The Antelope
Audiences love ‘The Gypsy’s Curse’

By Kristin Blackstock
Above: Hortense Lovelace
(2009, a senior, family studies major from Kearney), is attacked by brother Horatio’s (Wake White, a freshman math education major from Pierre, S.D.) engagement to Mary (Jill Parker, a sophomore musical theatre major from Rapid City, S.D.) in the opening scene.
Top Right: The gypsy (Katherine Ryanner, a senior music education major from Pierre, S.D.) with her mysterious tale.
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Nelson discusses government spending with group of 60

By Laura Larsen
Anagene Staff
Sen. Ben Nelson visited UNK’s student union Wednesday, Feb. 20, to talk with students about topics ranging from the current presidential race to controversies surrounding government spending.

So far, 60 students have listened while the senator made his points.

Early this year, Sen. Nelson formally endorsed Barack Obama in his campaign for the White House. During his opening remarks, Nelson referred to a recent conversation with Sen. Obama when Nelson said, “I’m glad the Potomac froze over, and now the rest of us can walk on water.”

In talking about the presidential race, Nelson conveyed that he wants to see the campaign continue to be about issues important to the American people rather than engage in personal attacks.

After discussing Obama’s candidacy, Nelson addressed the gaffes that currently exist in Washington. “We need more building up rather than tearing down,” Nelson said.

The senator argued in order for Washington to move beyond political rhetoric, members need to shift their focus from partisan politics to working together.

The majority of the senator’s comments focused on a form of government spending commonly referred to as earmarks, a way for congressional members to ensure federal funding for projects in their home districts.

Some Kearney area projects that have benefited from earmarks include the new planetarium coming to campus and the new 4,000 seat arena to begin construction in 2009.

According to Nelson, earmarks often serve to impress in- frastucture, research, innovation and culture throughout the nation.

The senator also sat out to debunk some myths surrounding earmark spending. One of the myths he busted was that fewer earmarks will lead to smaller government. According to Nelson, in the absence of earmarks, funding decisions will be made by each branch separately rather than elected officials.

Despite the benefits that may be a result of earmark spending, they have become a source of criticism in the media. “Earmarks have become an easy target for attack,” Nelson said.

Nelson argued that earmarks help to ensure small states like Nebraska are able to effectively compete on the national scale.

As Nelson pointed out, if he was not finding places to place Nebraska to spend federal funds, these funds would be spent on projects in other states across the country.

Recent legislation requires members report all earmarks they have proposed and have passed. This information is most posted on their Web sites where members of the public can have easy access to the information. “The transparency is there,” Nelson said.

Sen. Nelson’s visit was sponsored by the political science department, and the Locke and Key Society.

Nelson spoke to the political science department about his experiences as a Congolese refugee. Dau said he was very excited about coming to America. Dau moved to New York when he turned 15, and was picked. In 2001, he received his U.S. citizenship.

They traveled the world and finally reached Ethiopia where they were placed in a refugee camp. Dau shared how the camp was consumed with disease and many children died every day.

After four years, the government in Ethiopia decided they did not want the Sudanese refugees there anymore and told Dau’s camp of 27,000 people they had seven days to leave the country.

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Dau stayed in Sudan for nine months, and then decided to leave once more because of all the violence. After six months of travel, he found himself in a refugee camp in Kenya. It was here that he finally was able to start school at 17. “It was now time, because this is when things started looking up and school,” Dau said.

In 1999, Dau said that people from the United States visited his camp and told the people there they were going to start helping them to come to America. Dau said he was very excited about this and hoped that he would be picked. In 2003, he received his papers and was sent to Syracuse, N.Y.

Dau had many jobs and was also able to go to college in New York.

"We all learn together," Dau said. "It is a great experience for everyone involved."

Along with the students and faculty in attendance, Dau was encouraged to not only react to, but encourage others to react to, the event.

"Lost boy" shares refugee story

By Rachel Smith
Anagene Staff
On Feb. 20, the “Lost Boy” of Sudan, John Dau, shared with UNK students, faculty and community members what he called his “living testimony” and a story of perseverance.

