Smoking ban takes another step towards reality

A vote on Wednesday, Feb. 13 by state senators advanced legislative bill 395, a proposed statewide smoking ban, to final reading by a vote of 33-13. The proposal made by Kearney Senator Joel Johnson would prohibit smoking in all public places throughout Nebraska, providing for very few exceptions. The measure was proposed last year but was stopped by Sen. Johnson when an opt-out clause for cities and counties was included. The opt-out would have allowed voters in cities and counties to override the statewide ban. Sen. Johnson has promised to kill this year’s version of the bill if opponents once again try to include the opt-out provision.

In the bill’s statement of intent, Sen. Johnson made it clear why he opposes allowing cities and counties to avoid enacting the ban. “LB 395 is designed to protect employers and the public from the hazards of second hand smoke in all indoor workplaces, including bars and restaurants,” Johnson said.

The proposal is modeled closely to the smoking ban adopted by city of Lincoln in January 2005. According to a survey that was conducted nearly one year after the Lincoln ban had been enacted, 84 percent of adult respondents indicated that they go out to eat or go to the bars either the same amount or more frequently than they did before smoking was banned. Lexington health education counselor, Kyle Smith, agrees with the ban and believes the measure would make Nebraska bars and restaurants more enjoyable.

“It would be good for everyone. It’s that extra that has to go outside to smoke for five minutes but it is hard to sit in a building that is full of smoke for a few hours,” Smith said.

Senior Wahoo teacher Jennifer Lanik, thinks the statewide ban is long overdue. “I’m surprised that more cities throughout Nebraska haven’t acted on implementing their own bans,” Lanik said.

One of the bill’s major opponents is Senator Phil Erdman of Bayard. In a statement that Sen. Erdman released on Feb. 13, he is quoted as saying the proposed bill “is in horrible shape.”

In talking about his opponents, Erdman said, “We can agree about the idea, but I cannot agree that the state needs to step in and pass LB 395.”

Sen. Erdman is expected to propose the opt-out amendment when the bill comes up for final reading. Senior Red Cloud recreational studies major, Travis Kenney, agrees with Sen. Erdman that the statewide smoking ban would not be good for Nebraska. “The ban has the potential to force small-town bars and restaurants out of business by alienating the regulars who have smoked for years,” Kenney said.

Kenney also believes that this proposal is an example of the state infringing on an individual’s right to choose behavior.

The next step for LB 395 is final reading where senators will decide whether or not to advance to proposal to the governor for passage. From there, it will be up to Governor Dave Heineman to either sign the bill into law or veto the measure. If the bill receives the governor’s support, it will become effective statewide in 2009.
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Michelle Widger, director of the program, also sets up an annual meeting where all alumni and graduates interact with the students.

This meeting includes a wine reception and banquet, all-day sessions and some networking. “This program shows students that you can be successful and do what you want to do," Widger said. “The alumni women we have are brilliant.”

The Gold Torch Society looks for women who are committed to dancing. He is an avid dancer, Salinas has also become known for his penchant for dancing. He is planning to major in dance and in the future hopes to continue sharing his abilities with others. Besides being a dance and choreographer for the UNK dance program, he also spends his time teaching dance to children through the Arts in Buffalo campus.

Salinas hopes that he can continue to make a positive impact on those people he interacts with every day. "I see myself making a difference in my daily life, through my personality and what I do here at UNK," Salinas said.

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The Readership Program in pilot run

Lange is originally from Fullerton, Calif., and attended high school in Fullerton. She plans to graduate in May 2008 with a bachelor’s degree in business administration with an emphasis in marketing.

Lange is also active on the UNK campus. She is currently the Vice President of Programming for the American Marketing Association, which she has been a member for three years. While in this role, Lange has helped to increase the awareness of the AMA. She leads the organization and scheduling of area business speakers for the purpose of sharing information about various marketing strategies used by companies in the country.

