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Remembering J.R. Barnett

BY JAY SLOAN
Antelope Staff

We often think of UNK as a small, tight-knit community, the kind of place where everyone knows just about everyone else. Greek or non-Greek, education or biology major, from a small Nebraska town or an exchange student from across the world, when one of our fellow Lopers is lost, we as a UNK family mourn together.

Unfortunately we are again mourning the loss of a fellow Loper. Jimmy (J.R.) Barnett, a freshman industrial distribution major from Oshkosh, died unexpectedly on Jan. 25 in a car-train collision.

Barnett, 19, will be remembered as a very adored son, according to his mother Rae Ann, a very loving brother, a proud uncle, an excellent friend to many, a vital member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, a talented athlete, a dedicated and caring coach and an overall inspiration to “live life to the fullest,” to everyone he came in contact with.

Reminiscing, Rae Ann and Barnett’s sister Molly remember an enthusiastic, fearless young boy who had a passion for being outside. After moving from Lincoln to Oshkosh in fifth grade, Barnett found what his mother called his “Western Nebraska” personality.

“I would drop J.R. and his friends off at the river at 10 or 11 in the morning, and they wouldn’t be ready to come home until six,” Rae Ann said. “He loved the canyons and he loved the Sandhills and everything about being outside.”

Molly, a UNK alumnus, said despite J.R. being laid to rest at Lincoln Memorial Park, he will always be a very prominent presence in Oshkosh. “Even after burying him in Lincoln, we knew we needed to go out to Oshkosh,” Molly said. “We could just feel his presence there in the high school. It was really just a whole different feeling.”

Barnett will be remembered at Garden County High School as a superb athlete and valuable member of the community. Barnett was an All-District member of the football team as well as a member of the basketball, legion baseball and track and field teams. He was a proud volunteer coach of the area little league baseball team.

“He was just a name that everyone knew when you talked about Oshkosh,” said Tyler Dale, a junior elementary education major from Chappell.

Barnett was recruited as a freshman by the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. Derek Fouts, a sophomore physical education major from Chappell, remembers recruiting Barnett from the summer before his freshman year.

BY KOLE KLUVER
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Alpha Phi sorority members will be dealing out cards, prizes and a good time for their annual Red Dress Poker Tournament Thursday night, where the big winner is women’s cardiac care.

“Not only does the money go to a great cause, but people are able to come play some poker and have a good time with some friends,” said Shanna Hilger, Alpha Phi’s director of philanthropy. This year marks the seventh anniversary for the tournament, starting at 5 p.m. on Feb. 9.

“I think the goal of any event like this is to better itself every year. As Alphas we never want our chapter to stay consistent. We are always moving forward,” said Kiley Dibbern. Dibbern is the vice president of marketing and works in tandem with Hilger to ensure the ongoing success of the event.

“We have committees that we set up for logistics, marketing, fundraising, event management and registration. A lot of wheels need to turn for this tourney to run smoothly,” Hilger said.

Dozens of tables lie in wait at the Health and Sports Center for card sharks and novices alike to try their hand at Texas Hold ‘Em. The stakes are high, with prizes including a Kindle, HDTV, Ray Ban sunglasses and a raffle for an iPad 2. Such organized presentation and generous rewards require much support from the community.

“We have girls going to local businesses that they know and ask for donations. We have written letters that...
Candidates use money to play dirty

BY JAY OMAR
Antelope Staff

I turned on the television the other day and figured I was watching one of MTV’s new reality shows. While I sat and watched four men yell, bicker and degrade one another, I realized that what I was watching was coverage of the 2012 Republican campaign.

In an election year still nine months away from seeing Barack Obama win four more years or pass the torch to a Republican challenger, history has been made on many fronts. Unfortunately, this is not the type of history that makes someone proud of his or her political party.

Let’s start with the obvious, the unnecessary and brutal attacks these candidates have been taking on one another. Between the four candidates, Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul and Rick Santorum, to say there is bad blood would be an understatement.

