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Taking a stand for Justice Week

A new campus chapter of the International Justice Mission sprints out of the gate to host UNK Justice Week March 5th-8th, get others involved against human slavery worldwide.

BY JOEL CEDAR
Antelope Staff

The UNK's International Justice Mission (IJM) chapter goals include raising \$27,000 and having 2,700 people involved throughout justice week. The students in the chapter refuse to be passive and are actively pursuing justice for the modern-day atrocity of human slavery, which currently oppresses over 27 million people worldwide.

Just within the last few weeks, the official campus chapter of the IJM was organized. According to Jessica Ferguson, a senior elementary education major, "IJM was started to help the oppressed and provide lawyers and people that will stand behind them because they do not have a voice and people don't really care about their status."



JESSICA FERGUSON

Ferguson said that IJM has lawyers, investigators, and social workers in several different countries all around the globe with the goal to free the oppressed and to bring justice to people that would normally never see it.

"They want to rescue people from slavery. They want to prosecute individuals who are perpetrators, and they just want to let justice happen by working with governments around the world," said Amanda High, a senior family studies major.

High added that recent IJM successes have included rescuing more than 100 people from forced labor in a brick factory, as well as pressuring the United States government to pass stricter laws



AMANDA HIGH

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Photo by Joel Cedar

International Justice Mission

According to the International Justice Mission website, human trafficking for the purpose of slavery and sexual bondage grosses over \$32 million annually. They estimate that there are almost 2 million children subjugated to sexual slavery. Eighty percent of victims are women and children, and half are minors. Human trafficking is the second largest criminal industry in the world behind the sale of illegal drugs.

The IJM campus chapter invites others to join the group and the cause. Members can participate through events, publicity, education, prayer and volunteerism. Anyone is welcome to go to the weekly meetings, Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. in the basement of the library.

For more information, the group's Facebook page name is the "International Justice Mission - UNK Campus Chapter" and their Twitter handle is "@IJMUNKcc".



Photo by Joel Cedar

The UNK IJM campus chapter is excited about what the future holds. They want every student at UNK to know that slavery still exists and is an issue that must be addressed now.

Get sports equipment back in game

Play it Forward, collect sporting equipment through end of term for Kearney area Special Olympics.

BY ADAM KONRUFF
Antelope Staff

The UNK Student Government wants your old gym socks! Okay, maybe not your old socks, but they will be asking students to donate gently used sporting equipment, which will be given to the Kearney area Special Olympics as part of a new campus-wide initiative called Play It Forward.

Beginning Wed. Feb. 27, students will be able to drop off slightly used sporting equipment at three locations on campus and at UNK-sponsored sporting events. These items will be collected at the end of the semester and donated to the Kearney area Special Olympics.

Collection bins will be located inside of the Nebraskan Student Union, Cushing Coliseum and in West Center. A bin will also be present at most UNK athletic events.

"This is a chance for students to do something with that equipment that they might have used in the past," said Brock Drudik, a senior industrial distribution major from Hastings and vice president of the UNK student government. "These items can now benefit someone else."

Play It Forward USA is a nationwide non-profit initiative that lets people donate used sporting equipment, which is then refurbished and given to a worthy cause. The program was started by young men from Texas after one student was seriously injured and had to think about what he was going to do with the sporting



BROCK DRUDICK

PLAY IT FORWARD, PAGE 11

Mental illness, the right discussion

BY JAY OMAR
Antelope Staff



It's no secret that gun violence is a major issue facing America. The rising number of deaths associated with mass shootings in our country is not only frightening, but downright apocalyptic.

While stricter gun control is a necessity at this point, and with Republicans and Democrats running out of words to defend their beliefs, another issue has risen to the surface. Mental health is finally on the table and not a moment too late.

The recent mass shootings countrywide have been tragic, and while the mourning period may not be the ideal time to discuss mental health, it needs to be dealt with in the present to keep a safe future a reality.

According to a 2011 study conducted by Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, 60 percent of mentally ill Americans are not receiving treatment.

Look no further for a solution to the problem of mass shootings in America.

Many of the recent mass murderers, including James Holmes, Adam Lanza, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, share a similar trait. They were extremely mentally disturbed at the time of their shootings.

Before we find a solution to keep guns out of the hands of potential killers here in America, we need to make mental health care a top priority.

With three out of every five mentally ill people not receiving treatment, it is a miracle that these shootings did not start sooner. Mental disease is a nasty and unrelatable burden, and without treatment, most cannot handle it.

The first and most important step to helping these people is to remove the stigma our society puts on mental illness. Stop treating struggling Americans like they have been exposed to the plague and offer a helping hand. Let them know that thoughts of murder and suicide are not uncommon within mental illness and more importantly, that it can be controlled.

There are professionals that are will-

ing to not only help, but listen and try to understand the feelings bubbling underneath the surface. This is the first step toward stopping what has become a dark age in American history.

Secondly, we need to put politics aside. Stop worrying about the deficit and put money into helping the mentally ill become better. If we are willing to spend billions on keeping this country on top, mental illness treatment better be in the budget.

It is mandatory at this point to reform mental health institutions into places of recovery and growth and stop giving up on someone because they are sick. If we want a safer place for our children, it is time admit there is a problem in the way we view and treat the mentally ill.

Lastly, real gun control is imperative. Even in a perfect mental care system, not everyone will receive, or be willing to receive help. Therefore we must crack down on the number of hands that a gun can call home.

Not only must more thorough background checks be instituted and mandatory for any and all gun purchases, but psycho-

logical exams should be an option as well.

Just because someone has a clean criminal record, should not necessarily qualify him or her to possess a deadly weapon. Holmes, Lanza, Harris, and Klebold all had clean records, but they got their hands on weapons somehow. More times than not, it came from someone they knew.

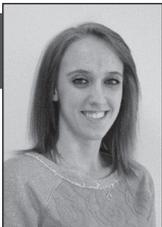
It is time to take responsibility for the complete disregard of human life often displayed while defending the Second Amendment.

If Americans want to keep their right to bear arms, changes need to be made. If those changes include psych evaluations for the owner, as well as family members, then so be it. Time and money should not be an issue at this point. All resources must be utilized to protect the future.