Looking at John Dau today, one would never guess the atroci- ties he faced as a young man. Now, living with his wife and 15- month-old baby in Syracuse, N.Y., he recently built a new house for his family and a year ago a half acre became an American citizen.

Most would see a man who was living a normal life, but Dau’s life has not always been so smooth. Dau’s story started when he was a 15-year-old boy living with his family in his native Village. “There had been war between the Southern Sudanese Muslims and the Southern Sudanese Christians since 1983.”

In 1987, Dau’s village was attacked, he was forced to run for his life, and was separated from his family in the process. He began to walk on foot to find refuge, and on his way he joined up with other people who had been attacked.

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Meet the candidates for Student Government

Garcia Campbell: Student Body Vice President Candidate

Cristian Salinas: Student Body President/Regent Candidate

Patrick Ackerman: Student Body Vice President Candidate

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F-PHYSICAL COMMUNITY

Green UNK - The primary focus of our platform is to establish UNK as a green campus by increasing awareness. We will work with the Residence Hall Association, Facilities, and the Green UNK program to expand recycling on campus. We will add more recycling receptacles around campus to easily facilitate student involvement. We also plan on working with the recycling center in Kearney to find effective, new ways to further advertise the recycling program.

Campus Security - Another focus of our platform is campus security. Everyone should feel safe walking from building to building at all times. In order to assure that all students, faculty, staff and administrators feel secure, we will work with the University Police to improve campus security. This will include looking into the cost of adding more lights around campus or replacing light bulbs with brighter, more energy-efficient bulbs.

Parking - Parking is a major issue on campus. Realistically, we know that there are only so many things that can be done on this campus, due to money, time, and space constraints. However, we believe that the best way to work with parking issues is to give a voice to the students who are parking on campus. We will organize forums about parking issues with the University Police, to allow services to allow students to voice their ideas. Following the forums we will compile the ideas and be sent and voice the opinion of the student government to represent the interests of our students.

CONVENIENCE

Parking - We understand that parking on campus is a concern for all students. It is one of the primary concerns of students with a more user-friendly parking service. Our first goal is to eliminate the current zone restrictions by combining lots B & C, to better suit residents and non-residents alike of the campus.

Scheduling of facilities - It is extremely difficult to schedule activities in many facilities, especially the Communication Center. Since individuals and organizations pay fees that help operate the Union, they should get priority whenever possible when reserving rooms in the facility that they fund.

Recycling - Many academic buildings need to have recycling receptacles, especially for plastic; therefore, we will explore ways of implement- ing a campus wide recycling program.

Transfer hours - Transfer hours are always a concern on campus. We will explore the option of adjusting these hours to help accommodate student needs.

Improved International Student Services - At UNK, international students are our number one priority. We feel that our university by creating a welcoming learning environment on a global scale and being to fostered is nonexistent. The current program is nonexistent and needs various questions and topics should be strengthened. Admissions and international students should be explored to strengthen this asset to our University.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Minus System for GPA - The University is an institution for academics and our focus is on the interest of our students. The minus system of the grading scale takes a negative toll on the GPA of students on campus. We would like to work with the faculty of the University to voice student concerns for the policy on how to make changes.

Library/Study Hours - Study areas and opportunities are of the utmost importance to the academic interests of students. We would like to work with the administration of the University and the library to possibly extend weekend hours and offer a more user-friendly service.

DEPARTMENTS

Campus Beautification - We are already in the process of working with Student Affairs on an initiative for "Students to help students" become adopted to the college experience.

RECYCLING

Campbell and Craig have already taken the necessary steps to implement a campus wide recycling project. Discussion with city officials is the next step in the project, which will bring the Kearney Community and UNK together to help make our campus a healthier, greener place to live and learn.

STUDENT JUDICIAL SERVICE

Campbell and Craig are already in the process of working through student gov- ernment to implement new policies. The next three years when parking will again become an issue we believe we can handle.

These platform topics are goals in which Campbell and Craig are working to imple- ment. These positions will include, inter alia, presenting ideas. We are committed to be the organization that all students can turn to for support, whether it is through networking, finding, concerns or just questions. The doors of student government will always be open and ready to assist the student body. President and vice president will attend meetings and events to show support on behalf of Student Government.

