**Nebraska Student Union starts in the Ponderosa Room at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.**

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**Board of Regents approves $5.2 million renovation of residence halls**

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**Fame**

By Vicki Althage

*Antelope Staff*

At their March 7 meeting, the Nebraska Board of Regents approved a $5.2 million renovation project for the residence halls on the University of Nebraska at Kearney campus.

The $5.2 million will go toward minor repairs in CTE, CTW, UNR and UNRS. Master Hall will close for the 2008-2009 school year to undergo renovation of its restrooms, rearrangement of plumbing and installation of HVAC piping and sprinkler systems. The funding for the project is coming from the Revenue Bond Surplus Fund.

“The money has been accumu- lating for a number of years, and now we are putting it back into the university,” said Barbara Johnson, UNK Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance.

During their annual visit to university system schools, the Board of Regents visited UNK and toured Randall Hall. John- son said the Regents were sur- prised to find that students were actually using the facilities they found.

The town of Randall al- lowed the Board to get a visual of the problems we are facing,” Johnson said.

A major concern that has been voiced is the restrooms in older dorms. The renovations center on privacy in restrooms by adding fixtures that would allow the university to do away with shower curtains. “By upgrad- ing and renovating, we hope that it will make UNK more appeal- ing for recruiting and maintain- ing students, because residence halls are where students spend a majority of their time,” Johnson said.

Students returning to the Towers for the 2008-2009 school year will see improvements as well. The university will be re- placing furniture in CTE and CTW, along with making gen- eral repairs in restrooms, dorm rooms and common areas.

“We want to address in- stallation concerns. If the carpet in the lounges is soiled, it will be re- placed,” Johnson said.

Johnson hopes that the money from the Revenue Bond Surplus Fund can help bring older halls on campus into the mod- ern century. The capital renewal plan also includes a systematic method of maintaining a proac- tive stance on repairs that will help ensure that residence halls will be improved regularly to avoid another large renovation.

“We need to use our funds wisely because we have a re- sponsibility to our students and one of the things we have learned is that we need to be proactive,” Johnson said.

The $5.2 million project for 2008-2009 is part of the $13.5 million renewal project UNK hopes to have approved by the Board of Regents. UNK will need to secure this approval by September of 2009. If approved, further renovations will be made on a year-to-year basis. On the projected plan, Master, Men’s, Randall, CTW and CTE will all have sprinkler systems installed and restrooms renovated. HVAC piping, installed and general repairs performed.

“Repairs were the number one request on everyone’s wish list when we met to discuss the renovations,” Johnson said.

Luckily for students, the renovation work will have little to no effect on those living on campus. The majority of work will be done inside the build- ings and the added capacity of Antelope Hall and Nester Hall will allow the university to swing space to close the resi- dence hall that is being remod- elled for the year. Johnson said UNK’s goal at the end of the project in 2014 is to have 2,200 beds for residential purposes to accommodate students.

“There will be growing pains over the next few years, but the project will make the residence halls more comfort- able for students,” Johnson said.

UNK is not the only institu- tion in the university system to experience renovations. The Uni- versity of Nebraska—Lincoln is also undertaking improvements to its 1960’s residence halls. Of the four campuses, Johnson said UNK is the most in need of ren- ovation to living quarters. Johnson felt the improvements to the residence halls were the best way to uphold Dr. Peter Longo’s UNK mantra “How does this benefit our students?”

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Run With It

The talent show is April 7 at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Memorial Field House. The show will be held at the Ponderosa Room in the Nebraska Student Union, starting at 7 p.m.

Do you have a special tal- ent or hidden ability? Do you re- cently practice the Michael Jack- son “Thriller” dance when your roommate isn’t around? Do you answer no to either of the above questions? LPAC’s talent show may be the forum for you.

The talent show is April 3 in the Ponderosa room at the Nebraska Student Union starting at 7 p.m. It is a great event for students to showcase any hidden talents or to support their “Thriller”-addicted roommate. There are two categories in the contest, solo and group acts.

Last year there were many interesting and unique entries. Emma Fahrlander clogged in the solo competition. Colog- ging, as the form of tap dancing it is called on a kick-step. Fahrlander had lots of practice for this talent. “I have been clogging since I was nine,” she danced at Romans’ School of Dance in Elkhorn,” Fahrlander said.