With shootings headlining the papers on a weekly basis, it is time to get on top of these problems. We must help the mentally ill and our nation, by keeping deadly weapons out of their hands and out of the hands of those who seek to harm others, at any cost.

AT ISSUE: GAY RIGHTS

BY COURTNEY
WAGNER
Antelope Staff



On Feb. 22, the Obama Administration asked the Supreme Court to amend the federal law stating marriage as a union between a man and a woman only.

This wasn't a huge shock to the country considering Obama stated in his first term that he is in favor of gay marriage. He had already ended the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Gay marriage is an issue that has been around for quite some time. It has definitely become much more public in recent years, and is a very tired issue. However, there is yet to be a solution to the problem. Should gay marriage be legal?

There are many different organizations that are fighting for gay rights. A lot of people are behind the cause, regardless of their sexual orientation. Perhaps there are some people that are voting for certain legislation to obtain gay rights in order to put the issue to rest. That's a great possibility.

The public opinion has definitely

changed in support for gay marriage. In May 2008, a Gallup poll found that 56 percent of Americans felt that gay marriage should not be protected under the law. However, in November 2012, 53 percent felt gay marriages should be recognized legally.

What are same-sex couples wishing to obtain from these marriage rights? Nine states have already legalized gay marriage. There are two states that recognize same-sex marriages from a different state.

Five states allow civil union and five allow domestic partnerships. There are still 25 states that have an anti-gay constitutional amendment.

Being married is completely different than being a part of a civil union or a domestic partnership. A big part of this is the health care benefits. Sometimes when a person is hospitalized, there is a "family only" policy.

Depending on the hospital's policy, a person in a civil union or domestic partnership may be denied visiting their loved one. Most people obtain health care for themselves and their spouse through their employer.

Since people in a civil union or do-

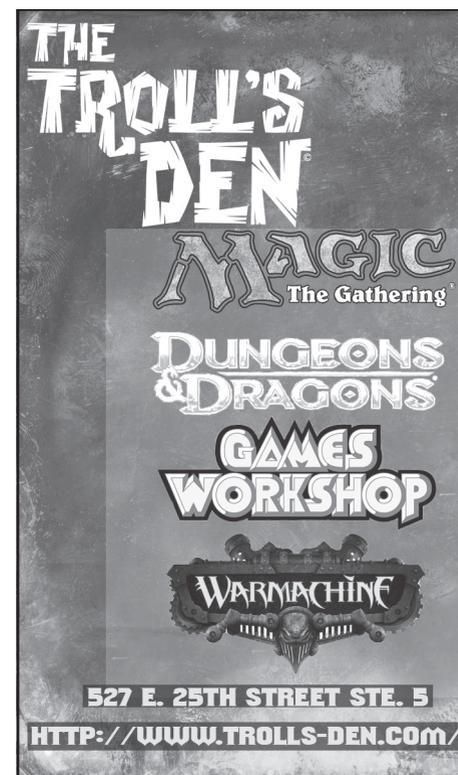
mestic partnership do not have a spouse, they can be denied health care for their partner. A person may also be denied leave from their job when a spouse is sick, because they're not technically their spouse.

Same-sex couples may not be allowed to live together in nursing homes, as a married couple would be. Married couples receive benefits in the event of the spouse's death like Social Security payments. Same-sex couples do not receive these. Most importantly, a married person inherits all of their deceased spouse's property. However, this is not the case for same-sex couples. In fact, they must pay estate taxes on any property they receive from a deceased partner.

Obviously, religion plays a huge role in this debate. However, a person does not have to be married through a church. If it is not in the beliefs of a religion to allow gay marriage, they have protection for that.

Government should not have a say in who can and cannot get married. A person should be able to obtain the same rights as an opposite-sex married couple, no matter who they want to spend the rest of their life with.

A reversed majority in 2012, 53 percent of Americans, now think gay marriage should be supported by law.



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MUSIC TO THE EARS



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The UNK Choral Concert directed by Dr. David Bauer was held Sunday, Feb. 24, in the Fine Arts Recital Hall from 7:30- 9 p.m. UNK Women's Chorus was one of the groups that performed. They have had two performances this month. This is the largest concert that the women's choir has had so far.

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UNK chapter makes case for Christianity

Students have opportunity to hear, voice and decide

BYJOENE CROCKER
Antelope Staff

A recently formed group on campus has given students an opportunity to decide for themselves the case of Christianity.

“We look at why Christianity is true and the overwhelming evidence that God exists,” said Tim Stratton, a leader to the assembled.

The gathering is a Reasonable Faith chapter that meets every other Tuesday evening in the Fireside Lounge in the union. Students of varied beliefs come, some with strong convictions, some out of curiosity, and others who tag along with friends.



TIM STRATTON

“We have had strong Christians with no doubts, people raised in Christianity but struggle with a lot of doubts and want evidence and reason for their faith, skeptics and agnostics attend,” said Stratton.

“The session is open to anyone willing to come have respectful dialogue, conversation and even arguments,” said Stratton. It is a place where individuals can have open debate about subjects they wrestle with. “Deep questions about the existence and nature of God, origin of the universe, source of moral values, and problems of suffering and evil...these are some of the topics discussed,” he said.

For those who seek answers, Stratton, full of energy and passion, persuasively presents information, logic and evidence that point to the truth of the Christian faith. “The evidence we have for God’s existence and the truth of Christian theism in particular is based on logic and philosophical reasons, and supported by scientific data,” said Stratton.

“Most people are simply unaware that we have more historical proof that Jesus rose from the dead, than we do for many things of ancient history, such as Caesar crossing the Rubicon in 49 B.C. No one doubts that,” said Stratton.

Those who attend are encouraged to abide by two rules. “If you attack an argument, do it with respect and love the people you are arguing with,” said Stratton, who believes that if those rules are followed, “even if we don’t come to the same conclusions, we can leave as friends.”

Students’ reactions to the logical conclusions are varied. While the dialogue amazes some and confirms what they already believe, to others it’s like turning a light on and they get it, Stratton said.