Take the Florida primary as an example. Beginning with the front-runner Romney, who is setting record after record with the amount of money being spent on his campaign. He spent more money in Florida last week than all four Republicans combined spent in that state in 2008. The worst part is what this money, figured at about $20 per vote, is being spent on. Romney and his super PAC spent $15,538,515 on TV ads, and he got 771,842 votes.

Romney’s super PAC released campaign commercials seen all over the state, with the main focus being attacks on Newt Gingrich. The commercials targeted Gingrich’s lack of ethics, his relationships with his two ex-wives and his inability to lead the country.

I am no supporter of Gingrich. In fact, I believe in every word of what Romney’s campaign has said, but where is the respect? Ronald Reagen, who many Republicans believe stands up as one of the best presidents to ever hold office, came up with what he called the 11th Commandment: “No Republican shall speak ill of any other Republican.” I can only imagine what Reagan would say if he were still around to see what is happening.

Romney has the money and uses it to play dirty, no secret there. The simple solution for the other candidates would be to kill the media with kindness. Unfortunately, this is not the type of history that makes someone proud of his or her political party.

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'Vagina Monologues' captivates

BY EMILY SEEVERS
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Each year, students put on the play “The Vagina Monologues” in which they hip thrust, booty slap and moan in an effort to raise awareness for the fight to stop violence against females. The 2012 monologues sponsored by Women’s and Gender Studies, Queer Straight Alliance and Triota were on Feb. 2-3 in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

The monologues were acted by 11 female UNK students and directed by Jenna Workman, a senior language arts education grades 7-12 major from Omaha, and Thomas Augustin, a freshman musical theater and psychology major from Crofton.

“The Vagina Monologues” written by Eve Ensler in 1996 is a compilation of stories, such as “The Little Coochie Snorcher That Could” and “I Was There in the Room.” The monologues from women, young and old, tell of experiences and thoughts on their vaginas and ultimately, their womanhood.

Some stories are mortifying and cause the audience members to gasp and cover their mouths, embarrassed for the storyteller. Others cause riotous laughter, such as in monologues in which girls were asked what their vaginas would wear and say, and “My Angry Vagina” where the actress storms onto stage saying “Thong?! What the hell is that? I don’t want something stuck up my crusty butt all day, I need to breathe!”

At one point, the audience of mostly females erupted in cheers and applause when comparing men and women’s body parts saying “Why have a pistol when I can have a semi-automatic?”

Other monologues include tearful accounts of rape and violence, while the audience stares, silent and captivated. Ensler says she wrote the piece to “celebrate the woman in all of us.”

CAMPUS CRIME LOG

Jan. 30: UNK police attempted to locate Jennifer Maloney in reference to comments she made to parking staff. A call was received from her and a meeting was scheduled.

Jan. 31: Shelby Cameron contacted UNK police in regards to her clothes being stolen from the laundry room.

Jan. 31: Allison Shafer was issued a stop sign citation for failing to stop at parking lot 32 and University Drive.

Feb. 1: Sheryl Fox was issued a written warning for driving down University Drive without headlights on.

Feb. 3: Tracey Mavigliano reported her purse being stolen from the recital hall. Her purse was found in the restroom with everything in it.

Feb. 4: Ten subjects were issued MIP citations after being found in room 241 of CTW with alcohol.

Feb. 4: Kurt Luce reported an unknown person broke the back window out of his vehicle while parked in lot 11 on the sidewalk on the south side of CTW.

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Jenna Workman, Jessica Ferguson, Karen Gonzalez, Riley Wallace and Charisa Ramsey perform the introduction to “The Vagina Monologues.”

Photo by Emily Seever

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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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Keep up with us online!
For Student Body President Jordan Gonzales, a typical day is really anything but. Up before the sun hits the sky, Gonzales’ planner has little room for additions.

Somehow in-between meetings, homework and dealing with a flood of emails about campus cable being down, Gonzales found time to sit down and answer a few questions. It didn’t take long to figure out that the university is in good hands. Gonzales’ shining smile never dims as he discusses his past, the future of UNK campus and the legacy he plans to leave behind.