She thought that last year’s show was very memorable. “They were so good. A lot of peo- ple sang, but one girl did a hand bell routine, and that was amaz- ing,” Fahrlander said.

Amber Davis’ hand bell routine was received well by the crowd. She thought that the clogging part of the competition was having everyone clap for you. “It usually doesn’t even matter if you are good or bad, the crowd is just appreciative,” Davis said.

Winning this competition isn’t just for the glory and brag- ging rights. Cash prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in both categories. A $400 prize will be awarded for first place in the solo category and $500 for first place in the group category.

So, if you want to support your friends and enjoy the hidden talents of the people that you go to class in, be sure to show up in the Ponderosa room at 7 p.m. this Thursday.

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The Nebraska cultural Unity Conference will be held at the Antelope Hall to the library have to walk all the way past Founders Hall before being able to make it to their final destination.

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Early Awareness Day brings 74 fourth-graders to campus for an inside look at college life

BY LISA BECKER
Antelope Staff

The 15th annual Early Awareness Day was held Tuesday, March 25 at UNK. There were 74 fourth-graders from Elm Creek, Pleasant View, Astill and Aherne who came to campus for sessions in different departments and a tour of the residence halls.

“The communities the kids are from are close to Kearney and they are smaller so the students don’t get as much exposure to college life as younger students who live in Kearney,” said Anne McConkey from the Office of Financial Aid, who planned the event. The event was sponsored by the UNK Office of Financial Aid, advisers from Education Quest, Diplomas from admissions and UNK Student Support Services.

Students separated into four groups while attending the demonstrations around campus. The first demonstration was “The Chemistry of slime” and was put on by Danielle Pecelkoski, the president of the Chemistry Club, and other chemistry students.

Students learned exactly what chemistry is and what they could possibly do with the subject as a career. Then, they started making slime. Each student was able to make their own bag of slime. They learned the ingredients and chemicals that make slime. The students were able to take slime home.

The next demonstration was in Otton Olson and was called “Fun with Technology.” This session allowed the students to play and interact with video games that the UNK students had made and designed. John Harris, associate professor of computer science and information systems was responsible for the demonstration.

“There is technology and the technology demonstrations are always a favorite of the fourth-graders,” McConkey said.

The third demonstration included the art department and art appreciation and art education.

Students and faculty members from the art department presented original research projects ranging from the impact of Braves Baseball on the University of Nebraska to an account of the history of the University of Nebraska.

Students from all over campus came together on March 25 to share their research at the 10th annual Student Research Day. Over 100 students from all departments presented original research conducted with the help of a faculty advisor. The topics were as diverse as the students participating in the event. The research presented ranged from an analysis of comic book culture to a study relating to the use of ankle braces while playing football.

The Office of Graduate Studies and Research sponsors the event. According to Falconer, the undergraduate research opportunities that exist at UNK are underutilized by undergraduate students.

“The students were able to share their research at the 10th annual Student Research Conference. Forty-one students presented research to share their research at the 10th annual Student Research Day,” Falconer said.

Another program that is open to participation is the National Undergraduate Research Conference. Each year UNK sponsors a student to attend this year’s event in Salt Lake City. UNK has the sixth largest group of participants to this conference in the nation, according to Falconer.

This year’s sponsor for the conference, which is open to students interested in participating, is the Office of Graduate Studies and Research.

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Letter to the editor:

To Whom It May Concern:

Recently, the inequity of the UNK Athletic Department has come to my attention. I believe that the distinctions of student-athletes should be made, and I would like to express my concerns.

Firstly, the disparity in the pay of student-athletes is evident. The team members, who do not receive the same recognition, are often the ones who contribute the most to the overall success of the team. This is a significant concern for me.

Secondly, the support system for student-athletes is lacking. The offices of the Health and Sports Center are not adequately equipped to meet the needs of student-athletes. Moreover, the facilities and fields that are available do not meet the standards set by the conference.

Lastly, the opportunities for student-athletes to have a future are limited. While the coaches are focused on winning games, they do not consider the long-term goals of their players.