Sean Bresnahan, a freshman philosophy major from Stromsburg, has attended all sessions to support the group and promote it. “It’s giving me perspective on both sides of issues,” he said. He wants to be a pastor or teach philosophy. With professionals, high intellectuals and students attending, he feels the group is open and comes together in spite of differences.

“So many times objections to God are really emotional,” said Stratton, “because maybe a loved one died or they went through a hard time so they are committed to person



Photo by Joene Crocker

Students give their full attention and take notes during the small group discussion at Reasonable Faith. The next session is Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

attack and ridicule those who do believe he exists.” One purpose for the group is to present truths that make a case for the Christian faith.

This semester the book “On Guard,” by William Lane Craig is the textbook. The session opens with announcements and then a 30-minute video that goes with a chapter in the book. Because of the large group, the students are divided into smaller groups for discussion time. “If you had one large group, there would be two people that dominate the conversation, so in a small group I encourage everyone to share their point of view, and they can hammer it out,” said Stratton, “and I bounce around to the different groups.”

Near closing, the group comes together again in a big group for the final conclusions. Stratton opens the floor to more questions crucial to students at that time. With the assistance from other individuals with Ph.D.s and master’s degrees in the room, they jointly provide evidence to the listeners; yet encourage them to think for themselves about what was presented.

“I don’t know all the answers, but I do devote my life to researching, studying and knowing answers to these questions,” said Stratton. While he studies hours a day and does this for a living, he looks at all the reasons why Christianity is true.

“Every time I find an objection or question I can’t answer, my life is devoted to that question until I find a good answer that is logical then I’ll never be stumped on that question again,” said Stratton.

Reasonable Faith is a worldwide organization founded by Dr. Craig who wrote “On Guard.” The faculty adviser for the local chapter is Dr. Frank Kovacs, associate professor of chemistry.

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Advocate, educate and empower

Women's Center looks forward to another year of serving women

BY ADRIANNA TARIN
Antelope Staff

“Hey. What is that?”

“That” is a sticky note on the wall of the library—a sticky note with a simply phrased message of affirmation. It reads, “You’re beautiful...just the way you are.”

“Today, (Wednesday) we are doing “Operations Beautiful” where we are promoting people putting sticky notes all over campus with positive affirmations,” Hain said, “and on the 28th (Thursday), we’ll be writing on mirrors on campus, all of which will promote getting rid of bad body image and promote positive self-talk.”

Feb. 25 through March 1, the Women’s Center has planned an event for each day of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week (NEDAW). On Monday, they had a table in the union where students

have the chance to go learn about NEDAW and receive a “diversity of self” ribbon.

The staff at the Women’s Center works all year to do programming for campus and the community to educate campus and the community about important issues.



ANNA HAIN

“The mission of the Women’s Center is to advocate, educate and empower women and men,” said Anna Hain, graduate assistant in the Women’s Center. “The Women’s Center is a place that provides a safe space for women and men to go to voice any concerns they may have. We are a central point of contact for victims of sexual assault with a full-time

counselor that sees these victims.”

Over the years, The Women’s Center has partnered with many community and campus organizations such as the Office of Multicultural Affairs the Queer Straight Alliance and the Safe Center. According to Hain, one of the main services that the Women’s Center provides is educational programming throughout the campus and community.

“In the Women’s Center right now we have the director of counseling and health care, Dr. LeAnn Orbrecht, the assistant director and counselor, Trish Holand, two interns, a work-study student, two graduate assistants and many volunteers that work very hard to put together all the programming that students and the community see throughout the year,” Hain said.

After this week, the Women’s Center, partnering with other student and community organizations, will be sponsoring many other events on campus.

“In March, we are doing programming with some other organizations for

Women’s History month and in April our programming will be all about National Sexual Assault Awareness Month,” Hain said. “Almost every Thursday, we’ll have another event going on including our biggest event of the month, Take Back the Night.”

For Take Back the Night, the Women’s Center is partnering with QSA and many of the sororities and fraternities. Starting at 7 p.m., there will be a drag show, a parade around campus and many other interactive events.

According to Hain, Take Back the Night is a national event that has been going on for decades. In the days of Jack the Ripper, women were being raped and murdered, and when they would go to the police and say what was going on, the police told them to just stay inside.

“Basically, women got really mad, and, across the world, women started revolting,” Hain said. “They would go out in mass numbers and protest saying that it was not okay for them to feel unsafe.”

Upcoming Women’s Center Events

National Eating Disorders Awareness Week Events

Operation Beautiful — positive affirmations bookmarks and sticky notes placed randomly throughout campus to promote positive self-talk.
Feb. 27 - Entire Campus

Empowerment Yoga — certified yoga instructor Joannell Mueller will lead a yoga session and teach body awareness, tips for counteracting negative body image and self-talk and mindfulness.
March 1 - The Nebraskan Student Union, Room 310. 9 - 10 a.m.

“Hidden Rules” — a presentation on healthy relationships.
March 7 - Copeland Hall, Room 130. 4-5 p.m.

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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Aviles shares global perspective on guns, gun control

"Well, we have this idea that an armed society is a polite society," Aviles said, but "During times I've lived in South America, I was in an armed society, but it didn't seem more polite. I was on edge the whole time."

BY ANDREW HOFFMAN
JMC 315

"My father owned a gun. We understood it was for security," said Dr. William Aviles, a professor in the political science department. "But that gun never stopped him from getting robbed."

Aviles said his father was robbed multiple times at gunpoint. "Fortunately he was never injured, but my mom was robbed once. They did everything they could to keep their store going, but the crimes were a large reason why it went bankrupt." Aviles said, "He never reached for that gun, fortunately. He probably would have been shot."



WILLIAM AVILES

Dr. Aviles, who has been with UNK since 2002, grew up in Miami and graduated with his Ph.D. from the University of California-Riverside. From Miami to California to Nebraska, Dr. Aviles has seen different cultural perspectives across the U.S., and he has also spent time in South America. His background and world travels have given him a unique perspective on guns and gun control.

Sometimes, he said, he has to put aside his personal feelings in the classroom, but he personally opposes the idea that arms should be widely owned for protection because of the dangers gun ownership pose.