Where were you born and raised, and what was it like for you growing up?

Gonzales: I was born and raised in Morrill, which is in the Panhandle, even farther than Scottsbluff. The community was very small, very conservative, and for a lack of a better word, it was sheltered. The people were extremely caring of not only the students but also the student aspirations. I had a great family and a supporting community.

What made you select UNK out of all your options?

I didn’t want to stay in the Panhandle, and I knew that. I looked at many schools including UNL, UNO and Wyoming and had good experiences, but Kearney appealed to me. The admissions team was fantastic, and the tour was incredible. They answered any questions I had and were extremely friendly. It came down to size and distance in the end. It was a medium-sized city, and I liked that. The crime rate was low which made my mother happy, and traffic isn’t terrible which made my father happy. I am a terrible driver.

What made you decide to run for student government?

I have been involved since I was in middle school. I lost when I was in seventh grade but got elected president in eighth. Ever since then I have had a large interest in the legislative and executive branches of government. I did student council all four years of high school, and I definitely wanted to continue into college. I joined a fraternity, and a few of my fraternity brothers were involved and guided me into it.

JORDAN GONZALES

Position: Student Body President
Class Standing: Senior
Major: Political science
Hometown: Morrill, NE

Do you think one student sitting in your chair can change UNK for the better?

Absolutely they can. Many people say that student government just goes to the administration and expresses problems. The unique thing about us is that the administration listens. The vice chancellor reads The Antelope every Wednesday, and the dean of admissions has a Twitter and Facebook. They are very involved and value what we have to say. For example, the students kept saying they wanted a new sand volleyball court on campus. On my desk right now is the layout for the new court that will go in near Mantor hall.

What are your professional goals in life?

I am taking a year off after I graduate, and I am going to travel around Italy. After I get back, I will be working at a law firm in Lincoln and studying for the dreaded LSAT. I would really like to go to law school at Ohio State, Notre Dame or Texas, but I am also keeping NU in mind. Nebraska has always been good to me.

You’re obviously very busy. How do you find time for a social life?

I have a nice thick planner, and I organize every single hour. I get up at 6 a.m. every morning, and my roommates can confirm that. I try to get my homework done before noon, and the rest of the afternoon is pretty full up with work. The evenings I reserve for time with my friends, or to make phone calls back home. I wish I could go out to Old School Night on a Tuesday, but the mornings just come too soon. Time with friends is fun, but recovering time isn’t.

What supplies you with the drive to do what you do?

A lot of caffeine. Caffeine definitely plays a big part. Just like you asked though, can one person make a difference? I absolutely can make a difference. I have a banner in my room that I read every day. It says “carpe diem,” which means, “seize the day.” I want to be able to come back to UNK 10, 20, 30 years from now and say “I helped with that.” I want to leave something behind.

Any words of advice for incoming freshman?

Be involved. Get into a student organization or a club for your major. Just do something. Don’t become too over involved because academics are still the No.1 priority. When students get involved around campus, they do better and last longer—not to mention how much it helps with time management.

What does UNK mean to you?

If there is a way to phrase I can say, it is “progress on all fronts.” UNK has made so many strides for the better in such a short time. We have a beautiful campus; the population is growing and so many other things. If you go to UNL, you see kids heads buried in their phones. I call UNK a “heads up” campus. When a student walks to class you see them say, “Hey, how are you?” to so many people that walk by. That is just so rare at a university. We have great buildings, great students and a great faculty. Many teachers at universities teach for many reasons, but the teachers here want to help students. A campus like this just helps a student’s moral so much.

 Anything else that you think people should know?

One thing I will let students know is that even if you’re afraid of the dark, you can still do great things. I am still very afraid of the dark. I sleep with a night-light on every night.
“Exhilarating.” That’s how fresh-
man Mariah Taubenheim describes one
activity that has taken UNK by storm.

