Once a Loper, always a Loper

Joba remembers his UNK baseball roots and will again be wearing Loper jersey No. 44 as a Tiger

BY NIKKI THOMPSON
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There are few things in sports that inspire fans like the underdog or a success story. While moving, these stories seem to be a dime a dozen.

One story that doesn’t seem to get the media coverage of an underdog story is one of an idol coming home.

Joba Chamberlain is not only a newly signed Detroit Tiger; he was and always will be a Loper. Chamberlain has played for many programs throughout the years, including the Lopers, the Huskers, the New York Yankees and now the Detroit Tigers; yet he comes back to UNK for the Annual Upper Deck Club Banquet each year.

According to Chamberlain, UNK’s baseball program is special. “It is one of those places that is so near and dear to my heart,” Chamberlain says.

He acknowledges the program for his success to this day. Chamberlain values not only what head coach Damon Day brought to the program as a coach, but also what he brings to the players.

“They are student-athletes, but he (Day) teaches them to be men,” Chamberlain says.

Chamberlain’s feelings toward the UNK baseball program can be seen every time he wears a Detroit Tigers jersey.

Chamberlain came to college hoping to carry the number 8 on his jersey in honor of a fallen friend. However, pitchers were not allowed to have single digit numbers, so he chose the number 44 (4+4=8).

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Stalking crime on uprise

Stalking Awareness panel provides scenarios, guidance, suggestions for help

BY AUSTIN KOELLER
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A person drives down Second Avenue in Kearney. As they continue toward their destination, they notice that the car behind them keeps following them. Closer, closer, closer, all the way to their destination.

In another scenario, a suspicious person may appear at this destination every time the person goes to that specific location.

The scenarios above are examples of stalking described at the Stalking Awareness event held Jan. 29 in Room 310 in the Nebraskan Student Union. The event sponsored by the SAFE Center in Kearney and the Women’s Center at UNK was part of Stalking Awareness Month.

The event consisted of a panel of four experts made up of Officer Ricci Fast, an officer and investigator with UNKPD; Robin Phipps, Prevention and Education Coordinator for the SAFE Center; Kiphany Hof, UNK Mental Health Counselor; and Trish Holen, director of the Women’s Center speak as part of the Stalking Awareness panel. The panel aimed to educate students about the issue of stalking both on campus and in the community.

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Immigrant students DREAM of change

BY ANDREW HOFFMAN
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You can’t really recognize a “dreamer” by looking at or talking to them. Undocumented, “dreamers” are forced to keep a low profile and rely on underground assistance to go to college.

For a series of stories for The Antelope, writers have found “dreamers” cannot openly express opinions and all are reluctant to give names to be printed in area news.

One 24-year-old UNK graduate student, explains it this way: “Those who dub us as ‘illegals,’ ‘wetbacks,’ ‘aliens,’ and even those who strive for political correctness and call us ‘undocumented immigrants,’ engage in the same act: They force homogenization upon us, which distorts reality because there is more to us than our ability to scurry across a border.

“The tendency to generalize and label an entire group as one thing or another is not new. It is at the heart of most civil rights’ problems.”

On our campus, you will find students who did not arrive in the United States legally as children, but it wasn’t a choice. Being undocumented in college is not easy. The undocumented status leaves students without access to scholarships or even loans most students apply for, said UNK Director of Financial Aid Mary Sommers.

Undocumented students often referred to as “DREAMers,” are caught in the political web after being brought to the United States as children by their immigrant parents.

The term DREAMer, is a reference to federal legislation known as the DREAM Act that labels children “illegal” in the United States, unable to attain status to attain a work permit or find a way to continue their education, the opportunity to attain citizenship status if they fulfill certain requirements, such as
"Legally Blonde" Greeks inaccurate

You can see people beyond stereotypes

BY KILEY DIBBERN
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I’m not a very good driver, and I wear bows in my hair. I sometimes scream when I’m excited and I’m not afraid to cuddle with a girl. I wear letters on my chest and can’t remember the last time I went to the bathroom alone. I have a Lilly Pulitzer planner and a not-so-secret obsession with online shopping. I enjoy a good bottle of wine and have a T-shirt collection that displays every event that I’ve gone to over the past four years. Yes, I am a “sorority girl,” but that means so much more than one might think.

