The first time Daniel Poly met Jenny Gierhan and her friends, he had jumped onto a couch busting out the lyrics to “Laredo” to make them all laugh.

“Whenever he would walk by any girl he would say, ‘You look so good today,’” even if you looked terrible. He knew how to make anyone smile,” Gierhan, a senior public relations major from Kearney, said with a laugh. Though Gierhan didn’t feel like she was one of Poly’s close friends, she, like most who met him— including 982 friends on Facebook— had fond memories.

Poly was a charmer. With an infectious laugh, a knack for playing the guitar, and the ability to make anyone smile, he knew how to woo a girl.

“When I think of Dan I imagine his guitar, his hair gel and his infectious smile— all of which seemed to help him with the ladies. He was a notorious charmer with an unbelievable talent of melting hearts,” said Hilke Brandon, a junior sports and business administration major from Alma and the president of the Alpha Phi sorority at UNK.

Poly’s charm didn’t just stop with the girls. He had an ability to become friends with anyone he met. As the president of the Theta Kappa chapter of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity from January 2010 until January 2011, Poly was beloved by his brothers in the fraternity.

“He was so well liked and was so positive. I cannot think of one negative thing about him,” said Dusty Newton, the chapter advisor for UNK’s Delta Tau Delta fraternity. “I think we were a huge part of his life. He was the only son in his family but had two sisters. He really loved having brothers.”

As a person described as carefree and easy-going by his friends and mentors, Poly was always there for his friends and family when they needed him most. “He was such a loyal friend and would never turn his back on you. I personally went through some tough times this semester, and Dan stuck by my side the entire time and always had my back,” said Alex Frantz, a
Dan Poly from page 1

senior finance major from Omaha and a member of the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity.

It was Poly’s positive personality and his love for his brothers that allowed him to carry on several leadership roles in UNK’s Greek Community. Poly was a member of the 2009 Interfraternity Council, held several leadership roles in his fraternity and was a member of Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol (GAMMA).

“Dan was extremely involved. There was not a thing you would ask him to do that he would not get done. I think this quality helped Dan get to the presidency level,” said Zac Deeds, former president of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and a UNK senior.

As the leader of his fraternity, Poly did his best to be there for all his brothers. “He was someone who mentored the younger members and a leader that the older members liked and respected. He was also elected because he was a great representative of what it meant to be a Delt at UNK,” said Tracy Lungrin, former interim Greek life coordinator.

Like many college dorm rooms, the Delta house put up a bulletin board after winter break asking for the member’s New Year’s resolutions. Poly’s resolution for 2011 was to put others first—before anything else. He would drop anything he was doing if you were down and having a bad day. Deeds said. “If you ever needed help, Dan was your man. No matter the size of the task, he was always willing to jump in and help where he could.”

It was his love for people that helped Poly choose his path at UNK. “Dan was an organizational communications major, which allows you to do a lot of different things in relationship to working with people,” said Professor George Lawson, Poly’s advisor and professor at UNK. “I think he really liked that aspect of working with people.”

But like many college kids, Poly still wasn’t sure what he wanted to do as a career.

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But as Dan’s presumed graduation date of May 2011 began to approach, his choices for a career began to become clear. “He had talked to his mom over Christmas break about his future. A few days later he told me he was considering hotel management. He could talk to anybody, so I could see him being able to relate well to any stranger,” Newton said.

Poly’s ability to meet people and make them laugh is what those closest to him will remember most. Tracy Lungrin’s fondest memory is of Poly modeling in a Greek Week fashion show. “When he and his counterpart, Allie Nightingale, came down the runway their routine was absolutely awesome,” Lungrin said. “It was at the moment when I realized and expressed to him after the show in my most Oprah-like voice, ‘Dan Poly — You can dance!’ He had style, swag and the kid had moves.”

With a passion for music and a love for his fraternity, Brandon remembers Poly as always having “a guitar and a brother by his side.”

It was those moments with his brothers and his guitar that Poly seemed to enjoy most. “My fondest memories of Dan would be sitting outside the Delt house with all the guys while Dan sang about any song you could come up with,” Deeds said.