I hope that my concerns will be taken into consideration, and that steps will be taken to address these issues.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Freshman steps up to the plate for Lopers

BY AMANDA BELL
Anelope Staff

Freshman year is a tough time for everyone. Adjusting to college life is a challenge, and trying to excel in a sport at the same time only adds to the stress. Athletes prepare their bodies and minds five years before coming to college, often to be bunched their freshman year.

Casey Keck is not a typical freshman. A native of Blair, Keck has worked hard and earned herself a starting spot on the team as a true freshman. Keck has started the majority of the games for the Lopers this season and has excelled in many areas offensively and defensively.

“She will be missed next wrestling goal, competing in the 2008 Summer Olympics, plans on wrestling in the U.S. Open, April 24-26, in Las Vegas. The top seven wrestlers from this tournament will qualify for the U.S. Olympic Team Trials, which will be held June 13-15, again in Las Vegas. Dlagnev is excited and hopeful about his upcoming wrestling tournaments.

“My expectations are that I definitely want to win both. I haven’t learned the strategy of freestyle wrestling yet, though, I want to become a better wrestler, a well-rounded wrestler, and I can develop myself into a better wrestler by becoming better at freestyle and other styles of wrestling. As much as people like to talk about my going to the Olympics, like, ‘Aww, cool! You’re going to the Olympics!’ it’s not that easy. There are a lot of tough guys I have to go out there and wrestle. Don’t think too hard about the situation. Just go out and wrestle. I was just focusing on my performance,” Dlagnev said.

Now that Dlagnev has accomplished everything that he could wish for in a collegiate career — two national titles, one team national title, a 4-1 All-American, a collegiate record of 44-7-0, which includes an 87-1-0 record in the last 2 years, and countless other awards and honors — he plans on furthering his academic and athletic careers.

“My plan is to be a graduate assistant, probably at Northern Iowa. I want to keep training, keep learning and keep improving. Improving is just what Dlagnev needs to accomplish his next wrestling goal, competing in the 2008 Summer Olympics, plans on wrestling in the U.S. Open, April 24-26, in Las Vegas. The top seven wrestlers from this tournament will qualify for the U.S. Olympic Team Trials, which will be held June 13-15, again in Las Vegas.

“Knowing how to carry his weight: Wrestler prepares for the chance of a lifetime

BY HANNAH HOTTOVY
Anelope Staff

To win a national team title and two individual national titles in a huge accomplishment. But “huge” isn’t enough for heavy- weight wrestler, Tavird Dlagnev. The graduating senior may have finished his career at the collegiate level, but he still has some unfinished business.

Coming to UNK as a freshman, Dlagnev already had his eyes set on the gold. Winning a national title was something he had always been striving for.

“That was always my goal. People always are saying to set your goals high and, hopefully, you will reach them. I definitely wanted to win a championship coming into the program here. That was the plan,” Dlagnev said.

“Dlagnev not only used the experience to become a better athlete, but said that he has gained so much more from the program.”

“The relationships that I have made through the wrestling program during my collegiate experience are probably what I have meant the most to me, I will never forget these guys,” Dlagnev said.

At nationals, the winning of the team title landed on the shoulders of Dlagnev, who had to beat Central Oklahoma’s Dustin Finn in the finals match, which was the last match of the evening. Dlagnev beat Finn, 4-1, allowing the UNK wrestlers to win by a half a point for the team title. Even though Dlagnev was under a lot of pressure to win this final match, he said that he kept his focus.

“I did the same thing that I do for all my matches. Just go out there and wrestle. Don’t think too hard about the situation. Just go out and wrestle. I was just focusing on my performance,” Dlagnev said.

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Cheerleaders no longer ‘ground bound’

BY AMANDA BELL

Many athletic events don’t only consist of the sport being played, but also the entertainment that comes with the sport. There are often halftime shows or performances done by drummers or cheerleaders, who practice as often as the other sports. This cheerleading squad has the ability to do everything from football, basketball and volleyball to gymnastics.

While other teams are working in the weight room, the cheerleaders are working on new routines. Until recently, the cheerleading squad was ‘ground bound,’ meaning they couldn’t or wouldn’t incorporate any jumps into their routines. While the cheer squad still can’t jump, tumbling has recently been approved.

