Student expresses safety concerns

No ride to the hospital

Grant Pyper, a freshman majoring in vocal performance, said he suffers from severe asthma attacks. Pyper explained that he does not have a car on campus in case of an emergency, a fact that raises concerns for some students. Grant Pyper, an freshman and chairperson for the Committee on General Affairs, signed the bill into law on April 6. He said that he should have a physician on call. Student Health should be open 24 hours a day.” Pyper explained that he was once in an emergency situation. “When I woke up in the morning I was feeling way out of breath,” Pyper, a Grand Island native, said. After trying a nebulizer and his inhaler, Pyper walked from CTE over to Student Health to seek help. By the time he got there, he explained that he does not have a car on campus in case of an emergency.

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Laurie Lage, legal counsel for the commission, said the bill had clear objectives when it was introduced. It aims to ban each type of inhalers used by asthmatics.” Lage also said the NLCC had clear objectives when the commission recommended the introduction of the bill. “Given the opportunity, the NLCC has every intention of banning AWOL machines in the state,” she said.

Machines designed to allow bar patrons to inhale alcohol will not be appearing in Nebraska anytime soon, following the passage of a law that allows the state to regulate such devices. LB 562 amends the Nebraska Liquor Control Act and gives the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission (NLCC) the authority to regulate gaseous forms of alcohol.

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New regulation for gaseous forms of alcohol

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“A lot of other states are banning alcohol-inhaling machines outright.” Lage said. “But there is a possibility for the activity [of inhaling alcohol] to come in different forms, such as the type of inhalers used by asthmatics.”

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To commemorate Cesar Chavez, a renowned social activist and union organizer of the 1960s, UNK students held a peaceful mock protest last Thursday. The students dressed as migrant workers and marched around campus.

Now that the weather is nicer, what outdoor activities do you enjoy doing?

Sitting outside on the lawn enjoying a cocktail and ‘slip-n’-sliding’ with my neighbors and friends...
Cassie Pokorny, Falls City

Golfin’n nine with a sixer!
Tyler Thiers, Alliance

Rollerblading at 8 a.m.
Amy Minshull, North Platte

‘Going for a walk.’
Angie Obei, Spencer

Answers to last week’s “Historical Battles” crossword
Women warriors fight against their own troops

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said he felt delicious and knew he needed an emergency shot. The UNK health officials did not want to give him one.

Pyper said he experienced minor black outs and cold sweats while at the Student Health office. He said the treatment he received was no different from what he had already tried. “They charged me $20 and it didn’t work. They couldn’t and he did not have a cell phone with him and didn’t remember any of the numbers.”

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Game Killed

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Harvey Shish
Bharat Kumar
Jon Fox
Chad Utsh

so all it took was a single “pardon” to make his girl raise an eyebrow toward his game killing redcoat. This prompted Garret to get dirtied by calling out the guy’s beard of yelling bad teeth and comparing the merits of baseball over cricket. The British Accent Guy smiled and opened his mouth only to offer small bits of non-contradictory banter, allowing his accent to seep into the girl’s brain like a piece of brilliant propaganda. In the end, the Brit would invade on Bharat’s territory with ease, taking the girl, and leaving Bharat’s game played on the road as a piece of collateral damage.

SMITH Eric, Washington, DC
His game came to its demise in the most unlikely of circumstances. While engaging in two of his most pleasurable pastimes: talking about boats, with his other passion, a beautiful girl who seemed genuinely interested. They were even planning to go out in his 15-foot dinghy, only to hit unseen rocks in the form of The One Upper, the classic Gamekiller who lies by the motto “Anything you can do I can do better.” Sure enough, The One Upper claimed to not only own boats, but he also boasted of captaining his own 40-foot vessel. Eric tried to navigate to the calmer waters of car talk but was run over again by The One Upper’s supposed vintage German roadster. The tension quickly mounted, and soon the two were engaged in a ruthless game of one-upmanship. On and on they went, wanting what the other guy just said and raising him. When the smoke cleared, Eric had won the golfmatch, but the girl was nowhere to be found. No one likes a braggart. Eric’s game was last seen drifting away towards the vast sea of loneliness in an underscored boat.