Daniel Poly was born on July 25, 1989, and passed away on Feb. 9, 2011. He is survived by his parents Dennis and Lynn Poly; sisters, Marie and Ellen Poly all of Omaha; and numerous friends.
Tutors lead others to academic success

Webb, Hotovy set outstanding examples through work tutoring peers

By Justin Gilson
Antelope Staff

UNK students working toward their teaching degree will have the opportunity to work with experienced teachers in a new summer school program as part of a paid internship. Lexington Public Schools will be holding two summer school sessions for grades Kindergarten through fourth grade in June and July.

This summer, students will be working under the supervision of a master teacher from Lexington Public Schools who will assist them in lesson planning, classroom management and teaching strategies while working with a classroom full of students and being paid to do it.

The opportunities to be a paid student teacher are few and far between in Nebraska, but the benefits this new program offers are greater than just the money. “This is a great learning experience for our young students. It gives them the chance to see what it’s like before their actual student teaching begins,” said Ann Knipping, director of field experience and lecturer for teacher education.

The College of Education is hoping to make this first year for the program a success. They are encouraging students who have been admitted to the UNK Teacher Education Program to respond to this unique opportunity.

By Megan Blume
Antelope Staff

Crunching numbers on a math assignment or editing an 11-page English paper is enough to make the average student squirm in their seat, but two UNK students managed to do their homework while assisting other students with assignments like these.

Helping others to succeed has paid off for these two students who were recently recognized by the UNK Office of Academic Success for their tutoring efforts.

“Academic Success recognized two individuals at our fall Recognition and Awards Social for their outstanding contributions to the peer tutoring and writing center programs,” said Keri Pearson, tutoring and assessment coordinator.

Tierra Webb, a senior 7-12 math education major, is the fall 2010 recipient of the Distinguished Peer Tutor Award. Webb is student teaching at Northwest High School in Grand Island this spring and will graduate in May.

“I am currently teaching Trigonometry and Algebra II, and I’m loving every minute of it,” Webb said. “Being a peer tutor helped me a lot because it gave me a chance to explain concepts that I am now teaching in several different ways.”

“Tierra’s leadership in setting an example of kindness, respect and intellect have been invaluable to the peer tutoring program throughout her four semesters of tutoring,” Pearson said.

“Tutoring math as an undergraduate has helped me gain confidence in teaching the subject, as well as learning it for myself,” Webb said. “I encourage students to come in for help with their homework, and to seek out resources like other classmates to build confidence in a new subject.”

Sada Hotovy, a senior history and English major from Lincoln, is the fall 2010 recipient of the Distinguished Writing Consultant Award.

Hotovy said she became a writing center consultant to work with international students and improve her own writing skills.

“I hope that I have helped students clarify not only their writing, but their thoughts as well,” Hotovy said. “When one knows what they want to say, the writing process becomes less intimidating.”

“Sada has been a very positive force in the writing center this semester,” Pearson said. “She helps students in a patient and professional way that demonstrates her peaceful nature.”

UNK students and faculty nominated both Webb and Hotovy for the awards. They were chosen based on their leadership in their respective programs.

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Do you have a BROKEN camera?
Nebraska drivers couldn't quite make it

List of Nebraskan drivers in NASCAR is short, but impressive over the years

BY NATHAN KRUG
Antelope Sports Staff

Last Sunday was the 53rd running of the Daytona 500, NASCAR's version of the Super Bowl. The biggest race of the year also kicks off the NASCAR season.

As I watched qualifying and practice all week I couldn't help but think of the drivers from Nebraska who once tried make a career out of NASCAR. The list is short, but a few of those who did try to make it were actually quite successful.

Bob Burdick is a name that a few NASCAR fans may remember. Burdick was arguably the most successful driver out of Nebraska. He had a pretty successful career in NASCAR winning the 1961 race at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Burdick also claimed two poles with three top fives and nine top tens in just 15 starts in his career.

One of Burdick's top ten finishes came at the biggest race of them all, the Daytona 500 back in 1961. This was the best finish for any Nebraskan at Daytona. Burdick is now in the Nebraska Auto Racing Hall of Fame.

When it comes to racing in Nebraska, one of the more familiar names is Kosiski. Ed and Joe Kosiski are local legends on the dirt tracks around the state and are current drivers from Holdrege, Jena Isaacson, recently starting on the dirt tracks of Nebraska. It would be ten years before another Nebraska native

would give NASCAR a shot.