"I'd prefer that no private owner had fully automatic weapons, hollow-point bullets or even clips bigger than 10 bullets. I have no issue at all with those types of restrictions. I know of figures that say there's a higher rate of successful suicides in gun owners' homes. Chances of people hurting themselves with their gun are higher than using it in self-defense."

Where guns and hunting are an accepted way of life in Nebraska, Dr. Aviles also has seen areas where guns are widely used for "protection." He has spent extended time in Peru where guns used for safety and security were commonplace,

but he says he felt uneasy, not safer in the gun culture.

Aviles and JMC 315 reporter Andrew Hoffman sat down and talk to him about the difference in Aviles' views because of his background, experiences and his views on gun control reforms.

Hoffman: How did you end up in Kearney after growing up in Miami and going to California for your Ph.D.?

Aviles: I ended up at UNK just like any other kind of job. There aren't that many tenure track jobs, relatively speaking, for political science professors with Ph.Ds, so there's some serious competition for jobs. I was fortunate enough to have some other opportunities, but I really liked the faculty here and I got the chance to meet with a bunch of the students at that time in the Lincoln Conference room. It seemed like a great place for me to meet all my objectives.

Hoffman: Growing up in Miami, were you around guns a lot?

Aviles: My father owned a gun. We understood it was for security. As a joke, I told my students that me and my brother would go grab it and play with it, but it wasn't like that at all. We knew where it was and knew how to use it if we had to. It wasn't an issue of "let's go shooting." I mean he went to the range a couple of times, and it was "OK. I'm good." But that gun never stopped him from getting robbed. You know, all of a sudden he was standing there and all of a sudden someone pulls out a gun, his gun never came to use. Fortunately, he never reached for that gun. He probably would have been shot.

Hoffman: How did your father get robbed?

Aviles: I grew up in the suburbs of Miami. There are definitely parts of Miami that are absolutely safe and secure— like any other community, but certainly parts that you wouldn't want to be in in the middle of the night because of crime, and well, you

know your personal welfare.

My parents had some direct experiences with crime. My father owned a liquor store in the city of Miami for about five or six years. He was robbed multiple times at gunpoint. Fortunately he was never injured but my mom was robbed once.

They did everything they could to keep their store going, but the crimes were a large reason why it went bankrupt.

I'm not really that removed from a different point of view with guns. But when I asked both my classes who had guns— one class had 27 students— 90 percent raised their hands. In the other class of about 34 students, 60 percent raised their hands. I was taken back. I knew a lot of my students had guns, but I didn't expect all of their hands to go up.

Hoffman: What were the conversations you've been having in your classes dealing with gun control and how did students respond?

Aviles: Well, I started the conversations by giving them some readings on responses within other countries, like Australia offering a buy back. They read a piece offering different strategies.

The idea of a gun ban in the United States, given the 300 million guns in the hands of citizens, isn't even in the realm of possibility. What kind of power would you have to give the state, the government, in order to get ahold of everyone of those guns? With that in mind we asked what about other strategies. Increased taxation on manufactures, or deals with guns that are most problematic, or hollow point bullets. Make the cost bring down the number of guns actually out there.

We also discussed eliminating the loopholes for the background checks, and 40 percent of gun sales are done without background checks. It seemed most of the students were sympathetic with the idea of that. Gun owners in my classes didn't seem to match the degree of commitment of the NRA, where any kind of reform is a slippery slope to banning guns. Most students, who owned the guns, were able to agree that reform made sense. We even had to question,

who needs an AR-15, the gun used in Sandy Hook. We talked about it and he said it was, you know, kind of a macho thing, and he really had no issue if that thing were to be banned. He understood that there was no need for it outside of this superficial goal.

Your students seem open to the idea of some sort of reform. What were the reforms you talked about and what kind of responses did you hear? We discussed the idea of this notion brought up by the NRA to arm teachers or to, at least, increase the number of armed guards in public schools "ready to go." I told them very specifically that I would refuse to be armed, and I would not

be comfortable at all in that situation. Similarly, I wouldn't feel comfortable if 30 percent or 35 percent of my students had concealed weapons on campus, like I think they've allowed in certain institutions in Colorado.

I actually relayed to them that it would change how I talk about certain topics. What's funny is they told me I was violating my principles as a professor by censoring myself in certain situations like this. I actually told them that I'm just prioritizing my value of self-preservation, it was very funny, but it's true.

Hoffman: Personally, where do you stand on the gun control issue?

Aviles: Well, we have this idea that an armed society is a polite society, but I would like to live in a world where we have more restrictions. I know we live in a world where my ideal place is probably not possible. I'd prefer that no private owner had fully automatic weapons, hollow point bullets or even clips bigger than 10 bullets.

I have no issue at all with those types of restrictions. I know of figures that say there's a higher rate of successful suicides in gun owner's homes. Chances of people hurting themselves with their gun are higher than using it in self-defense. What's the balance of twelve armed guards hurting someone they feel is a threat, but isn't actually, compared to Adam Lanza showing up to that one school, on that certain day. It

"My father owned a liquor store in the city of Miami for about five or six years. He was robbed multiple times at gunpoint."

—William Aviles

Sororities here and sororities there

UNK plans to welcome new sorority to campus

BY COURTNEY JONES

Antelope Staff

UNK has a very large Greek community on its campus. It's so large that it's running out of space for all the students who want to join in. With seven fraternities and only three sororities, it's becoming difficult to find space to put all the girls who are interested in joining.

UNK's Assistant Director of Greek Affairs Erin Christensen and UNK's Panhellenic board decided it was time to start expanding the Greek community around campus.

"Panhellenic started discussing the extension process after this year's recruitment. The formal recruitment numbers have been steadily increasing

over the years, which have caused our chapters to grow," said Erin Christensen. "We found that in the last five years, the UNK Panhellenic community grew by 50 percent."



ERIN CHRISTENSEN

"Our chapter sizes have grown so much over the years that the sizes are becoming hard to manage and house. For our campus, the ideal chapter size is smaller than what they currently have right now, so we are hoping that through this process over a few years, chapter sizes will decrease slightly because of this new group," said Christensen.