There are many stereotypes that surround the Greek community and many words that may come to mind when hearing the term “sorority girl.” While many of those stereotypes may fit me as well as the uncountable pairs of yoga pants I own, being a “sorority girl” means so much more.

For years, I have often defended what it means to be in a sorority. It seems that people on the outside stare in with judgmental eyes. They think they know what it means to be Greek, but so often are wrong. I am in a sorority, but that does not mean I’m rich or stuck-up. I work 40 hours a week and have never accepted money from my daddy. I’ve lost count of the number of community service hours I’ve logged, and you can find my name on the Dean’s List. I know hundreds of Greeks on our campus that can say the same for themselves. I’m not saying that you can’t find fulfillment in your collegiate experience if you aren’t Greek, but I think it’s unfair to place judgment on those that are. The culture in the Greek system may differ from the lifestyle that other students live, but I encourage critics to understand the true culture of Greek life.

Before criticizing students who have chosen to be involved in a fraternity or sorority, I encourage these critics first to ask abused wives and children, cancer victims and disabled who are among the many beneficiaries of Greek philanthropy. Then ask your Congressman, since there is a 76 percent chance that he or she is Greek. Perhaps you could ask your boss, since 86 percent of Fortune 500 executives are also Greek. I hope that anyone whose perceptions of Greek life that came from “Animal House” or “Legally Blonde” are able to see what it truly means to be Greek. The culture in a fraternity or sorority transcends far beyond red solo cups and themed dances.

Yes, I’m the girl that loves glitter, the color pink and any movie with Ryan Gosling. I sometimes use the word “lawlz” ironically and am guilty of hashtagging in everyday conversation. But I’m also the girl who volunteers in my community, goes to church every Sunday and takes pride in everything I do—be it in school, my job or my relationships. If that’s what it means to be a sorority girl, then I wouldn’t want to be anything else.

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YES, ALBIN’S IN IRELAND

BY JESSICA ALBIN
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I can’t believe it’s only been a week. The more I think about it, the more it seems like it’s been so much longer. To be precise, it’s been eight days. But, I’ve managed to pack so much into those eight days that I can hardly imagine what I’ll manage to pack into the rest of the semester. It’s really starting to sink in that I am on an adventure of a lifetime. I’m experiencing things that I may never have the opportunity to experience again. I’ve been trying my best to soak up everything I can, and I intend to keep doing just that.

Things I’ve managed to accomplish so far include:

• Mastering navigating a map among foreign streets.
• Waylaying my paralyzing fear of food poisoning and trying a non-commercial restaurant.
• Visiting my first pub and experiencing Irish nightlife. (Contrary to popular belief, it’s not all about the alcohol).
• Taking over 200 pictures.
• Successfully cooking dinner in a tiny kitchen with very limited cooking supplies.
• Finding a few bargains to supplement my wardrobe and help me look less American.
• Killing a spider all by myself. (Without even screaming.)
• Figuring out how to use Tumblr.
• Walking along a beautiful beach at sunset and finding colorful seashells.
• Avoiding getting hit by the traffic that goes the wrong direction here.
• Adjusting to the time change.
• Gaining a few life-long friends.

With all of that happening in just the first week, I can’t wait to see what the next few months will bring. Experience it with me by checking out my new posts and photos.

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Sunday’s best

Are commercials the best part of Super Bowl?

BY AMANDA SCHNEIDER
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The time of year is upon us where women look up recipes for new appetizers, dips and desserts. Grocery bills include items like chips, refreshments, wings, pizza and beer. Then the day finally arrives and their houses are overcrowded with loud men who yell at the TV, spill their drinks and forget to put the toilet seat down. Welcome to Super Bowl Sunday.

There is something special about sitting in a cold, crowded stadium where you can listen to the roar of the crowd and root for your team. Watching a televised game of football is clearly not as fun as watching football on TV is listening to it on the radio. Can you imagine what it would feel like to have $4 billion as pocket change? Large companies are able to spend that amount of money to air a 60-second commercial during the Super Bowl. Companies are willing to spend that kind money because they believe their return on investment will be high. Last year Axe released an ad as part of a contest to launch their Apollo product. The contest drew in more than a million entrants.