The most memorable Nebraskan to give NASCAR a try was a young man by the name of Josh Krug from Omaha. Krug started on the dirt track at I-80 Speedway in 2003 at the age of 17. Krug would run dirt for two years before joining the American Speed Association Series in 2005.

While racing in the ASA series, Krug set and broke records at I-70 speedway in St. Joseph, Mo. Records that were broken include: youngest driver to win, most consecutive victories, and most laps led over a season. After two years of competing in the ASA series Krug was picked up by Hickson Motor Sports to drive full time in ARCA Remax Series. While running in ARCA, Krug finished 10th in points and was named runner-up Rookie Of the Year in 2007.

In 2008 Krug would finally get his shot at the NASCAR Nationwide Series. Krug tried to qualify for two races but failed to make the field both times. Krug's career seemed to going fine, but due to a lack of sponsorship, Krug never made it to the Sprint Cup. He now runs dirt late models back home at I-80 Speedway.

Nebraska has had plenty of talented drivers but due to lack of sponsorship they never could quite make it.

I had the privilege to be on Krug's race team since he started in 2003. It seemed like everything was going great and that we were actually going to make it in the world of racing. But when we heard that our sponsor, Johnson Hardware, had dropped us for financial reasons, we knew we were in trouble. Maybe that's all that's missing, a dedicated sponsor. A sponsor who refuses to lose can do wonders.

The sport of NASCAR continues to grow. Cities are always being looked at as possible places to build a racetrack— including Omaha, which passed on the opportunity to build Nebraska Speedway back in 1998. I'm sure another driver will have the talent to make it to the big leagues of NASCAR sometime in the future. For now we all just look up to our local hometown heroes of the local tracks.

That's what racing is all about.

Loper track and field puts up impressive marks

BY ANDREW TIDWELL
Antelope Sports Staff

As the Loper Track and Field Teams ready themselves for the RMAC Championships, another dominant two-sport athlete raises a threat on the track. A junior from Holdrege, Jena Isaacson, recently qualified to compete in the pentathlon and long jump for the Indoor Track and Field National Championships in March.

As an outside hitter for the Loper volleyball team, she was only 13 points shy of the school record in the Indoor Pentathlon scoring a 3431. According to tfrs.org, Isaacson is ranked 11th nationally among Division II women in the pentathlon. Also, with her long jump of 19’7.5,” Isaacson secured her trip to New Mexico for the Indoor Track and Field Championships held March 11-12.

Along with Isaacson, top ranked, Kearney native Marty Molina will be jumping in the championships. In the Iowa State Track and Field Classic, Molina was a top the podium losing only to Division I All-Americans from our sister school in Lincoln.

“Marty Mo had a confidence about him that we needed to see in these big meets. We would like to see that same attitude at the Championships,” said head track and field coach Brady Bonsall. Currently ranked fourth in the national rankings, Molina looks to be standing atop the podium in both indoor and outdoor seasons.

Sophomore Kyle Glidden, from Bemkelman, has provisionally qualified in the weight throw with a toss of 57’11.75.” Other provisional qualifiers include; Allen Osborne (60m hurdles), Bryson Mahlberg (Heptathlon), Cody Klein (60m), Marissa Bongers (800m) and Jackie Ziemen (shot put).

The Lopers will host the RMAC Championships Feb. 25-26 in the Cushing Coliseum. The first event will begin at 8:30 a.m. The National Championships will be held in Albuquerque, N.M., March 11-12.
During an active shooter incident, the odds of being victim to an active shooter are similar to the chances of being struck by lightning. Above all other forms of weather-related injuries, lightning is proven to be the most common. Most of us have learned to beware of lightning and exercise caution.

As active shooter incidents become more common across the nation, UNK’s police and parking service’s put on an active shooter training session for UNK faculty and students on Feb. 18 in the Ockinga Conference Room.

The session focused on what an active shooter is and the three options a person has if caught in that situation—get out, hide out, or take out. As Michelle Hamaker, the director of police and parking services said, “An active shooter has intent to kill as many people in the shortest amount of time possible. A hostage taker uses a captive as leverage to get what they want.”