USHC Chad, New Brunswick, NJ
His game was faring nicely at the local coffee shop with a seemingly receptive late-night drinker called Rita and he seemed well on his way to a little afternoon delight, that is until the tardy-caddy-clad Gamekiller known as “IO” entered the picture. His pompous scholastic scavenger, famous for luring men into heated debates on subjects of which they know nothing, overheard the conversation turning to art and poured. Immediately he started the dialogue into an area known as Our Old Chad’s Depth where he would dish out ever increasing portions of intellectual emasculation. Chad reacted as anyone with a 20-point IQ deficit facing “IQ” would: the wrong way. No, the answer to “When do you feel Peaceo peaked?” isn’t to shove the questioner in the chest. Rita was left to apologize emphatically for Chad’s actions and asked if she could make up for it in some way. Chad tried to recover, but it was too late. He had lost his cool, and his game would retire home, where it would begin its own blue period.

KUMAR Bharat, Jacksonville, FL
After kicking his game to a loggy redhead at a dorm mixer, Bharat was interrupted by Trevor, o.k.o. British Accent Guy. Women are drawn to men with British accents, wearing expensive Italian loafers and indoor sunglasses. Drinks were bought for willing and unwilling recipients alike with his family’s fortune, which he shamelessly flaunted in the form of an array of high status plastic. This caused Jon to suddenly lose his cool and go on the defensive by opening a tab of his own. On his debt card. After three rounds, Jon’s account was maxed. Shortly after he was dropped off alone would Jon learn the hard way that a woman’s affection should never be for sale, and that many a man has gone broke trying to prove otherwise.

MARI Nieves, New York, NY
Her game was alive and well on its way to a ten digit exchange with a hottie known as Brinny, but was suddenly bushwhacked by a classic Gamekiller, The Drama Queen. She ran into the scene, tears streaming, and sobbed a story of having seen her ex from four years ago. “I, I, I just can’t be alone tonight, Brit.” Still a retrievable situation had Fernando kept his cool. But he didn’t. “Four years seems like a long time ago,” he said in all innocence. By the time The Drama Queen was done flipping the script, Fernando was re- cast in the role of “the villain” in front of a crowd of horrified onlookers. No one hooks up with an insensitive pig. Rest in peace Fernando, but you sleep alone.

DANIELSON Zack, Atlanta, GA
It was early in the evening yesterday when Zack’s game left us, and while it didn’t go without a light, Zack did have his arse unceremoniously handed to him. Upon returning from the bathroom, Zack found the girl he was seeing had been surrounded by a bewil mesmerism, Early Man, who tried to use his abundant muscle to strangle him out of the picture. Zack did not keep his cool and accused his young lady friend of flirtting with the first guy who came along. His girl, no doubt disgusted by Zack’s overhasty bravado, fled the scene when he found his attractive jealousy escalating into Zack throwing a punch, which was caught in midair by something that looked like a hand, but felt like a 20lb vice. By the time Zack regained consciousness, he was home alone and unable to console himself with his dominant hand.

SHIEH Harvey, Los Angeles, CA
Harvey was chatting up a Latina diva at an apartment complex barbecue and his game was hot enough to pose a fire hazard, that is until his friend and cocoon of honor known as The Mass entered the picture and snatched Harvey up like a flash flood of distraction. Somewhat of a lesser cannon, The Mass immediately engaged Harvey in the ageold male bonding tradition of lighting one’s own freaks. Sure, there’s little more enticing than the ignition of one’s own combustible human garbage, but much like riding an electric scooter, you don’t look that cool doing it. When the laughter subsided, Harvey was left with nothing but a good laugh and the faint smell of old eggs, while his lady was snared by a new suitor. Man, talk about blowing it.

FOX Jon, London, UK
Jon’s game, beloved to many a cheerleader and facilitator of the ménage of 2003, was fairing well at a Gold Coast club with a delightful pair of sisters. That is until the playboy predator and full time Gamekiller simply known as Kashi wendied itself inside the picture. A well endowed solltee favorite for trashin 5-star hotel rooms, Kashi had traveled in from oil rich lands and vowed to match the UK starlet. He failed and Jon’s game retired home, where he would begin its own blue period.
Facebook displays rising popularity

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Imagine walking into a bar or local hangout and immediately recognizing people all across the room. The person in the corner is an English major who is graduating this semester. The guy sitting by the window probably couldn't remember a name because you "met" him on Facebook.

Facebook, found at www.facebook.com, is a meet-and-greet Web site that was designed so college students could meet other students from their college and then ultimately other usuarios.

The Web site allows anyone with an e-mail address to set up a profile.

The profile includes contact, major and class information. Photos can also be loaded onto the Web site to be viewed and tagged by other Facebook users.

Facebook was founded by Mark Zuckerberg, a Harvard student, and first launched on the Internet February 4, 2004.

Originally, the Web site was only open to college students at more than 2,100 colleges and universities across the nation, but now includes high schools, which pumps up the number of participants to more than 57 million.