Zumba emerged in Kearney a cou-
ple years ago in local gyms, but has
since become a class taught at UNK for
credit hours. As a first year student at
UNK, Taubenheim, an exercise science
major from Amherst, is also a Zumba
instructor on campus.

HPERLS fitness coordinator Nita
Unruh approached Taubenheim and
asked if she would like to get paid to
teach the evening Zumba classes on
campus.

This semester, she teaches 37 wom-
en of all ages dance moves that make
up one of the most intense workouts on
campus. “At first, teaching to students
who were older than me or the same age
was a little intimidating, but after the
first class it’s just really fun and a great
opportunity,” Taubenheim said.

Taubenheim first got involved in
Zumba when she started taking classes
at the YMCA. After experiencing the
fun workouts, she sought out the oppor-
tunity to become a certified instructor.
“I wanted to be an instructor because it
was a job that I could actually enjoy and
to share my love for Zumba with every-
one else— and make others feel good
about themselves,” she said.

But, getting certified isn’t as easy
as it sounds. Taubenheim had to take an
eight-hour session in Omaha and join a
program that costs $30 each month.

Taubenheim continues to get inspi-
ration from the YMCA as she teaches a
lot of the same routines that she initially
learned as a student there. “I also make
up some of my own routines and mostly
all the warm-ups and cool downs,” she
added.

The Zumba routines are made up of
a series of songs that make burning as
many as 500-1000 calories intense, but
fun at the same time. “When choosing a
song I mostly base it on the beat of the
music and if it will be able to work with
easy four-step counts, but you can make
the routines out of almost any song,”
Taubenheim explained. “My favorite
Zumba song is ‘Krazy’ by Pitbull.”

Students who take her class have
to complete two quizzes, an assign-
ment and a semester exam. For the quizzes,
you calculate your target heart rate and
create a wellness plan. Taubenheim said
that the women in her current class are
a free-spirited bunch. “They are not
afraid to shake it,” she said.

In closing, Taubenheim added that
Zumba “just gives you a big thrill while
you’re working out, and although it ex-
hausts you, you feel so much better and
lively afterwards!”
Battle of the 'Blues'

For Swazo, it will always be Coach K, ‘Duke Blue’

BY ERIK SWAZO
Antelope Staff

In the midst of the college basketball season as we near March Madness, rivalries start to take center stage, and no other rivalry is bigger than Duke and North Carolina. For these two schools, separated by less than 10 miles, the two times they play each other during the regular season are two of the biggest games of their seasons.

When I think of men’s college basketball, no two teams come to mind more than Duke and North Carolina. These two programs are always in the national title hunt at the end of the year. When you ask basketball fans who they are going for between these two schools, there will always be different opinions on which team they choose. Around this area, Duke and North Carolina are two of the more popular teams. When you find a Duke fan walking around campus, a North Carolina fan won’t be too far behind.

I can remember sitting in my living room back in 2000, watching Duke for the first time, and growing up, you find your team to cheer on when they are on TV. But it was more than that for me. Watching former players like Shane Battier, Carlos Boozer and Jason Williams, all who have spent time playing in the NBA, I looked up to them. The hard work that they showed on the court and how they acted off the court drew me into being a Duke fan.

I balk when I hear someone saying, “You just like them because they win.” For me, that has never been the case. Yes, since I have started watching Duke basketball, the most losses they have had during a season was 11. So they have won a lot of games. That doesn’t matter to me. A true fan sticks with their team no matter what happens during that season.

You can’t talk about Duke and not speak about their head coach, Mike Krzyzewski. To most fans, he is known as Coach K. Coach K came to Duke in March of 1980, after five seasons as head coach for Army, where he had also played under the infamous Coach Bob Knight. It didn’t take long for Coach K to have Duke on the winning side of games. Coach K has had his share of accomplishments during his tenure at Duke. He has led Duke to 16 consecutive NCAA tournament appearances from 1996 to 2011. He has also led Duke to four NCAA championships (1991, 1992, 2001 and 2010). Not only has he led Duke to national recognition, but he has also led USA Men’s National Basketball teams to gold, notably the Dream Team and most recently the gold in the 2010 FIBA World Championships.