A short video, “Shots Fired: When Lightning Strikes” was shown at the presentation to give the audience a better idea of how to react if they are the victims of an active shooter. “The most important thing is to be aware of your surroundings — and don’t put yourself in a situation to be a victim. Be aware of your capabilities and the safest choice for you,” Hamaker said.

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From television shows, movies and video games, perpetrators are often portrayed as scary, tough men, but the most common active shooters will usually be your coworkers or fellow students—people you may never expect to act out.

LeAnn Obrecht, the director of counseling and health care, focused on what signs may indicate a troubled student or coworker and how to prevent them from acting out.

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For many students, the transition from high school to college can be overwhelming and can lead to very severe changes in moods and attitudes. Providing students with guidance from a counselor may prevent a potential lethal situation, “A student never just snaps. Taking the time to listen can go a long ways in prevention,” Obrecht said.

Brandon Benitz, the assistant to the dean for student affairs and conduct officer, discussed how more students entering college have a history of mental health issues or unresolved issues at home. But by utilizing resources on campus and providing help to students in need, the number of criminal violations on the UNK campus has dropped from 495 in 2007-2008 to 307 in 2009-2010 with a repeat offender rate of only five percent.

As the training emphasized, if you feel a peer or coworker is potentially dangerous, don’t be afraid to let someone know. For counseling services at UNK call 308-865-8517 or visit the counseling center in the student affairs building. To contact police and parking services call 308-865-8248.

LeAnn Obrecht, the director of counseling and health care, urges faculty and students to use resources on campus such as the counseling center in order to help troubled peers, students, or coworkers at the Active Shooter Training on Feb. 18.

When lightning strikes

**UNK holds active shooter training**

**BY ASHLEY LEEVER**
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Students predict Oscar outcomes

BY MEGAN BLUME
Antelope staff

The Academy Award of Merit, nicknamed Oscar, is a statuette of a knight standing on a reel of film gripping a crusader’s sword. The film reel features five spokes, signifying the five original branches of the Academy: actors, directors, producers, technicians and writers. Oscar stands 13.5 inches tall and weighs eight and half pounds. Since 1929, 2,701 Oscars have been awarded and it takes three to four weeks to make the 50 statuettes for the Academy Awards.

Best Picture
Madison Wagner, a sophomore health science major from McCook: “I think ‘Toy Story 3’ will win because it attracted such a large audience from kids to adults.”

Kyle Kuypers, a senior English and theatre major from Kearney: “My vote is for ‘Inception’ because it has a dynamite cast, a great script, awesome effects and it’s an A+ across the board. ‘Inception’ set the bar and that’s what the audience is going to remember.”

Shelby Benda, a freshman psychology major from Albion: “I pick ‘Toy Story 3’ because I watched all the ‘Toy Stories’ when I was young, and now as I watch I still like how the movies end.”

Actor in a Leading Role
Alex Lamb, a sophomore secondary education and English major from Elkhorn: “Jessie Eisenberg should win for ‘The Social Network’ because he captured the eccentricities of Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg.”

“Actress in leading role
“I think Natalie Portman will win for ‘Black Swan’ because she’s a stone cold fox.”
Alex Lamb
Sophomore secondary education major

“I think ‘How to Train Your Dragon’ will win because it took animated movies to a whole new level and started its own franchise. ‘How to Train Your Dragon’ has really good voice acting, and it’s an awesome movie.”
Kyle Kuypers
Senior English and theatre major

CATCH AN OSCAR-NOMINATED FILM
To check out a couple of Oscar-nominated films near you, visit Kearney Cinema 8 where ‘King’s Speech’ is playing, or visit Hilltop 4 Theaters where you can see ‘True Grit.’ Find more information at www.kearneycinema.com.

A WAY WITH WORDS

English graduate assistant and Sigma Tau Delta member Paul Skinner pays tribute to bad love at the Frank House poetry reading Feb. 19. Skinner presented lyrics from popular 80s “love” songs by artists such as Kiss and Lionel Richie.