Facebook has its own language, like the word "puck." Someone can "puck" another without saying a word; this is similar to technological flirting.

A member can also check the "puck"s of movies or music. "The Wall" has derived as the most popular feature of Facebook. This feature allows users to post comments, keep in touch or have conversations with other Facebookers.

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Kearney has a small treasure downtown that more and more people are discovering, Book Ends, a used book store located at 8 W. 23rd St., in gaining popularity in Kearney's downtown business center.

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UNK senior

While some people who use the Web site will add friends as a person they do not personally know. Jassen Gould said he does not do this. All of her friends on Facebook were already friends or classmates.

"I think it's odd when someone I don't know adds me as a friend," Gould said. "I don't really think it's self-serving stalking," she said.

"At least, I hope not. However, I think people should be careful about what kind of information people put on their personal Web sites, because you never know what kind of people are looking at them." Jenna Johannsen, a junior at UNK, feels the same way about Facebook.

"I hardly approve anyone on Facebook that I do not know," Johannsen said. "So I don't meet new people in person."

Megan Carr, a UNL freshman who has used Facebook since August 2005 and uses the Web site to stay in touch with friends, especially those that she does not get to see very often.

"Facebook is pretty much stalking, but people at other schools can't see our information--just the people at your school," she said. "So in a way, it's kind of like networking."

Senior Jassen Gould said Facebook helps pass the time at school and work.

"Ninety-nine paint nine percent of my friends I know before Facebook," Gould said. "I don't make friends on Facebook. I keep friends on Facebook.

Gould said he does not trust people that he has never met face-to-face, so he does not seek to meet new people on the Web site.

"I have friends who just scan the profiles for hot chicks," he said. "Plus, there is a lot of info on there if someone wants to stalk a person they find on Facebook.

But, I haven't had any personal problems with this yet."

"I think he's got a good product and he pleases me." Robert Luscher
Professor

"This is more or less a service, but that's not saying it's not going to happen as long as I'm here."
It will travel throughout the body in 10 seconds after it enters and will be found in every part of the body. It contains carcinogens, cancer-causing agents, detrimental to controlling the growth of cells.

As a result, the cells will either grow abnormally or reduce too rapidly. It will affect the function of the immune system and may increase the risk of respiratory and other infections. It contains more than 4000 chemicals, which may be the cause of the problems mentioned above.

Carbon monoxide, tar, formaldehyde, ammonia, lead, benzene, arsenic and a few of the deadly elements. What is it? It is cigarette smoke.

Kearney recently discussed the option of initiating a smoking ban, and the city council is further investigating this option.

Brandi Smith, a freshman biology/pre-pharmacy major from Red Cloud, was not aware of the proposal of a smoking ban in Kearney. She has been a smoker for three years.

“I don’t think college stu- dents will like it but have to go and respect it,” Smith said.

Smith said that it would not per- sonally be a bother for her be- cause she has always gone outside to smoke when she is at homes and parties.

The recent trend for UNK college students is joining groups that can express how they feel about certain topics on Facebook.

There are currently three UNK groups that deal with smoking on Facebook. One group is called “smoking ban in UNK Hall!” which has 135 members.

This group was created for those students at UNK who strongly dislike the smell of smoke.

“Smoking. Makes You Look Hot” is a group made up of 60 members.

This group was dedicated to showing people that there is a sense of hotness created when someone is smoking.

Another group, “UNK Smokers Club” consists of 26 members.

The group’s description is that it is for anyone who attends UNK and is tired of smoking bans.

There are UNK college students who have split views about smoking.

Tom Schlund, a senior business administration major from Ravenna, is a firm believer that smoking is not a good thing.

Schlund is a member of the Buffalo County Tobacco Free Coalition.

The members of the coalition are made of local health officials, concerned citizens and retired people from the community, as well as students.

“I don’t think smoking students will like it, but they have to go and respect it.”

Brandi Smith
UNK freshman

It contains more than 6000 chemicals which may be the cause of the problems mentioned above.

Carbon monoxide, tar, formaldehyde, ammonia, lead, benzene, arsenic and a few of the deadly elements. What is it? It is cigarette smoke.

The coalition would like to see a policy written for the benefit of Kearney.

However, it feels this is a matter that does not need to be rushed. Kearney is in a unique position, unlike Lincoln or Omaha, because we are in an isolated enough place where people are not going to leave here just to drive 30 to 40 minutes away to eat and smoke,” Schlund said.

Schlund said that a majority of people are going to like the ban because of the chance for safe breathing.