Lange was also voted as a member of Programming for the UNK campus. She is a member for three years.

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Loved by Michelle Allen

Frontier hires marketing intern for Kearney office

BY DANIEL APOLIS

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Young children have big dreams. They dream of being an astronaut, a firefighter or a professional athlete. For a lot of UNK students, those childhood dreams are long lost for many. For one former UNK baseball player, these dreams still remain very much alive and became a reality last summer.

After completing his eligibility for the UNK baseball team last spring, Cody Lusero, a senior from Lincoln, MBIS and economics major from Papillion, played for the 2008 season next weekend at the American Association.

One of the greatest moments in UNK baseball history turned into a summer full of baseball for Lusero.

Lusero led the 2007 Lopers to the team’s first RMAC Preseason Championship. He batted .440 with 13 home runs and 68 runs batted in, all team highs. He compiled numerous awards while playing second base this past season, including RMAC Player of the Year and All-American honors.

Even though Lusero already had a summer internship, getting the chance to play professionally was an opportunity he couldn’t pass up. “It’s always been a goal of mine to play professional baseball.”

Although Lusero was a standout at UNK, he had to make several adjustments when he joined the Saltdogs last summer. “At Kearney, I was always the older player, a leader showing the way for younger players,” Lusero said. “In Lincoln, I work on the team learning form the older veterans.”

While being a rookie without a starting role and making his own, Lusero had to play several different roles for the Lincoln Saltdogs in order to find time on the playing field. He spent time at second base, third base and in the outfield.

“I didn’t really care where I played as long as I could get into the lineup. Playing anywhere on the field was fine with me,” Lusero said.

Even though he didn’t get on the field every day, Lusero said that playing for the Saltdogs was a great experience. “It was a great experience. With the third travel all summer and play baseball,” Lusero said. “I’ve always been a professional athlete under his belt, Lusero is looking forward to joining the Saltdogs again this summer. “This summer I’d like to travelall summer and play baseball. “This summer I’d like to travel all summer and play baseball.”

Former baseball star takes first step towards achieving life-long dream

Lopers look to four returning first team all-state picks to fuel their 2008 season.

The first semi-final matchup pits Wendy’s against the Drive-in, Sonic. After Smith had voted for both Sonic and Wendy’s and the variety of their menus, this was a test for the first judge. Both menus give me a lot of options to choose from,” Smith said. “But Wendy’s is just cheaper. And greasier. And I like that.”

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Memorable season for Loper trio
Hinkley, Mathis and Meads all reach 1,000 point mark this year

BY AMANDA BELLS
Antelope Staff

After being projected to win the RMAC in the pre-season polls and after reaching 20 wins in the regular season for the fifteenth time in school history, what more could the women’s team add to their already stellar accomplishment? How about the fact that three members of the UNK Women’s Basketball team have hit the 1,000 point mark in their careers, an unprecedented accomplishment.

Seniors Amy Mathis and Melissa Hinkley, and junior Jade Meads have all played huge roles in the success of the Lopers this year.

"The 1,000 point thing didn’t even cross my mind until Jade did it." Mathis said.

"It’s an honor individually to do something like this, but it means more now that we get to share the experience with each other."

Mathis, a Millard North alumna, has had the most experience with each other.

"Even though I’m only a junior, I try to be one of the go-to people when it comes to leadership responsibility. Our seniors do a great job of leading us, but I try to be a leader too," Meads said.

Although these three women have accomplished a great feat, it is nothing compared to what lies ahead of them.

"I am just trying to finish this season playing with more intensity," Mathis said.

"I’m staying in the gym after practice quite a bit perfecting my shot. By this time in the season, everyone knows that I drive, so I’ve really been working on my shot," Meads said.

Hinkley is not changing her game much to prepare for the final stretch of the Lopers season, but she does remind herself and her teammates every game that this season’s goal is to "bring home." The Lopers play again Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. against Regis. They also play Feb. 23 against University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

The first round of the RMAC tournament begins March 1 for the RMAC Indoor Championships.