To fans across the nation, Coach K is one of the most respected coaches out there. You will not find another man who puts his players first more consistently. He has had many opportunities to leave Duke to jump to the NBA, but Coach K has stayed committed to helping these young men grow into the men that he wants them to be.

This is the time of year that gets me the most pumped up. When the calendar turns over, and I see Duke and North Carolina circled, I get those feelings that will never go away—the same exact feelings I had when I was a little kid, and the same exact feelings I will have for the rest of my life.

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Urbanski says it’s Tar Heel time, and ‘Dook’ will fall

BY AARON URBANSKI
Antelope Staff

Its been nearly 29 years since Michael Jordan sported the iconic No. 23 at the college level and hoisted a National Championship banner under the legendary coach Dean Smith. Since then Title Town-UNC has continued to produce elite squads year in and year out and managed to stay ahead of those Cameron Crazies not even 10 miles down ole’ Tobacco Road.

Since the rivalry began on Jan. 24, 1920, North Carolina holds the all-time bragging rights between the two schools where it matters most—hardware. With five National Titles, 18 ACC Conference Titles, 28 Regular Season ACC Championships, and 131-101 record against “Dook,” there is no better argument than winning when it comes to discussing supremacy between these two teams.

With February now upon us and the first showdown of the year between two of the ACC’s best set to take stage Wednesday night, college basketball fans will be in for another classic on the hardwood.

For North Carolina fans, its more than just a rivalry, it’s personal. After being blown away in the 2011 ACC Title Game at the hands of the Duke Blue Devils, this year’s squad is looking to restore the order against a relatively young and inexperienced Coach Krzyzewski team. North Carolina is on a mission to take control of the conference after an impressive win against Maryland on Feb. 4, and a crushing defeat by Duke at home versus the Miami Hurricanes. With a victory over Duke, North Carolina can separate Florida State and itself from Duke and the rest of the pack with a two game lead heading into the final seven games of the regular season.

Don’t be surprised to see the Tar Heels hang 90 on poor-old Duke’s overrated defense; North Carolina’s senior forward Tyler Zeller is a beast in the paint and demands a double-team every time he touches the ball. As the No. 1 scoring and rebounding team in the nation, North Carolina is looking to impose its will in the paint and transition game during this prime-time match-up starting at 9 p.m. ET on ESPN.

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Super Bowl 2012 Recap:

There's a new Manning in Indianapolis

BY ARTHUR HOBBS
Antelope Staff

The rematch of the 2007 Super Bowl did anything but become a disappointment. Similar to Super Bowl XLVI, when Eli Manning and the New York Giants pulled out an unbelievable play, this game also came down to the very end.

The game started off as some would say sloppy for the New England Patriots, and the Giants good defense forced a call on Tom Brady for intentional grounding while throwing from his own end zone. The safety resulted in two points, and the Giants quickly added to that 2-0 lead when Manning found the speedy receiver Victor Cruz for a touchdown.

Tom Brady, keeping cool, got the Patriots on the scoreboard with a field goal with about 13 minutes left in the second quarter. After regaining possession on the 4-yard line, the Patriots then put together a 14-play, 96-yard drive and scored to go ahead 10-9 at half.

On their first possession of the second half, Tom Brady put together an 8-play, 79-yard drive for a touchdown; they led 17-9 and looked to take control of the game. Brady was on a roll completing 16 straight passes, and the Patriots to three and out with about four minutes left was just what the Giants needed. On the very first play on the assuming possession, Eli Manning threw a bomb for 38 yards down the left sideline to Mario Manningham for a spectacular catch putting the Giants at the 50-yard line.

Defense then did what they needed to do, and after getting to the 10-yard line, the Patriots let them score in hope of having enough time for Brady to work his fourth quarter magic.

The Patriots put together a really great effort but fell short when a Hail Mary to the end zone bounced off hands and hit the turf making the Giants Super Bowl XLVI champions. Eli Manning was named MVP.

