins the board of directors of Disney when Pixar is bought out?
15. Where’s Nemo? The computer animation company now being bought by the Disney Company at more than $7 billion.
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DOWN
2. Scientists are reporting that less and less of this is reaching Earth, but our planet is not cooling.
3. After a 25-year hiatus, the latest “sport” in the mountains of war-torn Afghanistan is championed by Afghan champion Hamayoon Kargar.
4. This longtime company is going through a reduction in force — many laid off and plants closing.
5. A Swiss investigator has accused the United States of outsourcing ________ in CIA secret prisons.
7. This mountain is in the news, with its cowboy scenes even making the Drudge Report.
8. This giant mammal swam up the Thames, but it was the only one that did not have a whale of a time.
9. This 42-year-old Oscar-winning actor, of “Goodfellas,” reportedly punched a college student in the mouth in a parking lot.
10. High winds are causing wildfires in this state.
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THURSDAY, JAN. 26, 2006

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Dedicated to the many seniors who get hit with those last few flings, much like myself.

-Mike Adelman

Warrior bride looks for blood

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More important than the changes in my physical appearance is the way I feel when I wake up in the morning. I have more energy and more motivation to handle all my daily activities, and I’m feeling more confident and capable than I ever have before. This isn’t to say that I haven’t had some struggle in the last 24 days or so, I have. With encouragement, motivation and will power, I’ve been able to overcome my addictions to chocolate and Dr. Pepper, as well as my other bad habits, slowly but surely.

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UNK Student Body President Brad Bohn is a pre-med and exercise science double-major who has more on his ego than politics. "I'm a very open guy if you get to know me. If you don't know me, come and introduce yourself," Bohn said.

"If you want to shoot the breeze or have an issue or complaint, I'll do my best to get you the best explanation.

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In the fall of 2001, he was a freshman who had a perfect idea of his college life in mind.

Bohn figured that he would be in college for five years, playing football, and then going to medical school.

Five years later, he is a fifth year "super" senior, and no longer is involved with football, due to injuries.

He currently represents the interests of UNK students as student body president.

It was the fourth game of the 2004 football season when Bohn's two-year, healthy streak ended, due to a knee injury.

After the summer semester, he realized that football was no longer in his best interest.

Later that same year, Bohn received his interest.

A graduate at a dinner with University President, J.R. Millikin, Bohn decided to run for student body president.

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Bohn knew that he wanted to do something that allowed him to work with.united and stimulated, and that wasn't getting enough involvement, he said.

"I thought, 'Talk about his political interest with UNK student government, while at the dinner with Milliken."

A later day, Bohn decided to call Vincent, to ask if he was interested in running with him for the UNK student body president and vice president positions.

From there, they pursued the process of getting elected.

Bohn had no knowledge of Student Government, and eight weeks to figure things out was a learning experience, he said.

After the summer session, Bohn gained confidence, was able to explore and got involved with things he thought he would never done, he said.

"We had some rough spots at times," Tom Schundl, a Ravenna senior majoring in business administration, said.

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Abha Leubs Big Friend and UNK senior

The program is currently seeking students to join its team. There are still several students waiting to be matched.

"The Big Friend Program is wonderful for our kids," Theresa Cordes, a counselor at both the Central and Criminal Elementary schools, said.

"The Little friends always speak about their Big friends, and the wonderful activities they do, or how much fun they have together.

According to UNK's Website, "Friends is a supervised, volunteer program that connects adult mentors with children identified as having a special need for friendship, by their school counselors and teachers.

The purpose of the program is to establish a one-to-one relationship between the college student and child, with role modeling being the main objective."

I feel like, one of our children, they feel like the community is concerned about them, she said.

The volunteers sign on to spend at least 1 hour per week with their Little friend. Big and Little friends are matched for an academic year, or more if possible.

"It's a good feeling to do something for the positive role model in a child's life. I have found it to be a very rewarding experience," Abha Leubs, a senior at UNK, said.

"The one thing that we always need more of is male volunteers," Cordes said.

They feel us positive and enthusiastic knowing, that in some way, they are making a difference in the life of their Little friend.

To register or gain more information about the Program, contact advise April Roggasch at (308) 236-2366, or by e-mail at friendsprogram@mona.unl.edu.

"Brad Bohn is real. He is going to tell you how it is, and he's not much for sugar-coating things," he said.
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Stauffer, in her role as the current managing editor of “The Carillon,” said she has worked with Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society in order to showcase the writings of UNK students. Heather Stauffer, in her role as the editor of “The Carillon,” is responsible for collecting and sorting the creative writing submissions that “The Carillon” receives from students, and bringing them to different committees for review and selection.

“The Carillon” is a fiction journal [...] and it’s basically a showcase of local writers in our school, so that they can have their work available to other students and peers,” Stauffer said. “We have a lot of talented students on our campus and it’s great to have it all in one place. To have it all, in one collection, is really outstanding.”

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Carillon's has had many unique covers throughout its publication. Photo by Kathlene Jordan

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First meet ends with 14 first-place finishes

Shannon J. Matthews
Staff Writer

The first indoor track meet of the spring semester went well for the UNK Lopers. Both men and women had seven first-place finishes at Fort Hays State, Tabor College, St. John College and Cullowhee Community College came to Kearney to compete in the meet.

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“Right now I am trying to improve my form to get my goal,” he said.

Pfeiffer won first in the shot put event for the Loper Open. He is also ranked second nationally in Division II.

Gelli Dring and Dans Tobeck kept up UNK’s winning streak when they were named RMAC male and female field athletes of the week last week. Dring and Tobeck are freshmen who were honored for their efforts at the Holiday Inn Invite.

The Loper Open was Saturday in Cushing.

Next week, the Lopers host the Charlie Foster Classic in Cushing.

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Phillipsburg, Kan., took first in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.52.

Lance Pfeiffer, a junior in business administration, placed fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:56.05.
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Eventually, the Y anney Heritage Park Foundation will turn the entire park over to the City of Kearney. "When the transfer will take place depends on when both the city and the foundation are ready," Tye said. "The area [of the park], south of the tower, will eventually be deeded to the city following completion of the Environmental Resource Center."

Additional features for the park include another picnic shelter on the west end of the lake and another shelter on the bike trail that winds through the park.  

"One of the shelters will be dedicated to Sue Bush, who worked for the foundation for a long time before passing away recently," Tye said. "The family of Sue pooled donations for the shelter."  

Tye explained that although the foundation is not prepared to release information about further projects at the park, "there is a pretty exciting stuff that will be constructed along the bike and hike trail."

He said that when the park is completely finished, the foundation would have raised approximately $4 million in property to the city.  

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