Last year’s commercials were memorable. Everyone in the Midwest was touched by Ram’s “So God Made a Farmer” commercial. On the opposite side of the spectrum, people were repulsed by Go Daddy’s “make out” ads. My all-time favorite was Best Buy’s commercial with Amy Poehler. As she asked a billion questions about LTE, the cloud, smart TVs and more, I could picture my parents and grandparents who have struggled to keep up with the technological changes. I also enjoy watching the Doritos Crash The Super Bowl commercials made as part of their contest. Back for the eighth year in a row, this was the first year entries were open to people in all 46 countries where the chips are sold. Viewers could vote on their favorite, and two winners were selected for the 30-second spots. The winners will get to work on the set of “Marvel’s The Avengers: Age of Ultron.”

Among viewers’ favorite commercial this year has been Budweiser’s heartwarming “Puppy Love” commercial about the friendship between a puppy and a Clydesdale. Many were also excited about Pepsi’s “Get Hyped for Halftime” ads before the Super Bowl. This ad hit close to home for many. Pepsi machines placed in cornfields distributed free cans with an invitation to watch Lee Brice perform in Milligan, Neb.

Bank of America partnered with U2 and Red to raise money for HIV/AIDS. Each time U2’s new song “Invisible” is downloaded, which was available free during the game and the next 24 hours, Bank of America donated $1, up to $2 million.

H&M did something new this year by engaging viewers with certain Samsung smart TV’s. While watching the commercial featuring David Beckham’s Bodywear line viewers could use their remote controls to directly buy.
SAO mentors prep peers to study abroad

BY JOENE CROCKER
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For Mary Greblunas, a junior construction management major and current president of the Study Abroad Organization (SAO), giving back to others comes very naturally. Greblunas traveled to the Czech Republic spring 2013 as part of the University of Nebraska Kearney Study Abroad program and now eagerly shares her experience with others interested in or planning to study abroad.

“I love giving people advice on what they should bring, what they should prepare themselves for,” she said. “It’s nice to do that with people who have that passion or adventurous soul.”

When Greblunas was packing to leave the UNK campus for three and one-half months overseas, she was allowed only one suitcase and carry-on bag that would contain all her personal belongings.

SAO members prepped her for what was ahead. “SAO was there to help me decide what to pack. Don’t bring shampoo or conditioner, buy it there,” Greblunas said. After receiving advice from others, Greblunas was able to get everything needed packed in two luggage pieces.

“When I was preparing to go, it just was nice to have that support system, and now I feel like I can give back, be that support system for people who are leaving, or even interested in going,” Greblunas took over SAO presidency this January following Lisa Klingelhoefer, outgoing president. Officers are required to have taken part in a study abroad program to more easily identify and relate to others on the topic.

Brad Rediger, adviser to the Study Abroad Organization, helped establish the group in January of 2013. Growing up, he traveled with his family a lot and participated in summer study abroad experiences, giving him opportunity to visit over 15 countries.

“Through my adventures abroad, I’ve become more confident communicating with people from other cultures, outgoing and willing to try new things,” Rediger said.

“UNK has so many incredible opportunities, and I think everyone should consider studying abroad during their college career.”

According to Study Abroad and Exchange Program Coordinator Anne Marie Park, the number of students studying abroad has more than doubled this year compared to last year, and she credits graduate assistant Rediger who helps with campus outreach and promotes studying abroad. “He’s closer to the age of students, so he has a connection with peer to peer.” Rediger also manages SOA’s social media, including its Facebook page which has information, photos and stories from students who have or are studying abroad.

In recent years, the opportunity to study abroad has become available to all students of all means. “Studying abroad was first realized for rich people. They benefited so much that they wanted to make it available to all students,” Park said.

Depending on the program of study, scholarships, loans and financial aid may assist with the costs, and class credits could transfer to the UNK curriculum.

Spring is the most popular time to study abroad at locations in Ireland, Peru, Czech Republic or Spain as well as others, and programs range in length anywhere from weeks to months or a full semester. Individualized programs are also available if desired at other locations such as Germany, France, Japan, Australia and others.

The first initial deadline is Feb. 15 for the spring 2015 semester. To begin the process, students are required to submit an application with signature included, a security deposit, and health, diet and insurance forms.

“If students miss the first deadline, they can still go, but there are limits,” Park said. The Study Abroad office is located in Welch Hall on West Campus. The staff can help a student through the process of finding a program, applying, participating and returning home.