“We still can’t do jumps or stunts, but we have limited tumbling,” juniors Schaffnit said. “Juniors has helped out our squad so much, sophomore cheerleader from Omaha, Mi-

Michaela Freeman, said. "I have been in there every day doing my rehab," Archer said. "I spent every day in the rehabilitation process would be my last chance to play college baseball."}

"I really just wanted to be able to be a part of the team again," Archer said. "I missed the real trip and the experience of being on a team. I’ve been on sports teams all my life, and I didn’t want to miss my last chance to play college baseball again."

When the season started in February, Archer wasn’t cleared to play yet. He decided to try to do a few more weeks of rehab to try to become healthy enough to play.

"Some of my injuries just weren’t back to playing strength yet," Archer said. "I have been in there every day doing my rehab."

"I spent about a month and a half since I had surgery," Archer said. "I didn’t want all those injuries to put a sour end to my career."

So far this season, Archer has been able to make an impact on the field. He has seen time both in the outfield and in the infield.

"Being back on the field has been great," Archer said. "I have had a really long injury history."
Christian Student Fellowship spends break in Mexico
54 students, sponsors travel to Mexico to provide community service

BY KIM TOMJACK
Antelope Staff

Spring break breaks, beer, bikinis, and band-aids. This was the type of spring break for CSF students and their sponsors. Spring break was quite different.

Christian Student Fellowship packed up into some vans and headed down to Sabinas, Mexico. From March 14 to 22 students provided relief and community service for Sabinas and surrounding towns.

This was the third consecutive year CSF has taken university students to Mexico for spring break.

According to Gregory Swany, CSF statewide director, 1,200 students have participated over the years.

In order to take the trip, the students had to raise $19,000. Swany said between $7,000 to $8,000 would be used for building supplies. This added up to about $250 per person. The students were encouraged to go door to door and intern with them of what they were doing to get help in making this trip happen.

Jon Miller, a senior from Bowling Green, visited his sister's church in Burwell. They did not donate money, but they did volunteer and take toys as well. Miller said after making the trip four years he's hooked and he does plan on staying involved in the community.

Every year has a different feel to it,” Miller said. “We work with some of the same pastors and families each year so it’s kind of like a reunion.”

Local businesses in Kearney and the area also contributed by providing food, clothing, transportation assistance, tents, toys, water and gas cards for the trip.

The students carried out construction projects, distributed relief supplies, and spent time with the children in the local churches by having an afternoon bible story time as well as Bible school.

“All of the construction is done with concrete,” Andy Loeske, a junior from Kearney, said. “We’re too expensive, so most of the buildings we build are concrete squares.”

Loeske, who was on his third trip to Sabinas remembers the year before there was a one-story church, and when they came back this year they had just added another on story.

“Their way of construction is different,” Loeske said. “Miller really puts a floor for a classroom in a school, then we mix all the concrete by hand.” Miller said. He also said the living conditions in Sabinas are all quite different. In some areas Milan said it looked like a Third World country, but other places were really nice.

“All the stores are nice and there’s something called ‘a Main Street’ in the area,” Miller said. “It’s all memorabilia each year.”

“My focus is to try to be a servant and help the group since they’re not necessarily going down there,” Miller said.

After working hard with construction and teaching, the students also held a carnival for all the Mexican children, which was a lot of fun. “At the carnival there was candy and games for the kids, but the best part was they all invited the kids to sing. Loudly,” Loeske said, “I didn’t understand any of the words so I just sang a lot of ‘hot fun’.”

McCaw plans to go on this trip again next spring break.

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Modern Sins?

By Alissa Roberts
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You want storytelling to be a tool for healing, but ultimately healing is a personal process. "Not so much," Steinke said. "You can have a desire to heal, but in the end it’s all up to the person." Steinke believes that healing is the result of telling the story of how something bad happened, as well as the effects of it. This is how storytelling can help to heal the wounded spirit.

‘The narrative process helps to guide those with wounded spirits,’ Steinke said. ‘It is important to acknowledge and focus on the story of the wound. How did it happen? What was the result of the wound? This is how storytelling can help to heal the wounded spirit.’

