UNK students attend inauguration

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We can all agree that when it comes to political speeches we have to learn to read between the lines. Although the day after the inauguration President Obama made the promise to make the White House and what goes on within our government more transparent, his inaugural speech still needs to be deciphered.

Lies, from the beginning and working our way through a speech that I found to be quite complete and coherent, President Obama begins by talking about taking back the oath “amid gathering clouds and rising storms,” and then goes into the phrases that fascinate me the most, economics, national security, health care, and our failing school system. What was really being said was, “I just want you to say thank you for handing me a much longer list of things to do, and I only have four years to clean it all up or I lose my job.” He followed this with a CYC (cover your butt) statement that said, “That these indicators of crisis are subject to data and statistics. Real meaning — if you turn the paper upside down it doesn’t look so bad.”

So here we have to be on the lookout when the President says things that are not the straightforward way he knows. We have to practice—we have to train ourselves to be critical thinkers and to analyze what they are saying.

We need to work carefully through the speech and to think through what he is saying and how it relates to the speech immediately before it. We have to think about the larger context of what is going on in the world, what is going on in the country, and what his speeches are all about. We have to think about the audience he is trying to appeal to and what the political environment is like at the time he speaks.

Political speech deciphered: Obama’s inaugural speech

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While college students struggle to get by with everyday expenses such as gas money, rent and other living expenses, tuition increases keep students struggling to manage money and juggling to balance bank statements.

“I usually just get my income from scholarships, financial aid and work study, but this semester I had to actually get a second job in order to pay for my tuition and my other general living expenses,” said junior Hope Marsh, a health and physical education major from Kearney.

According to the UNK site, UNK has one of the lowest tuition rates in the country at $145.50 per credit hour. However, this would not have been increasing since 2001 about six percent bit since 2006.

In an interview about the tuition increase, student, Jeni Sommers, director of financial aid, loans and grants said that since we’ve done a good job, it’s virtually increasing.

“Whoever is in charge of the foundation works with foundations in order to ensure that the criteria that the foundation we have set are so aggressive that every student has a chance every semester to earn extra money.”

“Students and parents are frustrated and with the economy worsening, the strain on students and parents will also worsen,” Sommers said.

She explained that the best advice she can give to students is to maximize chances of getting aid by paying attention to application deadlines and applying early for aid.

Sommers also said that students should already start applying for the 2009-2010 semester in order to maximize opportunity for available funds. All students can begin application during the month of February.

“The system makes it very easy for students to apply for these scholarships. You don’t even need to only submit one application for literally hundreds of scholarships.”

Sommers also reiterated that the UNK provides a financial aid office for students informed, and students are welcomed to ask questions at any time.

“Students do not take advantage of the money offered. Students need to complete the online application. We also do not because they think they will not qualify. You do not qualify if you do not apply,” Sommers said.

The online application for the UNK Continuing Student is available on the UNK WebEAS home page.

Events Center books in UNK students

By Sara Quisenberry

Recently, the Fire!The Events Center Center in UNK students has been getting high praise.

“Everything has totally impressed me.”

Brittany Osborne, a junior English major from Aurora.

Osborne said that the evening’s performance was one that she would like to feature in The Antelope. We need to have a system that is going to be able to be able to work well with the when they come to the time. Sommers said.

“You are your family, you are at the campus, you are the only ones that have to worry about the things that they have to worry about,” Sommers said.

She explains that the UNK is looking forward to a new student.

“It will be a great opportunit for students to get together around the nation and get together to be able to do something that we can do.”

Wolfgang said.

According to Wolfgang, “Students and other political science majors or minors. The diverse makeup of UNK’s model UN team, to travel to Boston to compete in the 2009 model United Nations Conference on International Affairs.

This year, UNK selected the Latin American state of Bolivia as the country at the model UN Conference. This year, students will research Bolivia’s legal and political issues including human rights, political decentralization and terrorism and natural resources to prepare for the conference.

Each student is responsible for their role and the time they are willing to put in,” Wolfgang said.

Kettner added. “We are looking forward to a new conference. We have been getting high praise from all different sources, such as support from the state, but I have been impressed.”

Sommers said.

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in the lineup, the Lopers showed double of the season (in just her bounds for her fifth double-
18 points and grabbed 10 re-

since Dec. 1.

who had been out with an injury.

against the Orediggers of the Men's and Women's Basketball

from Colorado Christian.

and senior Jonni Mildenberger of Kearney and senior Jade Meads of Salina who were also strong from beyond the arc.

Kearney and senior Jade Meads

doubled their efforts, having a successful night together.

and a successful night with 12 points scored.

The Lopers also struggled in the second half to finish well above her average of 16.6 points per game, with a team-high 25 points.

She also collected 15 rebounds.

possession of Elsie. "We came out strong,

in the pole vault and 60 me-
ter dash, senior Kelli Dring of Grand Island, and freshman Allen Owen of Chadron in the 60 meter hurdles.

Dring and Owen qualified for nationals, and Owen's time of 9.20 was the third fastest in school history.

The Lopers improved to 4-5 in the conference and 9-8 overall.

Colorado Christian, meanwhile, falls to 5-4 in the RMAC and 9-8 overall.