The SAO recently arranged a final send-off with students who left for Ireland. “Before that, we had a lot of meetings to support them,” Greblunas said.

For more information on study abroad opportunities, contact Anne Marie Park in Welch Hall, office 114 or by phone, 308.865.8944 or 308.865.8947.

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Sudoku ★★★★★

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.

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4 1 7 3 5
6 8 9 1 7
8 2 6
b                           a 9 b
7 5 a 9 b
3 8 c
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MEET THE EDITORS

Photo by Tessa Kaufman

“Carillon” co-editors, seniors Hannah Blum and Nathan Sousek, assembled a group of student members from Sigma Tau Delta to help them select pieces for the publication. Blum and Sousek are anxious for the approaching deadline to read through anticipated submissions.

The Carillon wants your written works and doodles
Editors looking across campus for submissions to campus journal ‘The Carillon’

BY TESSA KAUFMAN
Antelope Staff

It’s time to round up all written works and artistic doodles to submit to this year’s publication of “The Carillon,” UNK’s undergraduate student led literary journal. The editors are pushing to get information across campus for the Feb. 10 deadline.

“The Carillon” produced by Sigma Tau Delta, the National English Honor Society on campus, features student creative and critical pieces.

The editors of the journal are co-vice presidents of Sigma Tau Delta, seniors Hannah Blum and Nathan Sousek. Blum and Sousek say they are hoping for more variety from different areas of the campus for this year’s publication.

The editors are looking for all different types of submissions this year including creative, critical, artwork and photography.

“We love to see works from all walks of life, so don’t be hesitant if you don’t think it will fit the bill.” Blum said. “If you like it, and we like it, be assured you’ll see it published. And getting published, even if it is just from the university, can mean more opportunities down the road for you.”

“I’m expecting to see numerous talents from various majors around the university, and I am hoping to see great artwork as well. I am expecting this Carillon to be the biggest and best one yet,” Blum said.

Blum and Sousek are both interested in what the editing and publishing field have to offer them be graduation, and say this is an experience they are extremely excited to start working on once the deadline hits.

“Editing and publishing has always been an avenue I’ve wanted to explore, especially since I’m a creative writing major,” Sousek said. “This experience oversees the entire process of the publication, from helping organize submission deadlines, editing and selecting pieces for publication, to shaping the book itself, is incredibly exciting.”

Sousek wants this publication to reveal the different talents that the university has to offer throughout all the different departments. In the past many students that chose to submit to “The Carillon” were mainly from the English department. This year Blum and Sousek really want this publication to capture the creativity of the whole campus.

“I hope this year’s Carillon will be the showcase for the best creative and critical works from UNK’s student body.” Kevin Stones, senior Sigma Tau Delta president said.

Carillon deadline Feb. 10

- Submission open to all UNK students
- Each student can submit up to 5 total written works; poetry (20 pages max), short stories (5,000 words max) and plays/scripts
- Each student can submit up to 4 total artworks including photography
- Go online to www.unkantelope.com for all submission guidelines

CAMPUS CRIME LOG

Dec. 20: A male subject reported he had his shirt stolen from the laundry room in Antelope Hall.

Dec. 21: A hall director reported he found a sword and a bag with alcohol containers in it while assessing damage to the property from a broken water pipe. The alcohol and sword were seized.

Dec. 27: A female student and her father reported that an unknown person slashed the driver’s side rear tire on her vehicle while it was parked in Lot 28.

Jan. 6: A male subject reported his Nike running shoes were stolen out of his locker in the wrestling locker room.

Jan. 8: A faculty member reported her etching press had been damaged while in the Fine Arts Building.

Jan. 15: An officer received a call for possible marijuana odor from room 203 at Conrad Hall. Upon further investigation one subject was issued a citation for minor in possession of alcohol.

Jan. 18: An RA called and advised that he heard a resident talking about possibly having alcohol in the room. Upon further investigation, alcohol was taken from the room and the resident was issued a conduct violation.

Jan. 18: An officer received a report of a possible alcohol violation at Mantor Hall. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the occupants of the room and discovered alcohol. The occupants admitted to drinking in the room and four MIP citations were issued.