UNK's Panhellenic board then formed an extension exploratory committee that thought about and determined all the things they would like to see the new chapter bring to the UNK campus and how these groups could contribute to the

success of the Greek community.

The next step was for the National Panhellenic Conference to send an Extension Bulletin out which announced the campus' that had opened for extension. "Once our bulletin post went out, we started to receive applications with material that was requested," said Christensen.

UNK has selected three of the many applicants to formally present themselves to UNK, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Zeta, and Phi Mu. Once these three sororities present themselves the Panhellenic board will vote for the sorority they think will best fit the UNK campus.

Once the new sorority is selected, they will start their colonization process in the fall, and will install within a year. "It is a long process, but the campus is at the right place to support the new chapter, and so the process will run very smoothly," said Christensen.

The Greek community is a very large

part of the campus, and leadership roles around campus, including student body president, are held by members of the Greek community.

"The Greek community at UNK is important to me, and doing what needs to happen to make it successful is important as well," said Christensen. "The growth of the community is what makes it successful, which is why this process is important."

Formal recruitment will take place next fall at the beginning of the semester, and any girl if interested may sign up and go through and have the opportunity to talk to the new sorority.

Christensen said members of the current sororities on campus say they are excited to welcome this new chapter and all the benefits it will bring. Having a new sorority will help to decrease the size of the current chapters and provide a smaller close-knit house where girls can feel comfortable and more at home.

Story time



Photo by Lacey McPhillips

Celeste Lempke, UNK graduate and member of Sigma Tau Delta, reads Dr. Seuss' "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" to 3-5 year-olds at the UNK Child Development Center on Tuesday, Feb. 19. Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society, periodically sends member volunteers to the center to entertain the kids and foster an enjoyment of literature at an early age.

PHI BETA LAMBDA MEMBERS ADAPT



Photos by Amanda Schneider

Robert Stuart, a senior business and history education major from Lexington and Amanda Thee, a junior organizational communication major from Kearney help hand-grade tests after the Scantron machine quit working at the Business Competition Day on February 19. Phi Beta Lambda and the Department of Economics put on this conference every year for high school students. PBL adviser Mary Rittenhouse said prior to registration, "This year's competition has set a new record for attendance. Twenty-one schools and 252 students are expected."



Ice finds artistic vision through costuming

Theater professor Sara Ice does double duty teaching classes, costuming shows

BY CODY MILFORD
Antelope Staff

Clothes make the character, and in the theater department where the clothes make numerous characters, Professor Sara Ice is at the head of the creative team.

Before starting at UNK in August of 2008 after finding the job through ArtSearch, Ice spent a number of years costuming for film and television in Los Angeles, Calif.

“When I went to get my bachelor’s degree, I thought I wanted to be a stage manager and a scenic designer,” said Ice. “One of my professors told me, ‘Oh, you can’t make that decision yet.’ What ended up happening was that, since I knew how to sew, I got a work-study job in the costume shop. And I never left,” she said.

While she creates costumes for theater productions, the annual dance concert and the opera workshop performances each year as well as helping student-directors find costumes for the two sets of student-directed one-acts each year, Ice also teaches classes in the Fine Arts Building.

With a course load that includes an introductory theater course on costume technology, stage makeup and a costume design class, Ice says that her favorite class to teach is her portal class for incoming undergraduates, “Why We Wear Clothes: The History of European Dress.”

As for one of her favorite productions to costume, Ice recalls last year’s production of “The Rocky Horror Show.” “Rocky Horror was the most outside-of-the-box show to costume,” says Ice. “It was interesting to come up with solutions for that one. But it was a lot of fun.”

And it’s not just Ice that enjoys her time in the costume shop. “I like that it’s a fun environment to work in, and you can learn a lot,” says Crystal Schroeder, a junior technical theater major from Omaha. “Even if you’ve taken the costume tech classes, there’s still something new you can learn every day you’re working in the costume shop.”

Professor-status aside, Ice can still be a friend behind-the-scenes. “She’s always there if you need to talk, her office is always open,” says Schroeder. “If you’re having a bad day or if you just need to



talk about something, she’s good to go to. She’s the adviser for Alpha Psi Omega, the theater honorary, and it’s really helpful to meet with her and talk through things, to have someone to bounce ideas off of.”

Students can see an example of Ice’s designs at UNK’s annual “Evening of Concert Dance” in the Miriam Drake Theater

this Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are free for students with a UNK ID. and \$5 for the general public. Ice’s work can be seen again during the department’s production of the musical “Urinetown,” also in the Drake Theater, from April 17 - 21.

Photo by Cody Milford

Professor Sara Ice begins work on one of the many costumes needed for the upcoming Evening of Concert Dance. Ice began teaching at UNK in August of 2008, after spending many years in Los Angeles, Calif., working on TV and film projects.

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LOPER ACTION

BY KENT KELLER
Antelope Staff

Men's Basketball

After tough loss to nationally ranked Washburn, Lopers look to close out the season on high note at home Feb. 27 and March 1.

The Lopers didn't get off to a good start against the Washburn Ichabods Thursday Feb. 21 in Kansas and were never able to catch back up. The Ichabods took the game with a score of 72-51. Washburn used its size advantage to score 44 points in the paint, and Bobby Chipman was responsible for a big part of the inside presence grabbing 11 rebounds and 13 points.

UNK was led by Jon Henderson and Pierre Newton with 14 points each, and together they shot 50 percent from behind the arc. Tyler Shields had seven points and seven rebounds. Shields, a sophomore finance major, said, "When you play a team ranked as high as they are you have to have a very good game. We can't make many mistakes, and sadly we made quite a few."

Washburn has been nationally-ranked most of the year. UNK had 16 fewer rebounds than Washburn. Shields said, "They were able to outrebound us because we didn't rebound well from the backside of our zone. We need to get a guard helping the forward on those backside rebounds."

Shields said, "Our attitude hasn't changed. We are still going into every game looking to be the hardest working team. It doesn't matter if it is the first game or the last game, we are going to play hard."