Photo by Garrett Ritonya

Sophomore Kortni Perez of Kearney and senior Jode Meads of Elsie also finished in double figures for the Lopers.

Petro finished the night with 12 points, while Mildenberger scored 11 points.

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The Lopers improve for nationals, and Osborn's time

don't come easy without coach-

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The performance that the team displayed at the meet was really impressive for me to watch as a coach. All week we had been talking about competing with ourselves within this team and how we were going to need to be very competitive at this meet, especially because it was an alumni week.

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tions have come into play in a great way," Bonhall said.

The events that improved Coach Bonhall the most were the throwers and distance runners.

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"The bench turned out to be as the spark for us, and it did a great job with that," Randell said.

"Juni has been our go-to kid all year long. She just continues to amaze everyone, especially at conference," Bonsall

while. He had 20 in double
digits was senior forward

In the opening contest of the

in seven rebounds. He had 20

piling up 38 points and hauling

the win for Christian.

"We played a decent first half and a very poor second half, and if you don't score for 40 minutes it's very hard to win," Bonsall said.

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As an athlete that impressed him the most performance-wise was Jonni Mildenberger who was the top qualifier for nationals in three out of four events.

"I think the team are look-
ing to improve as we are tapering off, the team has group of particip-
ating and winning at the National Meet in Houston.

Photo by Justin Buchanan

Senior Garrett Ritonya from Wray, Colo., claims a hurdle in the Men's Indoor Track Team's 30 top three finishes, including 30 first

place finishes, at the Charlie Fine

for Invitational Saturday.

"Coming into Saturday night's games with Colorado

Christian, both of UNK's basketball teams were heaving

goaling three-game losing streaks. UNK's basketball teams were

though, the Lopers men were able to stay in losing streaks without

In the pole vault and 60 meter hurdles.

Chris Deans, a freshman from Hasting, Nebraska, scored 37 points to lead the way for the Lopers.

Junior Richard Marion of Omaha and sophomore Jessica of St. Edward was also fin-

ished in doubles, scoring 11 points and 14 points respectively.

UNK's leaders in the Conference, Bonsall said the team have goals of partici-

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Men's basketball can't hold off hot-shooting Cougars

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In the fall of 2009, UNK football will not be the only non-scholarship sport, as UNK will add a Women’s Soccer Team. With the addition of women’s soccer, UNK will now offer nine intercollegiate women’s sports and become the 11th school in the RMAC to sponsor women’s soccer leaving Chadron State, Western New Mexico and Western State as the only RMAC schools that do not sponsor an easy task though, and the decisions were not ones that an easy task though, and the decisions were not ones that hinged on many factors.

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Spearheading the effort to make the program competitive on the field will be new Head Coach Mike Munch, who McBride says, brings all the right things to not only get the program up and running, but to have it to have success as well. McBride says that the model set up to fund a women’s soccer program is not designed to put a strain on any other sports.

The model we set it up with is a self-sufficient model, so it’s not designed to be a strain on other sports," McBride said. "We are using some fees and some private dollars to support the program."

One part of the budgetary issue that has to be dealt with is with financial aid, specifically scholarships. McBride says now where some are budgeted and academically aid it will be used to supplement those. He also mentioned that over time, the number of scholarships should grow, making the program more competitive.

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Luring Lopers beyond their imagination

By Leah Petersen

Almost 40 students at UNK looked around and found a way they can each make their passion in life a reality through fun education at UNK: the travel and tourism major in the department of health, physical education, recreation and leisure studies.

Barbara Amundson is the main lecturer for the travel and tourism major. Speaking about the work involved: “It’s bigger,” she said with a smile to follow. Her students describe her as a very energetic and enthusiastic professor. However, they added that they take a lot away from her classes because she is serious about the material she presents.

Students can take many different directions with the major. Though there are students who want to become tour guides or travel agents, most of the students have something different in mind. Other students aspire to become event planners, wedding planners, tourism marketers and travel writers, among other things.

Between the marketing, leadership, research, and general knowledge classes required for the major, students gain an extensive knowledge on how they can someday turn their excitement into a career.

Students in the travel and tourism major have a very good chance of striking a job after graduation. The travel and tourism segment is very large within the job industry. Anything from hotels to transportation to restaurants to casinos and beyond is a possible job for a travel and tourism major. Amundson encourages students to get creative with what they can do in the future.

Lacy Marshall, a senior travel and tourism major from Elm Creek said, “We’re not all about tour guides and travel agents. There’s a lot more you can do with the major.” Marshall will be graduating in December and is looking to become a wedding or event planner. Although she doesn’t know where she will complete her internship this summer, she hopes this will be a chance for her to start to apply her knowledge from classes in the real world.

The Travel and Tourism Club meets once every two weeks on Tuesday afternoons. There are 20 students involved in the club. In addition to the meetings, the club takes part in many campus activities like Homecoming and Mardi Gras, where they have won prizes for their creative displays. Students can talk to Marshall, president of the Travel and Tourism Club, or any other member of the club to join. There is a $5 membership fee for one year.

Amundson’s office is located in the recreation department’s office in Cushing. She is available for appointments with students who would like to learn more about the major.

No such thing as a fun major?

By Leah Petersen

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