Jan. 19: An officer received a report of possible drug activity in CTW. Upon arrival, officers met with a male resident and recovered several glass pipes as well as a small amount of marijuana. The male was cited for marijuana possession less than one ounce as well as possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jan. 20: A subject reported the theft of a credit card reader from UNK dining services at URS sometime between 7:45 PM on 1/19 and 9:00 AM on 1/20.

Jan. 22: Facilities reported that one of their workers was using a ladder and the wind took it. It then fell on a vehicle causing minor damage.
Bowl fans split

UNK students gather together for Superbowl XLVIII in the main lounge of CTW. Seattle Seahawk fans rave over an impressive victory versus the Denver Broncos. Looks of astonishment fill the faces of both the Seahawk and Bronco supporters.

What did you think of the game? Students speak their mind

James Loop
Business administration
Freshman
Columbus

"As an advocate of the Chiefs, I was happy to see the Broncos get throttled."

Zach Davidson
Geographic information systems
Senior
Wymore

"Waited all year to watch that garbage of a football game."

Catherine Hayen
Pre-med/ psychology
Senior
Hill City, S.D.

"As far as the Broncos were concerned, it was face palm after face palm."

Photo by Austin Gabehart

ABOVE: The JackieChan group dances to the rhythm of the music enjoying the responses raising their arms and standing in line with a smile. The JackieChan group, from Dance at UNK members.

TOP LEFT: Peijine Li, wearing blue sweater, hosts a Peijine Talk Show in this Festival. He China’s culture and captures the audience with his eloquent speech and refined humor.
Chinese students show pride, bring culture to community

LEFT: Yunhan Liu, wearing black Chinese traditional suit and Yuxin Wang, wearing a silky white Chinese traditional suit perform ‘Kung Fu.’

Hongyue Yao, wearing a pink Chinese traditional costume, plays a Pipa, a four-stringed Chinese musical instrument. She played “Rising Higher Step by Step” and “The Quin Huai View.”

Mengnan Wang wearing a Chinese traditional dress, Qi Pao, sings Chinese traditional songs called “Mu Guiying Takes Command” and “The Fourth Son Visits his Mother,” which are the Beijing opera songs. Wang was one of the Chinese Spring Festival performers Feb. 1.

ABOVE: The JackieChan group dances to the rhythm of the music enjoying the response from the audience, wearing various colored pants raising their arms and standing in line with a smile. The JackieChan group, from Dance at UNK, consists of Chinese, Korean and Japanese members.

Below from the audience, wearing various colored pants at UNK, consists of Chinese, Korean and Japanese members explaining the differences between America’s and China’s culture and captures the audience with his eloquent speech and refined humor.
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graduating from high school or serving in the military. DREAM is an acronym for Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act.

In June 2012, President Barack Obama signed an executive order to grant work permits for residents of the United States without legal immigration documentation. That order often is called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

Sommers believes that legislation was merely a quick fix. “The DREAM Act would solve the Band-Aid that is deferred action,” she said. “The DREAM Act has been the phrase that is tied to the bill that was pushed this past year. The Senate passed an immigration bill that will give the DREAMers a path toward full citizenship status. That bill was passed on to the House of Representatives, where it languishing.”

Many advocates for the DREAM Act, including the DREAMers Project Coalition based in Omaha, have been pressuring Nebraska’s congressional representatives to support the bill.

UNK graduate Viridiana Almanza is a DREAMers Project Coalition member.

“We want the opportunity to make a difference for the immigrant community,” Almanza said. “We want to help other community members, including politicians, understand the value and contribution immigrants make in our community.”

Goals of the DREAMers Project Coalition are to inform, implement and advocate for immigration policies that affect Nebraska immigrants and DREAMers specifically.

“This includes advocating for immigration reform with a clear path to citizenship, driver’s licenses for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, and DREAMers getting the support needed to go to college,” Almanza said.

“Federal statute states that a student must be a permanent resident of the United States or a legal U.S. citizen,” Sommers said. “If a person is brought to the United States and spent most of their lives as Americans, and for all intents and purposes are citizens but are not legal citizens, they are not eligible for federal financial aid.”

Currently a lifeline exists for students without legal documentation.

“Often times, there are individuals in the community and in the state who are very committed to putting these students through college with private funding. I would describe it as an underground network.”