Delegates in Student Government - Diversity is important to UNK. We feel that our student government should be composed of students who can accurately voice the positions and opinions of students across campus. We will create delegate positions that will represent a wide variety of students and organizations. These positions will include, International, Greek, Athlete, FHA, and additional delegates. The delegate or chairperson for each student government to repre- sent and voice the opinion of their organization.

Learn more about the candidates by joining their Facebook groups

Candidate platforms design by Kristen Brockman

Vote on March 5 and 6, and let your voice be heard.

Help decide the future of UNK Student Govern- ment. Voting booths will be in the Students Union from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wed. & Thurs. Booths will also be available in the Loper Center, Hyperion Center 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wed. & Thurs.
Java and Job Stuff Offers more than help on resumes

BY ALISSA ROBERTS
Antelope Staff

Career Services has hosted Java and Job Stuff twice a week for four years on Wednesdays. For the past month, students have been asked to review their resumes with professional staff to get their resumes ready for a job interview. They offer to review resumes and go over information students may be unsure of, but the interviews are meant to be contact with a professional to learn more about their resumes.

“Many times we get students who are trying to improve their resumes, work on job interviews, and write professional letters,” Lenz said.

Donna Lenz, career counselor for the Career Center of Kearney, said the interviews are meant to help students prepare for their interviews. Lenz said they are very important, as they can help students prepare for their interview.

“The resume packet includes a list of active verbs to use on a resume packet,” Lenz said.

Lenz said it is important to have a resume prepared even if a student is not graduating and is not looking for a job yet. There will be classes assigned and assignments on the resumes when they are needed and it is important to have it on hand.

Important items on a resume are volunteer experience and academic experience as well as paid experience. After a resume has been sent out, students should be prepared for an interview, Lenz said.

“Don’t do a self assessment before an interview,” Lenz said.

Lenz said practice was most helpful for students going out to job interviews. A practice interview at Career Services allowed students the chance to practice presenting professional clothing and be specific with a potential employer. Career Services also offered practice interviews for graduate school students in the medical and health fields.

“Good resume and Job Stuff helps give the students some confidence to come into the Career Center office to help with finding or changing their majors,” Lenz said. “We do a lot for students that don’t have a major or are unhappy with their major.”

Kris Scott, a junior finance major studies from Belgrade, first came into Career Services for help with finding a major in his personal and professional skills.

“I found their Web site really helpful when looking at an online handbook of career descriptions. There are also personality assessments that link your results with different majors and careers,” Scott said.

Scott said she found the koCareers Web site through Career Services helpful also.

“It’s really cool because you can post your resume on them or compare it to a resume. It can look at that and possibly schedule interviews at Career Services. Right now it’s helpful because I’m looking for a good internship, and this Web site can look at it,” Scott said.

For more information contact the Antelope Office at 865-8671.
The UNK Softball Team had a rough sitting this past week in Amherst. The Lopers finished the weekend 1-3, with their only winning coming in the first game against Eastern New Mexico. The Lopers suffered losses to Southeastern Oklahoma, to Texas State, and Southeastern Oklahoma State.

Although the Lopers lost to Southeastern Oklahoma, they only allowed four runs against them by the superior team. Pitcher, Ashley Galey, a junior from Mead, pitched the full game and walked until the end.

“The young girls played with a tough reputation, but we rose to the competition. Our defense played very well, but we couldn’t get our sticks going,” Galey said.

This was the first time that the Lopers have been on foreasts. From the first week in October, until last week, the Lopers have been inside of the Health and Sports Center. The transition from the gym floor to dirt and grass was more difficult than the team anticipated.

“We are not practicing in a field, coach Holly Carnes said. Carnes is entering her eight season as the head softball coach.

“This may be the best of the teams that I have ever coached and our leadership is definitely one of our strengths,” Carnes said.

The one win the Lopers had was a 1-0 defensive shutout. The only run was scored by freshman, Cassie Ricks’s solo home run in the bottom of the fifth inning. Kuech, a true freshman from Black, started all four games and is anticipated to play all season.