New York Giant’s defensive back Tyler Sash (39) and wide receiver Victor Cruz (80) celebrate after clutching the Super Bowl title Sunday.

TOP FIVE SUPER BOWL COMMERCIALS
1. Chrysler-It’s Halftime America (Clint Eastwood)
2. The Voice - Vocal Kombat 2012 Superbowl Commercial
3. “Transactions” Extended Version - 2012 Acura NSX Big Game Ad (Jerry Seinfeld)
5. 2012 Super Bowl Baby Slingshot Ad by Doritos

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THIS WEEK IN LOPER SPORTS

Senior Vanessa Jones sets up to shoot two free throws. Jones scored 30 points in Friday night’s win against Colorado Mesa.

Photo by Christian Lujan

Yuko Yukimatsu, a UNK senior from Nagoya Aichi, Japan, majoring in secondary education, races in the women’s 200-yard freestyle against Sarah Blount, a UNO freshman. The Mavericks came out over the Lopers Jan. 28 with a score of 132-100.

Photo by Yena Oh
Senioritis: finding the cure

With one semester to go, seniors battle a new opponent

BY JAY OMAR
Antelope Staff

When Scott Wenzl’s alarm clock goes off, it’s more than hard to find the motivation to get out of bed, walk through the snow and sit through an hour of lecture. More times than not however, reason kicks in, and he forgets all about the illnesses he made up in his mind starting late the night before. It’s off to class.

But often when the fourth year rolls around, many college students come down with a sickness that’s hard to shake: senioritis. This disease keeps a student in bed too long after a late night and seems to cut study hours in half. A student with senioritis begins to anticipate the freedom of graduation.

For Wenzl, a fifth year senior and recreation management major in his last full semester here at UNK, understands it’s easy to lose your focus.

“I wouldn’t say school is my number one priority right now,” Wenzl said. “I work two jobs dealing with experience for my field. They kind of take over.”

Although school may not be his number one priority, Wenzl understands the importance of finishing strong, not skipping classes, and taking what he will learn into society.

“This is training for the real world. You won’t be able to wake up and skip work. I might as well just get used to it,” Wenzl said.

Although senioritis may seem easy to overcome, for some it’s not. Seniors put in the situation of having all but just a few credits needed for graduation, find themselves looking ahead to the finish line.

Some have already accepted job offers while many are already in the job hunt. With a career right around the corner, school is put on the back burner.

Another major cause of senioritis is on the opposite side of the spectrum.

Some take very few credits in their final semester and many times have already completed many of the more difficult classes. Soon a student’s social life, video games or any number of things, start to take precedence over the stack of books waiting on the desk.

Wenzl offered some helpful advice.

“You’re almost there,” Wenzl said. “I won’t let myself do that. As hopefully a future boss, I need to learn to be dependable.”

When a student is back into the routine of the semester for the eighth, ninth, or even 10th time, many have already extended their hand to reach for their diploma. Sometimes senioritis can creep up however, making it difficult to take those last few steps.

It is up to the individual whether to let this unwelcomed virus known as senioritis infect habits and schoolwork. For many seniors it is the end of a very long and stressful road when this visits, but according to Wenzl, that’s no excuse.

“It’s tough, I’ve wanted to be done for a long time,” Wenzl says. “It’s my fifth year, I have made it way too far to start slipping up now.”

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A modern dance was performed for the crowd at the African Culture Festival Jan. 31. There was also a traditional dance, readings, a fashion show and food.

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Senior Emily Ndugwa, a telecommunication management major from Uganda, Africa, and junior Jane Sosoo, a psychobiology and pre-med major from Ivory Coast, Africa, serve food at the African Culture Festival on Jan. 31. The event showcased African food, a traditional and modern dance, as well as a fashion show.
Theatre students attend annual festival

From Jan. 15-20, 19 UNK theatre students had the opportunity to attend the week-long Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in Ames, Iowa.