A quick Internet search for illegal immigrants will bring up harsher “labels” than those used in the story and political statements that reveal the country is divided and emotionally caught up in a political issue that involves “people” whom you may know, but individuals who can’t really speak out by name.
Humble beginnings
100 years of Lopers athletic history

BY ANDREW HANSON
Sports Editor

Throughout time, humans have erected countless buildings on Earth. Some have withstood the test of time, some not so much. We've even had to change the names of buildings because an architect here or an engineer there messed up.

When Bonanno Pisano designed the Tower of Pisa, he certainly didn’t expect the word “Leaning” to be thrown in front of it.

The Lopers have called four different buildings home, but like Gilligan and Skipper on “Gilligan’s Island,” finding the right recipe took a little time.

Every generation of Lopers share their stories. Everyone knows about the Health & Sports Center; it’s only been open since 1990. Likewise, Cushing Coliseum, connected to the Health & Sports Center is familiar to most. The history of our sports arena get a little murky after that, though.

Before the fourth president of the Nebraska State Teachers College, Herbert L. Cushing, commissioned a grand complex to be built starting in 1960, the Lopers had a couple of different homes.

Our system did not become a university until 1989 when legislators instituted an act for the University of Nebraska at Kearney. In 1963, the college name had been changed to Kearney State College.

The story begins where Copeland Hall stands right now. In 1911 a 60-foot-by-80-foot shack that would make Frank Lloyd Wright roll over in his grave was built for indoor baseball and basketball; it even had an indoor 75-yard cinder track. One thing to keep in mind though, currently a regulation basketball court is 96 yards around.

To say the structure was lacking mightily would be quite the understatement. In the Jan. 10, 1913 issue of The Antelope a student said, “This building is not well-equipped, and the student body hope someday not far off to see a beautiful building on the normal campus delegated to athletics and sports of all kinds.”

Needless to say the UNK students who were on campus in 1911 got their wish as the old wooden building was torn down in 1916 and plans for a new complex were put into place. Following delays because of World War I, a building that was simply known as the Gymnasium was finally completed in 1918.

Where the Lopers of today go to geography class, the Lopers of the Roaring Twenties were swimming away. The Loper basketball and volleyball teams played on the second floor of the Gymnasium until the Cushing Coliseum opened in 1962.

In 1980 what was then called the Gymnasium officially became Copeland Hall. It was named after longtime assistant football and track coach Leland Copeland.

At the end of 1961, the $1.3 million Cushing Coliseum opened, and it was dedicated on Feb. 11, 1962 in honor of the former President Cushing who retired in 1961.

Since the Lopers moved into the Health & Sports Center, some of the most memorable games in Loper lore have been played.

On the evening of March 17, 2003, 5,600 Loper faithful packed the Health & Sports Center to witness one of the biggest sporting events ever to be played on the UNK campus.

The fans who came to watch the men’s basketball team play in a Sweet Sixteen game were in for a treat. After missing two shots in the closing seconds the Lopers and Metro State went to overtime tied at 70.

With only six seconds left in the overtime period All-American Nick Svehla hit a three pointer to force double overtime. The Lopers went on to outscore Metro State 16 to 9 and advance to the Elite Eight.

Over the past 100 years the Lopers have come quite a way. From beginning play in a building that was so deplorable it had to be torn down after five years to playing a home game with a spot in the Elite Eight round of the NCAA Tournament on the line, one thing’s for sure.

The Lopers have come a long way.
Beranek shines in ‘Blue and Gold’

Ravenna sophomore averages 18 points per game but has racked up first 38 and six days later a season high of 40 points.

BY TYLER CAVALLI
Antelope Staff

Since Connor Beranek can remember, he had a knack for the game of basketball. He was raised around the game, and his father still coaches the Ravenna High School basketball team. He was a natural and fell in love with the game early on.

New to Loper basketball this season, Beranek has made quite an impression on the men’s basketball team. Right now, he is the talk of the town around the sports booths, and he’s not even through one full Loper season of hoops.

Beranek had one of the top games by a Loper men’s basketball player in recent history as he had 40 points and 5 rebounds in a win over Lindenwood Dec. 20. The 40 points scored is the most by a Loper since his older brother Drake went for 40 at New Mexico Highlands in December of 2008.

More recently, Conner Beranek scored 21 points, was 7 of 10 from the field during the Jan. 30 win against Washburn.