"With the team winning at least 20 more in the last two indoor meets, it just means that the bar will be set even higher in the RMAC Championships," Antelope said.

The men’s team was recently ranked No. 15 in the National Power Rankings with the women’s team ranked No. 20.

The Lopers won ten events and qualified more athletes at the Chadron State Invitational on Feb. 9, 2008. They also won 13 events in their last home meet of the season, which was held in Cushing on Feb. 15, 2008.

"We hope to qualify more of our runners, jumpers and throwers for the Division II Championships. We are not a particularly big team, but we are doing well this season, and we will try to keep the momentum up for the last weekend before the RMAC Championships," Yount said.

The Lopers have one more meet, the Prairie Wolf Invite Feb. 22, then the RMAC Championships at home.

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Track and Field

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Lopers win 13 events at UNK All-Comer meet
Junior Spencer Huff leaps out of the building and into the UNK record books

BY PETER YAZVAC
Antelope Writer

Senior Spencer Huff had a big leap and the Nebraska-Kearney track and field team won 13 events (seven men, six women) Friday night at the UNK All-Comer meet in Cushing Coliseum.

The non-scoring event included Chadron State, Fort Hays State, Friends U. (Kans.), Bemidji State College (Kans.), Sterling College (Kans.), Tabor College (Kans.), and Pratt Community College (Kans.), Sterling College (Kans.), and Pratt Community College (Kans.).

Huff (York) had the highlight of the night as he went 24-2.25 to win the long jump. Already a member of the NCAA All-Academic List (3.26) and a junior, Huff has had a great season so far.

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Frank family, Galloway play early roles in the abolitionist movement from 1833

The Frank House.

been led by Sarah Jones, the Frank Men—leaders and the role of Eliza Anne Galloway in Black History Month, the Frank family, Galloway play early roles in the abolitionist movement from 1883. History flows through Frank House walls

The construction budget was between $35,000 and $40,000 to build. Below: The Frank House originally had 10 fireplaces: five on the first floor, four on the second floor and one on the third floor. Six of the fireplaces are still in use.

The Frank House was designed by architect James Dunn and built between 1874 and 1875. It is a two-story brick building with a gable roof and sits on a stone foundation.

The Frank family lived in the house from 1875 until 1953. After that, it was used as a private residence and later as a law office.

In 1975, the Frank House was purchased by the Antelope County Historical Society and opened as a museum. It is operated by the Kearney Area Historical Society.

The museum features exhibits about the history of the area, including the history of the Frank family and their involvement in the abolitionist movement.

The museum is open from 10a.m. to 4p.m. Monday through Saturday. Admission is free.

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Peter Sypn practices his dance moves with his partner.
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Jason Hefting and Amanda Engler review their country dance steps.
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Anna Weaver, during her monologue. “The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy,” stirs an impression of the “triple orgasm moan.”

The Vagina Monologues

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BY KIMBERLY TOMJACK
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The local production of The Vagina Monologues by Eve Ensler, was performed at the University of Nebraska at Kearney on Sunday and Monday, Feb. 17 and 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ponderosa room in the Union.

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Students taking country dancing class two-step their way to social decorum

By Shelly Fox
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As the new year begins, there have been signs telling everyone about a new security system that will be installed now because the system runs 28 cameras. Larsen said that cameras in Antelope Hall is easier to install this kind of equipment. Another reason is removed because of policy,” Roughgas said.

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Eventually, every residence hall on campus might have working security there will will be no need to fast forward a tape to look for the incident. The cameras should also help the staff of Antelope Hall a lot if students are locked out or in need of assistance. A monitor has been placed at the front desk of Antelope Hall. The hall director and other staff members will be able to see what is happening on all of the security cameras from one monitor. Larsen thinks some students will see the camera system for the first time.

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“We want to be known for protecting our students,” Larsen said.