“I think our students did a really nice showing and they represented us very well,” said Darin V. Himmerich, technical director and director of the theatre program, who is already looking forward to next year’s festival and the potential of future theatre students.

The annual festival is a place for theatre students to participate in competitions in areas such as acting, dramaturgy, costumes, makeup, design, stage management, theatre management and directing.

Throughout the week students go to workshops and take advantage of the companies scouting talent for summer work. Himmerich said, “We enter shows into the festival the entire year, and they send a respondent. The respondent then selects Irene Ryan nominations. At the festival, the nominee and a partner compete for judges. This year there were over 300 Irene Ryan competitors.” Only 64 competitors got past semi-finals, including Natalie Burling, a senior theatre and organizational communication major from Kearney, and partner Nate Rocke, a junior theatre major from Lincoln.

Another UNK winner was Kelsey Coolidge, a senior business administration and theatre major from Falls City. She earned first in theatre management and a certificate of merit for stage management for “Rocky Horror Show.” Anthony Ford, a senior music business major from Southfield, Mich., earned a certificate of merit for musical direction in “Rocky Horror.”

Though senior technical theatre major Kyle Garrelts didn’t bring home any awards, it was his second year at the festival, and he said he received positive feedback from judges. Garrelts, from Kearney, said, “This is like our state championships.”

This year, Garrelts, a studio art minor, took a design from the fall semester’s “The Shape of Things” for the scenic design competition and performed with a “tech crew” for the tech olympics.

Garrelts said, “It’s nice being able to communicate with everyone at the festival because they have the same interests and know what you’re talking about.”

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Senior Technical Theatre major

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“We began texting and really connected over talking about coaching and about how influential it was to those kids at a young age. At that point we clicked,” Fouts said. “I was in his room every day, and I can honestly say that after a seven-month period, he was my best friend.”

In his first year at UNK and as a member of Sig Ep, Barnett was awarded the “Balanced-Man” award. Each year, the recruitment chairs honor a member who shows a balance between physical activity, social life and academics.

Sergio Lara, a junior industrial distribution major from Holdrege and a fellow Sig Ep member, remembers the impact that Barnett had on everyone he came in contact with. “He was always there to tell a story and make someone smile,” Lara said. “There was just never a bad day for him. I have told the other guys that J.R. taught us something. He always found the bright side of every situation. He touched every member of this fraternity in a different way.”

Friends say everyone who knew Barnett was able to take something away from their relationship with him. Those who knew him well would say that he made everyone around him a better person. "He always made the right choices every day, but didn’t really think too much about what tomorrow held," Lara said. "We all learned a lot from him. I have told the other guys that J.R. taught us something. He always found the bright side of every situation. He touched every member of this fraternity in a different way."

People knew J.R. on a variety of different levels. Some knew him as a close friend, an acquaintance or a fellow student in class. His sister Kelley, Molly and Katie knew him as an energetic little brother who had no fear and loved being outside. Others knew him as a tremendous athlete or an unforgettable high school friend. Many back home in Oshkosh looked up to him as coach. The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon knew him as a devoted and binding member of the house. Three-year-old Logan knew him as “Uncle J.R.” And parents Rae Ann and Jim knew him as a much-loved son.

But all of us here at UNK knew him as a fellow Loper, a member of a single community where each has a connection to the other.
Lately the media has been swarming with details and arguments about the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) bill. It’s easy to jump to conclusions for or against the bill, and there are several reasons why.

SOPA’s intentions are to block Internet users from accessing and downloading pirated content, mostly small sites from foreign countries. Because foreign sites are difficult to control, SOPA would filter searches and the flagged sites would not be accessible to the public. Popular companies like Paypal wouldn’t be able to send or receive funds from these sites. The intentions are good, but the bill leaves many loopholes for unintentional censorship of other aspects of the Internet because of the way it is written.

SOPA’s loose wording could potentially strangle many sites that we use every day. It states that if a site “facilitates” copyright infringement, the site would be in violation. Those lines are so blurred these days with sites like YouTube, that many would be forced to shut down. Numerous search engines would be overhauled and would most likely shut down under the pressure.

