MONA presents Black History

Black history hangs on the walls at MONA, which is depicted through a series of photographs by John Johnson. The photographs capture the lives and culture of the black community in Lincoln in the 20th century.

BY MEGAN BLUME
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Two heads stand four-feet tall in the granite room of the Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA). The heads of women cast from plaster, stark and white, are the largest works on display for the new MONA exhibit “A Greater Spectrum: African American Artists of Nebraska 1912-2010.”

The exhibit features 22 African American artists, who have all lived in Nebraska at some point in their lives. A total of 91 artworks from the early 20th century to today grace the galleries of MONA. The works range from photographs to sculptures and cover a range of cultural perspectives.

“The catalogue is the first publication to provide a historical overview of the role of African American artists in reflecting and shaping Nebraska culture,” said Teliza Rodriguez, MONA Curator.

The exhibit features several influential African American artists including Aaron Smith, who graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the 1920s and became one of the leading artists of the Harlem Renaissance in New York. It also features work from current Omaha artists Little Alston, Wanda Ewing and Therman Statom.

A series of photographs by John Johnson are on loan from the Nebraska State Historical Society and provide a look at the black community in Lincoln during the
February semester abroad deadlines fast approaching

BY BECKY SEIDEL
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SHOVELING OUT IS HARD WORK

Leicy Franklin, a junior radiography major from Bridgeport, works to dig her car out after Kearney’s second snow storm of the year on January 18. According to the Kearney Hub, Kearney received 10.2 inches from the storm that hit Kearney on January 8 and caused several school and business closings including UNK. The second storm added approximately five more inches on top of the snow the area had already received. “It was nice to have a few snow days, but I’m going to be really relieved when all this snow melts,” Franklin said.
Keep rooting Husker fans, but call a dog 'a dog'

BY STEVEN FARRENS
Guest columnist

The only reason I know the University of Nebraska at Lincoln has a men's basketball program is because they've been the laughingstock of the NCAA for over a century. You don't hear "Go Big Red" after football season because doing so might cause an old man to keel over from laughter. The team is a dirty little secret at a university known for their athletic prowess and loyal fans. They're the dog at your house who's blind, deaf and without bladder control. You know you're supposed to love him, but you'd rather save your family the false hope and just put the canine down.

That's all their 14-5 record is, false hope. And you're all buying into it. Again.

Must I remind you that Wishbone is about the most worthless dog in the history of BCS dogs that play basketball. They're one of the three remaining BCS teams who have never won a single game in the NCAA tournament. They haven't made an appearance since 1998, and they've only done so six times in the history of the program. Wishbone's the kind of dog Michael Vick puts out of its misery.

Ironically, this year's false hope comes more from a loss than anything else. Nebraska put the nation's longest home winning streak in question when they brought then-undefeated Kansas to the brink of defeat last week in Lawrence. Texas took the honors of ending the Jayhawks' streak this past Saturday (which is yet another example of how strong the Big 12 is this year). They've since defeated 14-6 Colorado by 12, only to fall on Saturday to Texas Tech, a team that had been winless in conference play. Still think this old dog has learned new tricks?

Let's look at the facts.

Five of Nebraska's 14 wins came on a powder-puff non-conference schedule before being picked alive by the competition in the Big 12. In fact, we may easily be watching yet another rendition of Husker déjá vu, as the Huskers have started out with amazing records that fizzled repeatedly since 2005.

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Sudoku

As you buckle down for 2011...

How to play:

Sudoku is a placement puzzle. The aim of the puzzle is to enter a numeral from 1 through 9 in each cell of a grid. Each row, column and region must contain only one instance of each numeral. Completing the puzzle requires patience and logical ability. The puzzle initially became popular in Japan in 1986 and attained international popularity in 2005.

What are you excited for?

“I'm excited about meeting new people and making connections that will last a lifetime.”
Andrea LaRosa
Freshman/Pre-nursing
Plattsmouth

What are you worried about?

“I'm worried about surviving football and getting enough money for school.”
Michael Bohn
Freshman/Biology and pre-medicine
Ravenna

What is your goal for the new year?

“My goal for 2011 is to be accepted into grad school and pursue higher learning.”
Laura McAtee
Senior/English, Philosophy
Wahoo

Find answer on page 6
www.sudoku-puzzles.net
UNK Intramurals offer fun fitness

BY MICHAEL COOLEY  
Antelope News Staff

The weather outside is frightful, and — well, let’s face it. Our workout ethic isn’t too hot, either. It’s the new year, and that means there are around 10 million New Year’s resolutions saying that 2011 will bring in more workouts, a healthy diet and some shedding of pounds, of course. Or to not mention, the winning of the lottery and a bedroom at the Playboy mansion. I think it’s safe to say that Hugh won’t be calling any of us asking for rent payment, and we won’t strike it big outside the local mini-mart either. We can, however, manage to keep control of what we’re eating and how we fit in our workout schedule.