The 6-6 sophomore, who hails only 30 miles from campus in Ravenna, first attended Doane College in Crete as freshman. After deciding Doane wasn’t the right fit for him, Beranek decided to move closer to home and brought his talents to Kearney. Through 17 games played in a Loper uniform, Beranek is averaging 18 points per game, 6.5 rebounds a game and an 82.7 free throw percentage. He also scored 38 points one night and six days later scored 40. To no surprise he considers those two nights to be his biggest accomplishment as a UNK athlete.

As the new man on campus and to the team, Beranek said his role on the team is to become a defense-minded player — and of course make shots here and there.

“I’m not really an individual goal setting guy; I prefer to help out the team first. I mean it would be nice to get some individual accolades; everyone likes hearing that stuff, but it’s more about the team, getting some wins and turning the season around,” said Beranek about goal setting this season.

Beranek likes the differences between Doane and UNK. “Traveling is worlds apart. At Doane we took vans; here we take charter buses. We actually take weekend road trips in the MIAA, which that allows us as teammates to bond. When I played at Doane, we left the day of the game and came back the same night. At UNK they make us feel like we’re actually playing college basketball.”

Beranek said his biggest inspirations are all in the family: his big brother Drake, who briefly played at UNK before transferring to UNL, and his father. “Drake has always been there, watching over me and helping me out. I am who I am today because of my brother.”

Beranek lives the life of every summer country song. “I enjoy fishing and hunting. I’m going to try the whole deer adventure out sometime soon. Over the summer you can find me at the lake; no worries in the world, enjoying music, catching some rays and even spitting some sunflower seeds.”

Almost every athlete jams out to a specific playlist before games. Beranek said he relies on Pandora. “I listen to country stations, but every once in a while I’ll throw in some rap to get me jacked.”

Beranek doesn’t hesitate when asked to pick one person dead or alive to play one on one with, “I would like to play against Kevin Durant. He’s my favorite player. He’s one of the best players.”

After his basketball career has come to an end, Beranek plans to teach either third or fourth grade. Of course would love to be a basketball coach and even an athletic director. But for now, he sees Loper basketball has a bright future ahead. Observers of the game are also optimistic. Guys like Beranek change teams and attract winners.

New Under Armour contract brings credibility to UNK athletics

BY ANDREW HOFFMAN
Antelope Staff

Starting in July 2014, UNK athletics will begin the transition to Under Armour uniforms joining the likes of Notre Dame, Texas Tech and 2014 BCS Championship runner-up, Auburn. The deal was done by Athletic Director Paul Plinske and will feature new uniforms for football and men and women’s basketball for the 2014 seasons.

The move to Under Armour brings a certain sense of credibility to the UNK football program. “The new deal is great. The people you hang out with show a little bit of who you are. Being represented by Under Armour has brought a great deal of recognition to the program,” said assistant football coach, Chad Bauder. “Under Armour seems to be the trend setter in athletic gear. Them wanting to represent us says positive things about the direction we’re going.”

Under Armour wasn’t the only company to offer their services to UNK. “Adidas, Nike and Under Armour all offered bids to represent us, but we made the decision to go with Under Armour,” Bauder said. “I think it was the right move. The recruits and current players are all very excited.”

“Every weekend we bring recruits in for their visit, and they’re all wearing something Under Armour,” Bauder said. “Now we can tell them that they’ll have all of that gear, but with a Loper head on it. It’s really generated buzz around this year’s recruiting class. Last year we had a really good recruiting class, and the Under Armour buzz has done nothing but help.”

Loper Under Armour equipment will eventually be available for purchase online in discounted bundle form. “In years past we’d get a couple of shirts and practice shorts, but for the most part everything has been tossed together,” Bronson Marsh, sophomore quarterback, said. “Now we will be able to have jackets, shirts, sweatshirts, shoes and uniforms. It builds the Loper brand and allows us to represent our school.”

Last fall, UNK football featured brand new “camo”-style uniforms. They will be allowed to use the “camo” jerseys next season. There will be at least 17 uniform combinations available to UNK football next fall.
The most important message that the panel wanted to portray was that stalking is a real issue that is happening right here in Kearney.