UNK's final two games are at home against Northwest Missouri State and Lindenwood.

Women's Basketball

UNK women fall short against Washburn with three sidelined with injuries.

The Lady Lopers had trouble stopping Washburn's senior guard Stormye Everett. She had 18 points in the Lady Blues 18-point win against the Lopers Thursday Feb 21.

UNK only had eight players suited up to play. The top three scorers for the Lopers were sidelined with injuries. UNK was led in scoring by Sarah Hix, who had a career high 19 points. Danielle Kersten, sophomore post, also had a career high eight points in only 11 minutes. The Lopers were able to limit Washburn All-American candidate Lauren Kniderknecht to six points.

The Lady Lopers have two games left which will both be played at the Health and Sports Center. UNK will take on Northwest Missouri State on Wednesday, Feb. 27, and then play Lindenwood on March 1.

Track and Field

Lopers do well at MIAA Indoor Track and Field Championships

UNK junior Brandi Winchester placed seventh in the pentathlon to start off the MIAA Indoor Track & Field Championships Loper sophomore Jordan Hopkins came in 10th place.

On the men's side Dillon Schrodt won the 60 meter dash, was runner up in the high jump and came in third in the long jump in the heptathlon. Kalen Farr also participated in in the heptathlon.

The Lopers will be headed to Alabama for the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships on March 8-9.

Baseball seniors lead younger squad

BY NIKKI THOMPSON
Antelope Staff

The MIAA brings many new things to the table for the baseball team this year. With a new conference comes new competition and new road trips. Saying there is anxiety of the unknown coming from Head Coach Damon Day about the teams' travel and road games this season is an understatement.



DAMON DAY

Day is eager to see how the players handle the grind of the entire season. Is he nervous? Yes. But he is also excited about the challenge of playing top teams in the country and seeing how the Lopers stand up.

Damon knows the changes will be tough. "It is very strenuous and stressful for us as a baseball program, but it's the nature of the beast," Day said. Now, not only does the team travel on weekends as they did in the RMAC, they now also have to travel on weekdays.

The season has started off a bit rocky for the players. With the snow and cold, players haven't been able to practice outside consistently. "Baseball is a repetition sport, and when you don't get those reps in then performance is going to suffer," Day said.

Day believes that their defense is what has hurt them in the teams' games so far. Their defense has not played up to potential that Day sees. "I think that we can bring up our defense then we will see ourselves excel," Day said.

The competition in the MIAA is some

of the best in the country. Day says that his team, as competitors, strive for that challenge and want to play the best. "Our guys need to rise up to that challenge playing their best week in and week out," Day said. While pitching was a weak point last year, Day seems confident in the pitchers he has on the mound. He says they have the ability to get outs in the MIAA, but they seem to struggle with the execution.

"We have the ability to create the opportunity and put ourselves in a position to be successful, but we have to execute," Day said.

A surprising huge impact on the success of the team so far has been the younger players. Freshman and sophomores are starting consistently and producing results. "We were successful this weekend starting five or six freshman and sophomores. Anthony Pacheco, as a true freshman; Kyle Honeycutt, Chayse Gulzow and Mike Hahn on the mound all had a big weekend for us," Day said. There seems to be a youth movement going on but Day doesn't expect them to not be successful and compete.

Some of the success is attributed to the seniors: Chandler Klute, Kearney; Brian Wuest, Prosper, Texas; and Eric Ringblom, Omaha. Day believes that they have prepared the younger guys for the season as well, as themselves.

Eric Ringblom, a senior from Omaha, says that the teams' biggest strengths are their closeness as a team and mental toughness.

"Playing all new teams thus far this year we really don't know what to expect, but we are really close as a team and very mentally tough. We realize that we cannot worry about things outside of our control, like the weather," Ringblom said.

Ringblom says that the seniors have embraced their leadership roles and that the younger players know what is expected of them day to day.

The team is going to have to be tough in order to play in this conference. Coach Day is the most eager to see Central Missouri play. Central Missouri has won the conference championship 22 out of the last 23 times and have the largest budget in Division II college baseball. This brings a tradition unlike anyone else.

"They are one of the top five premier baseball teams in the country and that's what we strive for. I want to see if we can catch them," Day said. With a huge bulls eye on Central Missouri's back, Coach Day wants to see how good they really are.

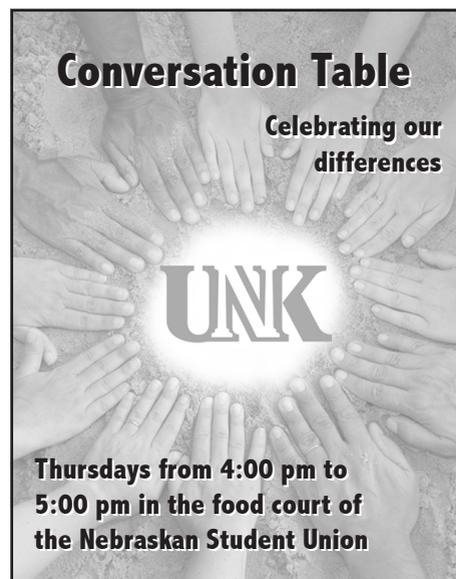
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Loper of the Week: Dillon Schrodt

Schrodt piles up points, sets school record for heptathlon

AARON URBANSKI
Antelope Staff



DILLON SCHRODT

awesome college coaches and teammates to push me, and parents to support me, but God has blessed me with the many talents.

Antelope: What exactly is the heptathlon and how does the scoring system work?

Schrodt: The heptathlon consists of the 60-meter sprint, long jump, shot put, high jump, 60-meter hurdles, pole vault, and 1000-meter run all taking place over two days with a 30-minute break between events. Individual places in each of the seven events does not matter but a performance table for each event determines the score you receive. For instance, a high jump of 6'4" is always worth 879 points but by increasing to 6'6" and you would get nearly 900 points for the high jump.

Antelope: With a score of 5,204 points, it sounds like you are a lock for the up-

Antelope: How does it feel to know you've done something better than any other Loper athlete who has tried?