Some may complain that school and work overrun their schedule too much for them to fit in some calorie-burning. Others may add that they don’t have a local membership, or they don’t want to drive to campus just to wait for a turn on the elliptical. For all those mentioned, I believe me when I say that I have the solution for you in just one word: intramurals. It’s all there with team sports like basketball, softball, dodgeball, soccer and two-man (or woman) competition racquetball, badminton, or co-rec four-on-four volleyball. My personal favorites: odd-ball competitions such as inner-tube water polo and the always popular broomball madness tournament.

You can’t tell me that none of these interest you even in the slightest! Intramurals are also an excellent way to make sure you stick to it, providing a regular schedule of when you and your squad are to compete. And if by some chance you can’t find a group of friends to get the heart pounding with you, there’s still hope to keep those New Year’s goals in tact.

You can fill out a form, which lets you become a “free-agent” and then be placed on a team looking for more players to help them bring home the championship, as well as the T-shirt. If playing hoops or swinging around the ol’ racquet with complete strangers isn’t your slice of pie, you can compete in solo one-day events, like the spring break 5k, disc golf, the home run derby or wrestling.

Now let’s remember, it’s all in the name of fun, right? You can relax from all the sweat and soreness by kicking back and trying to win in one of the more mellow events that are offered: scrabble, pitch, some tenacious Texas Hold’em, foosball, ping-pong and the always popular Nintendo Wii tournament. For a full list of intramural events, go to www.unk.edu and search intramurals, or stop by the intramural offices at the Health and Sports center.

No matter your gender or interests, an intramural is for you awaits. Whether you’re looking to compete and have a little fun or go for the gold in the A leagues, intramurals are an excellent way to keep yourself on track for those New Year’s resolutions. Who knows, maybe with that new bod, Mr. Hefner will be callin’ for next month’s rent after all.

Loper wrestling proving its worth

Team makes way as top national contenders

BY ANDREW TIDWELL  
Antelope Sports Staff

Coming into the 2010-2011 wrestling season, many doubts surrounded the abilities of the 12th ranked Lopers to replace six graduated All-Americans and make it to a seventh straight Top Five finish at the NCAA Championships.

The Lopers have been making a strong case as a top contender in the national spotlight with second ranked T.J. Hepburn from East Hampton, Conn., at 149 pounds and Dalton Jenson from Missouri Valley, Iowa, standing fourth at 141 pounds. Also moving up in the rankings was Ben Hohensee from Monett, Mo., jumping up to third, while Joey Wilson from Half Moon Bay, Calif., at 165 pounds rolled back to fifth in the polls coming off a loss.

Another Loper making noise as they begin their conference bouts is sopho-
more Ross Brunkhardt from Merino, Colo. After a promising freshman sea-
son, Brunkhardt was forced to redshirt the next two seasons. The recent offseason was focused on regaining strength and rehabbing his injuries, and Brunkhardt is finally getting to showcase his talents once again. Since being moved up to 184 pounds, Brunkhardt has a 16-1 record and continues to show improvements week to week.

“I feel good about my move to ‘84s. I’m definitely excited to get into confer-
ence and show what I can do,” he said after going 3-0 at last week’s Central Mis-
souri Dual Jamboree.

Within the next week, the Lopers will be facing fifth ranked University of Central Oklahoma, first ranked UNO and tenth ranked Adams State College. UNK will be hosting this year’s NCAA Nation-
al Championship Tournament in March.

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Snow collapses metrodome

Snowstorm puts damper on UNK baseball team

BY GANDY HENRY
Antelope Sports Staff

UNK students were greeted by a large snowstorm upon their return to campus for the spring semester. Students enjoyed two extra days of winter break as the university declared two consecutive snow days. However, the snow has presented a challenge for the UNK baseball team.

With their first game of the season set for Feb. 19 in Emporia, Kan., the Lopers must work indoors and do their best to prepare for in-state rival Wayne State. The series against Wayne State was originally scheduled to be played at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis, until a snowstorm of more than 20 inches caused the inflatable roof to collapse on Dec. 12.

“We realize how lucky we are to have the facilities that we have in times like these,” said senior third baseman Luke Valerius. “Being able to take ground balls in Cushing is important because it helps us get reps before that first game.”