SOUNDS OF SPRING

The Trans-Nebraska Players perform Jae Eun Jung’s “Scent of Summer” at UNK’s Department of Music and Performing Arts New Music Festival on Feb. 14. The Trans-Nebraska Players include Franziska Nabb on flute and Dr. Noah Rogoff on cello, both music faculty members at UNK; Dr. David Neely, violin, and Dr. Clark Potter, viola, both professors at UNL; and Dr. James Margetts, piano, a professor at Chadron State College.
Summer Jobs

City Park, Cottonmill, & Cemetary Grounds Maintenance
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*Meadowlark Hills G.C. Clubhouse Staff
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H.S & Adult Volleyball Officials
Late May-July $9.00-$11.00, 4-10 hrs. per week (evening hours required). Must be at least 16 yrs old

Adult Slow Pich Softball Umpires
May-mid Aug. $12.00-$18.00, 5-25 hrs. per week (evening & some weekend hours required). Must be at least 18 yrs. old

Adult League Supervisors
May-mid Aug $9.00-$11.00, 4-15 hrs. per week(evening & weekend hours required). Must be at least 18 yrs. old

Swimming Pool Front Desk Staff
Late May-early Sep. $7.25-$7.75, 15-25 hrs. per week (morning, afternoon, evening, and weekend hours required) Must be at least 15 yrs. old for non-cert and 16 for certified

WSI & Non-certified Swim Lesson Inst.
June-early Aug. $8.50-$9.00, WSI certified, $8.00-$8.50 non-certified. (weekday morning and early evening hour required) Must be at least 15 yrs. old for non-cert and 16 for certified

Water Aerobics Instructors
June-Aug. $8.00-$8.50, 3-7 hours per week (weeknights, early evening hours required) Must be at least 16 yrs. old

Lifeguards
May-early Sep. $8.00-$8.50, 20-40 hrs. per week (morning, afternoon, evening, and weekend hours required) Must be at least 15 yrs. old by 5/22/11 & have the following certifications: Red Cross First Aid, C.P.R., & Lifeguarding

Pool Managers
May-early Sep. $8.75-$9.75, head manager: $10.00-$10.50, 30-40 hrs. per week (morning, afternoon, evening, and weekend hours required) Must be at least 18 by 5/22/11 and have the following certifications: Red Cross First Aid, C.P.R., Lifeguarding, & Nebraska State Pool Operator.

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Creating 'The Carillon'  
Campus prepares to publish magazine

BY JESSICA EASTBURN
JMC 315

For over 20 years, UNK and Sigma Tau Delta, the English honors society, have given students the chance to have their best literary works published in the campus literary magazine, “The Carillon.” The magazine publishes works from all students, regardless of major or field of study.

“You do not have to be an English major or minor to submit, we take works from all majors, all fields of study. Anyone who has a piece of literary work they are proud of should submit,” said Jacob Sandman, vice president of Sigma Tau Delta and editor of the 2011 “Carillon.”

The UNK chapter of Sigma Tau Delta has been in existence since 1924. The chapter voted on Jan. 17, 1934 to begin publishing a literary magazine.


“This year’s edition is following in the footsteps of those previous,” Sandman said. “‘The Carillon’ is a great way to be published for the first time and for aspiring authors to get their names and works out there for people to read.”

Writers submit their works to a selection committee. After the selection committee reads the pieces submitted, they are passed onto the editor who has final say on what is published.

“Works are selected based on reader response from the committee,” Sandman said, “but editing and grammar do factor into what is chosen.”

As the vice-president of Sigma Tau Delta and the editor of “The Carillon,” Sandman has put many hours into making the publication successful this year. He began promoting “The Carillon” to the campus early in the fall semester by hanging posters around UNK, giving out submission information in each of his classes and urging everyone he knew to submit. Sandman is also in charge of assigning the committee to select the papers to be published.

“He also works closely with the printing company to configure the layout of the magazine.

“I get to choose the cover art. In past years, the editor has been in charge of choosing a theme for the book, although this year’s edition will not have a specific theme,” Sandman said.

After the release of the magazine, Sigma Tau Delta will hold a release party for students whose works were submitted. At the release party, students who were published will receive a free copy of the literary magazine.

“The Carillon” is a great way for students to get their works out and to get published for the first time. It really helps people get used to publishing process, and we accept works from all areas of study and all majors,” said Sandman.