There’s no way a search engine could possibly censor all of the information received each day, leaving it vulnerable to be accused. If a site were to be accused of facilitating piracy or anything similar, it would open an ordeal at the accused expense, costing them money and potentially bringing down an innocent site by simply binding it in legal matters.

SOPA and a similar bill called PIPA were created with good intentions. They were meant to fill a gap where piracy and copyright infringement were running rampant. However, the wording and extremity of the bills leave much to be desired and would most likely result in chaos. On Jan. 20, the bills were tabled and may be reworked in the future.

This seems like a victory for the anti-SOPA/PIPA population, but it isn’t over yet. The rights and freedoms of today’s Internet users matter greatly to society and should not be thrown around loosely, leaving room for error and manipulation. When the bills come back to focus, hopefully they will be taken apart and looked at much more closely to prevent the unconstitutional blocking of free information via a faulty line in a bill.
Crime, action, villains and heroes have been the theme of many graphic novels and comics since their inception.

Now, the English Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta, wants to highlight the literary aspects of graphic novels through their second annual Graphic Novel/Comic Film Festival.

The festival began on Jan. 29 and the final two films, “V for Vendetta” and “Captain America” will be shown on Feb. 14 and 21 respectively.

Sigma Tau Delta president Celeste Lempke is excited about the films and said she finds it important for the graphic novel genre to be taken seriously.

“As a graduate student whose English literary criticism degree focuses primarily upon graphic novels/comics, I want to make every attempt to promote these written genres as serious literature for academic study,” Lempke said.

Lempke continued that the main goal of the festival through discussions after the films is to debunk the misconception that graphic novels are a lesser form of literature.

Dr. Megan Hartman, assistant professor of English, believes that the film festival will spark academic conversation. “These are fun movies, but they are also interesting to think about. So, we are hoping that we can get students interested in talking about them— which can in turn give those who attend the movies some new ideas about how they might want to interpret the films,” Hartman said.

Other members of Sigma Tau Delta are excited as well. Kaitlyn Darveau, junior English major from Kearney, is excited for one of the film choices and also the irony of a certain upcoming holiday that it coincides with.

“I really love ‘V for Vendetta.’ Also, the fact that we are watching it on Valentine’s Day makes it even better,” Darveau said.

 Sigma Tau Delta hosts Graphic Novel Film Festival

UPCOMING FILM SCHEDULE

“V for Vendetta”–Feb. 14, 7 p.m.
“Captain America”–Feb. 21, 7 p.m.

*Both films will be shown in Room 107 of Thomas Hall

What is your most Romantic moment?

“I took a 12-day trip to Europe one summer, and when I was leaving my boyfriend surprised me at 5 in the morning to say goodbye. Then once I got to Europe and opened my suitcase, he had secretly put a picture of us and a note in there saying he would miss me. When I came back, he surprised me again when he came with my parents to get me from the airport and brought me flowers.”

Andee Bubak
Senior/Elementary education
Cozad

“I had to work past midnight one New Year’s Eve so I couldn’t celebrate it. Once I got off work, I went to my girlfriend’s house, and she surprised me by decorating her room with New Year’s decorations. She even had party hats and a bottle of wine. Then we celebrated the Mountain Time New Year’s together.”

Joel Pelster
Senior/Sports and business administration
Ogallala

“I went to my girlfriend’s house while she was gone and made her dinner. Then I surprised her with dinner and a bottle of wine when she got home. I also wrote a note in the dust on her TV which she found later that night and really liked.”

Zach Nielsen
Senior/Exercise science
Oxford

“The night my boyfriend asked me out, he told me that we were going to go out to eat. But when he picked me up, he said he forgot his wallet at his house and we had to go get it. Once we went into his house, he had a candlelight dinner set up with flowers, a bottle of wine and romantic music playing. After we ate he asked me to be his girlfriend.”

Jodi Kreifels
Senior/Elementary education
Lincoln

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