In order for the practice to work, the team splits up into three groups: travel roster players, freshmen and pitchers. For instance, the travel roster players begin the practice with hitting while the freshmen lift. After this, they drive to the Health and Sports Center for their defensive work, followed by returning to their facility to switch the hitting and lifting. The only thing the team cannot do in their indoor work is put together a full defense, as there is not enough space to put the outfielders and infielders together.

“Maybe if we get a break in weather and get the right conditions to clear off the football field, we can get some work done outside, but we have to prepare the best we can with what we have right now,” Buchanan said. With the freezing temperatures and more snow likely to come, chances are the team will be practicing indoors for much of the early season.

Emotions, along with second leg Brianna Nelsen, make a splash in the free relay versus Morningside, Iowa. The relay did win the race, despite losing the meet by 11 points.
Elite performer comes to UNK

Nizer's undeniable skill and wit set his shows apart from any other juggler on the circuit. He can juggle just about anything, from burning propane tanks to electric carving knives.

BY WES SCHRIER
Antelope staff

You shouldn't miss this LPAC show because it will keep you on the edge of your seat as well as makes you laugh, said the associate director of the student union Tim Danube.

“In short, Mark Nizer is a multi-talented entertainer who combines comedy, technology and world class juggling in his show,” Danube said. “He has been a juggling champion, won numerous awards for his show, traveled around the world to perform and has incorporated his own inventions into the act.”

Starting out at the age of 13, Nizer mastered his trade by the age of 19. Nizer won the International Juggling Championships in 1990, which boosted him to elite status. Performance Magazine raves, “Nothing less than brilliant.”

Nizer’s undeniable skill and wit set his shows apart from any other juggler on the circuit. He can juggle just about anything from burning propane tanks to electric carving knives with the blades running. He has opened for performers such as Bob Hope, Barry Manilow and Jerry Seinfeld.

Nizer has been performing for over 20 years. Audiences love him because you never know what will happen as he makes the impossible seem possible.

LPAC PRESENTS
MARK NIZER

Nizer will perform Feb. 1 at 8 p.m. in the Ponderosa Room in the Nebraskan Student Union. Public admission is $5. Students get in free with UNK I.D.

For more on Mark Nizer visit nizer.com/pages/video_pages/promovideo_3D_youtube.html

Kenneth Trantham, a professor of physics and department chair, has been teaching at UNK about one and one-half years. The apparatus downstairs in his lab, an electron accelerator, can make electrons and accelerate them to high speeds and smash them into an atom.

“We use this spin as a probe to look at certain interactions in atoms and molecules,” he said. “It’s really fun to accelerate electrons to half the speed of light and smash them into an atom. To me, it’s about observing and learning.”

OUTSTANDING LEADERS NEEDED

The Nebraska 4-H Camps at the Nebraska National Forest-Halsey, Schramm State Park-Gretna, and Harlan County Reservoir-Alma, are accepting applications for 2011 summer program staff. Lead outdoor programs- canoeing, tubing, rappelling/climbing, swimming, and many more.

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UNK hosts 'No Limits'

**Students research eco-feminism and artful healing**

**BY ASHLEY CLATTERBUCK**
Antelope Staff

Students should submit abstracts now for the annual women’s and gender studies conference in March. The deadline is Feb. 1.

UNK will host the “No Limits! Eco-feminism and Artful Healing” student research conference, an annual conference hosted on a rotating basis with the women’s and gender studies programs at UNL and UNO, on March 4-5.

Students from UNK, UNO, UNL and other regional colleges will present academic research papers and original projects that relate to women’s and gender issues. The conference is open to any interested students in the Great Plains region, which ranges from North Dakota to Kansas.

Students will present their work on panels with other students. Students will have about 20 minutes to present their research with a time for discussion/questions and answers. Original projects or artistic pieces will be on display.

What exactly is eco-feminism and artful healing? Dr. Linda Van Ingen, director of women’s and gender studies said, “This theme reflects a concern for the environment and natural disasters in our contemporary world and a desire to explore women’s roles in preventing resources exploitation and in aiding relief and recovery.”

**PRESENT YOUR WORK**

Students who are interested in presenting their work at the conference should send an e-mail to Dr. Linda Van Ingen at vaningenL1@unk.edu with “No Limits” in the subject line. Include the title of the paper, a short abstract about the work and your own contact information.

As part of the conference, poet Lenelle Moïse will present a program from “Speaking Intersections,” about the intersection of race, class, gender, spirit & sexuality.”