Fast said that students sometimes get the misconception that stalking incidents can never happen at UNK. However, Fast says that they do occur. “It’s happening on the UNK campus. We’ve had five stalking cases at UNK this year,” Fast said. “That’s high. That’s a lot.”

Fast said that despite the high number of stalking cases, UNKPD does have people on campus, specifically designed to look for signs of stalking. “You might see us driving around like we’re doing nothing,” Fast said. “But most of the time, we’re going out there, we’re looking for creepers. We’re looking for people that don’t belong.”

Nationally, Phipps said that the number of reported stalking cases has increased as well. “Stalking is a serious crime that has increased by leaps and bounds–more than doubled–in the last two years from 13 percent to 24 percent,” Phipps said. “6.4 million people were stalking victims in the U.S. last year. Most people don’t realize how many people are victims each year.”

To prove just how easy it is to stalk someone, Fast used the sign-in sheets at the event as an example. “If I’m signing in, and I’m a stalker, what I’m probably going to do is...go through, I’m going to get names,” Fast said. “I might follow you in and sign in right after you, and then I’m going to find you on the Internet. I’m going to start finding out what you’re all about, find out where you live.”

Fast suggested that audience members change their privacy settings on social media to avoid the possibility of a stalker easily finding information about them.

Phipps said that while most view a stalker as a “middle-aged creepy guy jumping out of the bushes or a dark alley,” a stalker can be anyone.

Hof, who was at one time a stalking victim herself, said that a stalker may be someone with whom one is in an intimate relationship with. This, she says, is what makes the question of what a stalker looks like a bit blurry.

“You might know a lot about this person,” Hof said. “You might have cared about this person and you might still care about this person.”

Hof said that in her case, she was in a committed relationship with her stalker and felt as if his stalking behaviors were a result of the breakup.

“I just dismissed some of the behaviors [at first],” Hof said. “As the behaviors progressed, I started getting a little bit more concerned. Then I started getting angry about some of the things that happened, and then I started getting downright scared.”

From a stalker’s viewpoint, Holen said that her experience talking to stalkers as part of her job can be a little bit frightening. Holen said that she once listened to a stalker talk about how logical it was to go to a coffee shop that he had to pass two coffee shops to get to. Holen said he also talked about jumping out of bushes at locations where there were no bushes.

“It didn’t make any sense, but it made sense to him,” Holen said. “Just to listen to the way he put meaning into things that absolutely had no meaning was really frightening to listen to, the excuses and that way of twisting even the most innocent situations into something where he felt he had to make contact with this person.”

Hof said, “In their mind, they don’t see anything wrong with their behavior.”

Hof added that someone who has engaged in stalking behavior will usually do it again. She also suggested a way for a person to prevent a stalker from stalking them again.

“One thing I suggest is somewhere in their making a statement to the person—whether its through email or text—‘Do not contact me again! I do not want contact with you’,” Hof said.

Fast also suggested documenting every single incident that appears to be stalking. “Anything that’s a little bit out of the ordinary, write it down,” Fast said. “That way you can start building a case. That one thing may not seem like a really big thing,” Fast said,...[but it is].”

Fast and Hof said that these actions are necessary because, in the state of Nebraska, you have to prove that the person was making “unwanted contact” and that this “unwanted contact” was intentional.

Hof said that if someone is being stalked, they need to tell somebody. “Even if you think ‘this is a little concerning because this is the first time this happened,’ tell somebody. Whether it’s siblings, family, friends, tell somebody else about it.”

Those who are being stalked are encouraged to contact the Women’s Center at (308) 865-8248, the SAFE Center at (308) 237-2104, UNKPD at (308) 627-4811, or call 911 in the case of an extreme emergency.
Lopers get new ride for road trips

When the UNK Lopers hit the road, they’ll be riding in style in a new 47-passenger bus. Partnering with Don Oberle and Navigator Motor Coaches of Norfolk, the bus will also serve as a moving billboard for the university, as various UNK graphics adorn the side of the bus. See picture above.

Wrestling records first shutout in three years

In the process of blanking Truman State 43-0 Friday night, the UNK wrestling team recorded their first shutout in three years. The shutout was the 14th during Coach Marc Bauer’s tenure at UNK. All ten Lopers picked up victories including the Lopers’ two No. 1 ranked wrestlers Daniel De-Shazer (133 lbs.) and Romero Cotton (197 lbs.).