The pictures below are of Sabinas, Mexico, where the CSF spent their spring break. The students helped to build a new church for the community and worked with the locals to provide them with relief supplies.

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Christian Student Fellowship spends break in Mexico
54 students, sponsors travel to Mexico to provide community service
College internships important in increasingly competitive job market

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Society has changed from, "it's not what you know, it's who you know" to, "it's what you know" to, "it's what you know and who you know." Those two things can be gained from a college internship.

The community fundraiser commemorated the sinking of the Titanic 96 years ago with proceeds to benefit the Frank House.

‘Remember the Titanic’ event held at Frank House

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The global market has created competition for good jobs to increase. According to www.collegework.com, you don’t have to be more qualified than the person sitting next to you but rather be more qualified than countless others all around the world. A college internship will not only help students gain real world experience, but it will also give them valuable resumes and piece leaves. A student will also make numerous contacts during an internship, which will help after graduation when it comes to getting a job.

The days of getting just a bachelor’s degree are gone because of the experience that can be gained from a college internship.

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**Slingshot advertising agency visits UNK**

**BY KIMBERLY TOMJACK**

Although Kelly Moore said advertising is a lot harder than what we see in the movies, she didn’t hesitate when she said it was a lot of fun. On Thursday, March 27, Moore, an interactive account supervisor at Slingshot, LLC in Dallas, Texas spoke at UNK.

Moore oversees corporate Website redesigns for clients such as United Healthcare, Waste Management, and D.R. Horton. “Ad-PR Club likes to bring different opportunities for students to hear from them and network with them. Because Ad-PR Club President Shawe Ward interned at Slingshot last summer, we had a unique opportunity to bring a professional from an agency that specializes in interactive advertising, and that is the future of advertising,” said AP-PR advisor Ruth Brown.

Moore said some of the ads they started with online advertising. Slingshot was the first agency to put a HTML banner on the Internet as well as the first executable ad.

Slingshot has many well-known clients such as Jack Daniels, Verizon, Marriott, Conoco, Nokia, Microsoft and Greyhound. Their website www.devilswade.com has examples of the campaigns they have created and designed and lists all of their previous clients.

These clients are great because when you’re a growing agency, you need to get new clients too,” Moore said.

Moore talked about both traditional and interactive advertising. Traditional advertising is brand development, consumer research and focus groups, promotions such as sweepstakes, and media planning.

Moore noted the generational work Slingshot does such as web strategy, online and traditional advertising, online media planning and community marketing such as online newletters. “Sometimes when doing a photo shoot or ad, you really need to improvise,” Moore said.

Moore said some of the ads they dealt were actually in the offices of the Slingshot building. The future of interactive advertising was something she was excited to talk about. “Options are endless with interactive advertising,” Moore said.

Moore said they are starting to work more with text messaging and also making Smartphone ready Web sites.

Moore also discussed what it’s like starting off in the advertising business. “Entry level positions are kind of like being in the army,” Moore said.

Moore said she went on to stress it’s a lot of leg work, late nights and details. She also said when everything is finally all put together, it’s a lot of fun to see the end product.

“This business involves a lot of teamwork,” Moore said.

“Advertising in general is a art and profoundly female in the lower levels, the upper levels are predominantly male. My goal is to get into one of the upper levels,” Moore said.

**Tri-City Storm honors wrestling team’s national championship**

Photo by Kristen Brockman

UNK Wrestling head coach Marc Bauer (right) participated in a special pre-game deal with Tri-City Storm general manager Mike Bush (left) and Shaw City Bankers’ captain Joe Miller (center) during the Stoney Hockey game on Friday. The Storm honored the UNK wrestling team’s national championship during a special pre-game ceremony March 28.

**Nebraska Cultural Unity Conference promotes higher education among high school students**

Photo by Kristen Brockman

Juan Guzman, designer of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, said New Mexico State University-Albuquerque offers the scholarship through a recruitment tool for UNK but pursuing post-high school opportunities, no matter what that might be. “This is a good opportunity for them to hear about scholarships, aid and the opportunities provided for them, and to get the right information,” said Guzman.