This will be Moïse’s first performance at UNK. She is a Haitian-American and an award-winning playwright and poet.

In addition to Moïse’s and student’s presentations, an alumni panel with students who have graduated with a women’s and gender studies degree will talk about how the women’s studies program has helped them in their careers and graduate programs. There will also be activities or “artful healing” such as a labyrinth walk and a dancing with colors program.

The conference will begin at 10 a.m. Friday, March 4 with registration and will wrap up on Saturday afternoon. Students can attend the whole or parts of the conference each day. It is free to register.

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early 20th century. Rudy Smith, who was the first African American on the editorial staff at the Omaha World-Herald, gives us a glimpse into the Civil Rights Movement. Smith’s photographs cover the Black Panthers, civil rights marches, a fair housing rally, and include photographs of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy.

“The Museum of Nebraska Art is grateful to have the opportunity to showcase each of these artists,” Rodriguez said. “We’re proud to present this ground-breaking exhibition.”

“A Greater Spectrum: African American Artists 1912-2010” exhibit will run through Black History Month until April 3.

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other sports. The Cornhusker baseball team had massive support from 2001-2005, but the fans have become mute since their last visit to the College World Series. And let’s be honest— I’ve seen more Auburn blue and Oregon green sweatshirts on campus than anything red.

Don’t claim to be a fan just because you live here, don’t you dare. If you’re going to root for Nebraska, you can’t be temperamental with your support. A true fan cheers for his team in spite of its record, not because of it. Scratch Wishbone’s belly while his hair falls out. Play fetch for as long as his legs will carry him. I know those fans exist somewhere. But I also know they’re outnumbered 10-1 by individuals who will throw the bone into traffic at the first sign of collapse. Wishbone deserves better.
Daughter of Malcolm X brings insight to UNK

BY ALEX MORALES
Antelope Staff

“A proper interpretation of historical facts helps us better understand our place in the human family,” Ilyasah Shabazz said about the significance of historical facts to an audience of over 200 at the Ponderosa Room in the student union Jan. 12.

With this premise, Shabazz gave a different perspective of the endeavors of her father that consequently led him to become one of the most prominent civil rights leaders of his time, Malcolm X.

She gave the audience context of the harsh realities and situations taking place in the U.S. that her father was fighting against.

“Many people don’t know that just in his twenties, Malcolm X rallied against lynching, murder, rape and theft of African resources and labor,” she said. “He was a man of great compassion willing to take a stand for others.”

In contrast to how Malcolm X’s story is often portrayed and perceived, such as in the 1992 film “Malcolm X,” Shabazz told of the positive environment in which he was raised. According to Shabazz, Malcolm X’s parents prepared him with leadership skills, literacy and responsibility.

Along with a factual stories of her father’s life, Shabazz also stressed how a proper grasp on history can empower individuals and provide the opportunity to give back to the culture.

“If we strive to achieve as individuals, we must give back to society,” she said.

Sophomore Yolima Rey, a political science major from Colombia, particularly enjoyed this part of Shabazz’s message. “I like how she pointed out the potential of greatness we have and how it’s tied to our responsibility of giving back,” she said.

Shabazz’s presentation was in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

“I am humbled and honored to be here on this occasion to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.,” she said. Despite a celebrated different approach in the civil rights movement by MLK and Malcolm X, Shabazz pointed out that the King and Shabazz families were close. “As a nation we are not forced to choose George Washington over Thomas Jefferson. We accept them both for the fight for freedom,” she said. Likewise, she pointed out, MLK and Malcolm X had a common endeavor. They sought justice for people.

Juan Guzman, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs was one of the leading event organizers.

“It was great to bring someone of this caliber to speak to our students. She has exceptional insights and has been great to work with,” he said.

It was Shabazz’s unique perspectives that senior Clifford Bodie from the Bahamas was after. “She is very knowledgeable of her father’s history and the culture. As a Bahamian, I am looking to gain more of that knowledge.”

Malcolm X’s ties to Nebraska played a key role in Ms. Shabazz’s visit to UNK. Malcolm X was born in Omaha on May 19, 1925.

Photos by Alex Morales

Photos by Rebecca McMickell
LEFT: Michael Beard, UNK assistant director of bands, conducts a festival band made up of talented high school musicians from across Nebraska and Kansas.

RIGHT: High school musicians perform a song they learned just hours before at the honor band and choral clinic hosted by UNK Monday. Of the 1,000 students who auditioned, 670 instrumentalists and vocalists from 109 Nebraska and Kansas high schools were selected to participate. After a day long clinic, they performed a concert at the Health and Sports Center.