Schrodt: It is a great feeling to be on the record board. I had great high school coaches to build a foundation,

coming NCAA Indoor Championships. What has your training schedule been like this season?

Schrodt: It is a relief to automatically qualify for nationals and not need to worry about the selection day process. My training has been intense this season, but rest at this point is just as important. My focus this winter has been to fine-tune my strong events while dedicating two days a week to my weakest events such as the pole vault, 1000-meters, and shot put.

Antelope: Are you going to approach nationals any differently than usual?

Schrodt: I don't plan on treating nationals any differently. I thrive on the competition and atmosphere. The way I see it, anything can happen once we're there, and I believe my experience with nationals last year should help calm the nerves.

Antelope: Obviously you want to bring home an indoor championship title, but do you have some personal goals you want to achieve as well?

Schrodt: My goal with each heptathlon is to get a personal record in every event and remain undefeated in the 60-meters. It takes a lot mental discipline and toughness to stay focused on the current event and recover from a less-than-ideal performance.

What is a heptathlon?

A heptathlon is a two-day competition consisting of:

- 60-meter sprint
- Long jump
- Shot put
- High jump
- 60-meter hurdles
- Pole vault
- 1000-meter run

Antelope: Fellow UNK teammates Tanner Fruit and Marissa Bongers also had big weekends while winning their respective events. From your prospective, what are some of the things they are doing well heading into the indoor championships?

Schrodt: Marissa and Tanner have had a breakout year by not only being consistent but also versatile as well. They have both done well in all of their events. I see them working hard everyday and hopefully that will allow them to peak heading into the postseason.

Schrodt will be joined by teammates Marissa Bongers, Tanner Fruit and Mark Seeba at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Birmingham, Ala., March 7-9.

Loper grapplers take care of business

Up next:

NCAA Championship

AARON URBANSKI
Antelope Staff

Chalk up another dominant outing for Coach Marc Bauer's team in 2013.

After winning the NCAA Division II Super Region 4 in Chadron this weekend for the second year in a row, the 7th-ranked Nebraska-Kearney wrestling team is poised for another run at the Division II National Title, a rarity of sorts in a sport that usually gives way to individual greatness rather than team success.

"But that's why I chose UNK," Hous-

ton native and defending National Champion Raufeon Stots said after winning back-to-back 3-2 decisions to secure the 149-pound weight class. "I felt it would be the best place to improve as a wrestler. The community is very friendly and I had a strong sense of brotherhood here with my teammates."

The wrestling program has formed a brotherhood that continues to provide dividends to a rising Division II powerhouse year in and year out, despite it's small town placement in the Midwest.

"Our team has been the main reason for my success," Stots added. "I can only push myself so



RAUFEON STOTS

far. The team we have pushes me beyond that every time I train and there is always something I can do better no matter what the outcome is. This weekend was a huge stepping-stone when it comes to performing well at nationals. We must continue to improve our technique and conditioning if we want to win another national title."

Along with Stots, fellow senior Chase Nelson (165 lbs.), redshirt freshmen Romero Cotton (197 lbs.) and Daniel De-Shazer (133 lbs.) also brought home Super Regional titles while qualifying for the NCAA tournament in Birmingham, Ala., on March 8-9, 2013. The four weight class winners will also be joined by teammates Patrick Martinez (174 lbs.), senior Nick Bauman (285 lbs.), juniors Brock Coutu (141 lbs.) and Mark Fiala (184 lbs.) and redshirt freshman Chase White (157 lbs.).

Each of whom placed fourth or better in Chadron this weekend to earn a spot at the championships as well.

With nine wrestlers competing at nationals, Stots has sensed a positive vibe as the team approaches the final weekend of the 2013 season.

"I believe we have an advantage on the mat due to our experience at last years NCAA Championship. I feel we know the correct way to absorb the environment, and I don't think we will become overwhelmed with it. It's all about performing your best at the big stage, which is Nationals," Stots said. "Our team is very anxious. We know and our coaches know we're capable of repeating as National Champions. We're ready to 'go out and show out.'"

Pairings for the national tournament will be released later this week.

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strikes me that an unforeseen accident would be more likely.

During times I've lived in South America, I was in an armed society, but it didn't seem more polite. I was on edge the whole time. I lived in Peru for four months last year, and I never felt any more secure. You can walk around some of these upscale, upper class, Latin American towns, there are like guards at every entrance. They have these security guards and fences, and it's because the state is corrupt. There are issues with the police, the government, you know. So these people with means hired these armed guards. I was stressed out.

Hoffman: In the future how do you think it will play out on the national scale and what needs to happen for any reform to happen?

Aviles: Obama and Biden have been working on these types of reforms, so he's following up on what he said after

the Sandy Hook incident. But with the next deadline for fiscal cliff coming in less than two months, it's tough to tell where we will be, and what the priorities will be.

In order for this to be effective, it would have to be on a national level. New York for example has these very strict gun laws, but they still have a lot of issues. It's because their neighboring states are much more lenient. So criminals do what criminals do, and bring guns into New York and use them.

It's important to allow these states a certain amount of power, but to do what I'm talking about would need to come from a national level, which is tough. All of this would be extremely costly, but there would certainly be an array of restrictions I would absolutely be sympathetic with that would allow gun owner's ample opportunity to buy a load of weaponry that the Second Amendment absolutely grants the citizens.

Play it forward from page 1

equipment that he could no longer use.

The program is designed to give that equipment a few more seasons of use in the hands, or on the head, shoulders or feet of those who may not be able to afford such luxuries.

"UNK is the first collegiate university to have the program," said Drudik. He said that although other organizations were considered by the student government, the Special Olympics seemed like a natural recipient for the donations.

"Most of the athletes in Special Olym-

pics are living on a minimum income, so they don't have the money to pay for a lot of this equipment," said Stan Banks, head of the delegation on the Kearney Special Olympics.

"UNK and its students have been helping us for years," said Banks, who was thrilled when students approached him about Play It Forward.

"We've wanted to start training in a couple more sports, but have been looking for a way to get proper equipment," said Banks. In addition to the 10 sports Kearney Special Olympians already train for, Banks

CAMPUS CRIME LOG

All subjects were of legal drinking age.