“It looks really good, at that point I was doing whatever I could to get my team going,” Kuech said.

The second day of the tournament brought 30 MPH winds, which only added to the outdoor elements that the Lopers were not accustomed to. “It was tough for our outfielders I imag- ine. There was a lack of communication between the infield and the outfield at times,” Carnes said.

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“Playing in a gym is not playing on a home plate against Fort Hays State. The Lopers struggle outside plays.

The tournament is over and the season has drawn to an end. McDonald’s and Wendy’s are squared off in a epic battle of hamburgers and French-fried potatoes. Before the results of the championship match of the Fast Food Challenge are announced, here is a quick re-

“Wendy’s has a closer call in the first round as they dumped it on an easy field goal from Johnny Joe’s. The sandwich shop made a strong bid to take down Wendy’s, but the Finley helped the restaurant skate to a win. The Semifinals saw McDonald’s climb off with a win. While Antigos might have some of the best food ever made on their menu, it wasn’t enough to take down a national powerhouse like McDonald’s.

Wendy’s dominated their opponent. Sonic. It wasn’t even close to enough to write any more about.

The chain was set to begin for the McDonald’s/Wendy’s showdown. Once again, here are the judges for the Fast Food Chal-

“Taste Test” is a junior from Blair, has made it clear that he likes eating fast food. He has voted for both Wendy’s and McDonald’s in the past, so we vote will rarely take any deliberations.

Cole Archer, a senior sports administraption major and Kearney native, has shown a certain affinity for the end zone. It seems which- ever restaurant takes him past the goal line will surely get his vote.

Last, but not least, are Salt- Dog extraordinaries. Casey Lasers, a senior Business major from Papillion. Lasers enjoy walking long walks on the beach, testing and trying new dishes until he is going to give any away sometimes. He is hungry, and ready to eat whenever.

As the food was devoured and chloroethane was used, the voters began to come in for the second round of voting to make up his mind was Smith. It is a struggle, for Archer.

Even though Wend- dy’s has a special place in my heart, McDonald’s is the one for me,” Smith said.

With the score one to zero, it wasn’t enough to pull off a win though.

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UNK hosts RMAC first round
Win over weekend lands men home-court advantage

BY SCOTT LEVY
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The men’s basketball team had a big victory over Colorado Springs this past Saturday. The final score was 106-94, which gave them home court advantage for the first round of the RMAC Tournament.

The team started the season by losing over seven games.

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Poets unite to ‘slam’ each other

Students make their slam poetry debut at The Roman and go up against the champs

BY SHELLY FOX
Antelope Staff

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Poets and poetry fans flocked to Kearney’s The Roman on Tuesday night to see students from the Performance class and Slam Poety, skills that are nothing short of extraordinary. At a Poetry Slam, poets read one poem per round and are not allowed to use props, costume or musical instruments.

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Spring Break

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The Musical brings new life to the popular board game. The show allows the audience to be part of the mystery. They’re practically playing the game while being in the audience.

“The conclusion of the game is actually chosen by an audience member selected by cards from the box,” said Deans, a UNK student who plays Miss Scarlett in the Musical.

At the start of each show, three audience members select one card each and place it in an envelope. These cards determine how the musical ends.

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“Princess Mononoke,” featured in the Studio Ghibli film, titled “Mononoke-Hime,” or “Princess Mononoke,” is a Japanese animated film directed by Hayao Miyazaki and released in 1997. It is set in late 19th-century Japan and tells the story of a young princess who must save the forest and its inhabitants from a corrupt lord who seeks to exploit its natural resources.

The film was a major success at the box office and has since become a cultural icon, inspiring a wide range of media, including sequels, theme parks, and merchandise. It has also been critically acclaimed, earning numerous awards and nominations, including an Academy Award for Best Animated Feature.

In March 2006, the film was released in the United States, where it received widespread acclaim and became a box office success. It is now considered a classic of animation and has a dedicated fanbase.

The film has also been the subject of much critical and scholarly discussion, with many scholars and enthusiasts exploring its themes and motifs in depth. It remains a beloved and enduring work, and its influence can be seen in a wide range of contemporary animation and media.
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