Feb. 18: Vandalism reported in the Central Store office. Case open.

Feb. 18: Female issued warning for no headlights and cited for misuse of learner's permit near campus.

Feb. 19: Male subject reported wallet stolen from his room in Mantor Hall.

Feb. 19: Female student cited for possession of marijuana (less than one ounce) and possession of drug paraphernalia in Mantor Hall after RA reporting suspicious odor.

Feb. 19: Report of earlier incidence of firework deployment results in search of a female resident's room, where fireworks were found. Case open.

Feb. 20: Eight subjects cited for minor in possession of alcohol in CTE after RA reported loud partying.

Feb. 20: Several subjects issued conduct summons for having alcohol in Martin Hall.

Feb. 21: Male cited for reckless driving in Lot 6, after running over a parking sign.

Feb. 21: Five female subjects cited for possession of marijuana (less than one ounce) and possession of drug paraphernalia in Lot 3.

Feb. 22: Two female subjects reported money missing from their purses in Conrad Hall. Case open.

Feb. 23: Two subjects cited for minor in possession of alcohol in CTE, after the RA reported a loud argument.

Feb. 24: On a walkthrough, discovered that ceiling tiles in Mantor Hall had been vandalized. Case open.

Feb. 24: On a walkthrough, discovered that north glass door of Martin Hall had been shattered. Case open.



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would like to see softball, roller skating and tennis.

"Everything that is donated through this effort will stay with Kearney area athletes," said Banks, who not only works with athletes but is tasked with fundraising in the area. "Contributions are what the Special Olympics run on, so anything helps."

"Any time that our students have the opportunity to give back to the Kearney community, they always step up and go

Justice from page 1

concerning the issue.

Ferguson said that the purpose of the IJM campus chapters is to raise awareness in our generation because we are the future lawyers, social workers, and advocates. IJM recognizes that a fiery passion for justice can be started in the hearts of college students.

"An IJM campus chapter basically gets behind the work that IJM is already doing. They raise awareness. They raise money for IJM. They pray for IJM, and they just help IJM continue to do what they are already doing," High said.

The UNK chapter has been meeting since the start of the semester had their ratified a constitution a couple weeks ago to become an official campus organization. With more than 100 people interested in the group, they have had already had many successes.

Although IJM is a new group to UNK, they are sprinting out of the gate. The

beyond expectations," said Drudik. He is hopeful that the donor drive will be as successful as other philanthropic campus activities like the Big Event.

According to Drudik, the student government wanted to give students another option besides the Big Event to give back. "We wanted something where students could make a donation of something other than their time," he said, "because not all of our students can afford to give their time."

chapter is hosting the "UNK Justice Week" from March 5-8. Events include information tables in the Nebraskan with petitions asking President Obama to take more steps advocating freedom throughout the world.

A speaker from the Nebraska Family Council will speak on human trafficking in Nebraska on March 5 at 7 p.m. in Copeland Hall. Other events include a 27-hour stand for freedom by the fountain that will end with an extensive informational meeting. Lastly there will be a "Freedom Rave" dance to celebrate the hope of ending slavery

Malia Arlt, a sophomore elementary education major, said, "We want our entire campus to know what is going on. We don't want there to be one person on campus who doesn't understand that this issue is more prevalent than it's ever been. We want both the campus and the community involved and to desire to be a part of it."



Courtesy Photo

These brave Fijis show off their comical haircuts from last year's Haywire Hairstyles.

Kearney Tackles Cancer: now on campus



Members of Phi Gamma Delta once again prepare to trade their hair for bucks raising money for cancer research.

BY JESSICA ALBIN
Antelope Staff

Through Haywire Hairstyles, members of Phi Gamma Delta "show care and cut their hair."

Every year, the Kearney Tackles Cancer organization, sponsored by The Good Samaritan Hospital, hosts an event called Haywire Hairstyles.

This event helps raise money for food, transportation costs and the medical bills of cancer patients. This year marks the third year that the gentlemen of The Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta, also known as the Fijis, have helped out with the event.

The Haywire Hairstyles fundraiser runs



DAN MCKENZIE

from Feb. 22 to March 15. Dan McKenzie and Dan Carlson, members of the executive planning committee, have high hopes for this year's fundraiser. McKenzie explained the basics of how the fund-raiser works.

Since soliciting is not allowed on campus, about ten Fijis will carry random objects around to all of their classes and activities. When people ask "why," they can explain that they are raising money for cancer patients.

Last year, some of the random objects included a Mr. Potato Head, a gas can and an old lantern. Carlson is very excited about the random object he will be carrying around this year, "I have a plastic penguin lawn ornament that has a hole in the bottom



DAN CARLSON

to put the money in. His name is Jim."

As McKenzie says, "Show us you care, and we will cut our hair." For every dollar donated, one vote can be cast for a crazy style the participating Fijis will shave on their heads-hence the name, Haywire Hairstyles.

Those who donate can vote on the cancer ribbon, the friar style, a horizontal Mohawk or a dice theme. After wearing the crazy hairstyle for a week, the participating members shave their heads completely to continue showing their support for cancer patients.

This year, the plan is to make the fundraiser much more widespread. McKenzie says, "This year we are trying to raise twice the amount we did last year." In order to achieve this, they are trying to implement several new strategies. "We're working booths in the Union and in Cushing, fundraising there if people can't find one of us (around campus) for some reason, that will be a place they can for sure find us, hopefully from the 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. time frame," Carlson said.

Phi Gamma Delta President Noah Broekemier also said, "We're looking into making it into a much bigger deal than it was last year; we're trying to go off campus as well. We'll have a group of guys on campus and a group of guys off campus, working with several different businesses in Kearney."

The Fijis are trying to work with a couple restaurants and hair salons throughout Kearney to increase the amount of money they can fundraiser. In addition to this, posters and advertisements will be up all over campus, explaining all the details.

It is their hope that all the additional publicity will help maximize the number of donations they receive and the number of people they can help. According to Broekemier, "We feel that haywire hairstyles is a unique way to give back to the community."



NOAH BROEKEMIER