The smoking ban will include all bars and restaur- ants, basically places where the general public congregates.

“The smoking ban will be good not only from the economic aspect, because it will level the economies out with all the businesses,” Schlund said.

He said some people are worried about the smoking ban having a negative eco- nomic impact on Kearney.

“Other places that have implemented a smoking ban have not seen a significant economic impact,” Schlund said.

There are 10 states within the United States that are smoke-free, and there are several countries the same way, such as Ireland.

Schlund feels it will be a matter of time before the entire United States is smoke-free as well.

He highly encourages anyone who is interested in speaking their views about the Kearney smoking ban to contact Lin McArthur or McArthur is the Prevention Coordinator for the Buffalo County Tobacco Free Coalition.

You can reach McArthur at 237-5113, ext. 261, for information about listening sessions scheduled by the Cit Council to discuss the smoking policy for Kearney.
Loper baseball wins four more

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The Loper program finished in top 20.

The Loper men’s golf team traveled to Phoenix this past weekend to compete in the Grand Canyon Invite. The Lopers fired a three-day score of 883 to finish 12th out of 19 teams.

Senior Brian Feih, who combined four hits and four runs scored, hit .308 over the four games. He also in the last two weekend to put the best I have in the last two weeks. 1.000 percent. Also, Cole Archer played an unbelievable game and nine unearned runs in the game, but quickly followed by four RBIs and four runs scored. is and four runs scored. "We still didn’t play as well as we had a couple of each girl in this last weekend to compete in the Division III team.

In the last two games on Saturday, UNK controlled the game and the score board as they won the first game 6-2.

“There was too much emotion, Start your career in professional sports as our Summer League Athlete! Train with our professional coaches, develop your skills and be ready for the next level. Whether you are a high school or college athlete, our Summer League is designed to help you reach your goals.

The Lopers lost seniors from Littleton, Colo., said. "We are a much better team this year, and I think we have a chance to finish in the top five places anywhere near our potential.”

The Lopers last seniors with a 230, Gothenburg’s Wes Bernt, tying for 65th with a 233. The rest of the Lopers were all at least 30 strokes behind their season.

The offensive leader of Saturday’s doubleheader was Rich Eber, who com- bined four hits and four runs scored.

The ladies then put the game away in the fifth when junior Allison Sinnott singled in two more runs with two outs. The lady led expanding as fresh- men Kolsey Smith rapped one out of the fence for her second homer of the game. The second game of the day saw freshman Ashley Gayle make the take the Lady Lopers as well. The Mavericks had 30 hits on the day, including 10 home runs to sweep the Lopers 13-4 and 12-4.

The Lady Lopers improved to 7-3 on the season with the loss. Sunday afternoon did not treat the Lady Lopers as well. The Mavericks took advantage of a few mistakes and a couple of big breaks this last weekend to compete in the Division III team.

One UNK athlete, who wishes to remain anonymous, said he or she was previously an athlete at UNK and had been tested about six times during the year and a half there. While UNK, this athlet...
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Softball starts tournament play

Shannon J. Matthews  Staff Writer

The UNK men’s tennis team event both weekends this season. The men will compete on Friday at Colorado Springs and Sandhills at the UNK-Colorado Springs State University-Dobbs.

Nate Wiegand, a senior accounting major from Grand Island, said, “The weekend went really well, it was good to set the tone for conference. Everyone person contributed in a big way.”

The UNK women’s tennis team had a big off this weekend at Fort Hays State University and Colorado Springs.

Mikenna Irwin, a sophomore marketing major from Omaha, said, “We lost both duals, but most of our matches were really close. Two of the matches ended in tiebreakers.”

On Saturday against Colorado Springs, the women won all of the double matches. They did not win any of the singles.

“Throughout this season, none of us have been switch- ing between the No. 1, 2 and 3 spots. We are taking turns playing the positions. This is a good year for us,” Irwin said.

The men’s team is trying to prepare for some tough meets ahead. The men will compete against the College of Santa Fe this weekend.

Wiegand said, “On Sunday we had a practice before the dual, then played the match, then did some conditioning. Our coach is trying to get us prepared for the Division II Challenge meet and once the conference meets.”

The tennis teams not only deal with practices and meets, but each athlete has to deal with homework. Wiegand said, “This time of year can get tough with school work and traveling.”

Irwin said, “My professors are all understanding, they work with me so I have time to be an athlete and a student.”

The UNK tennis team will compete on Friday at Colorado Christian.

Three multi-event athletes will compete in the decathlon and heptathlon in the afternoon, then the men will compete in four events. The 100 hurdles, high jump, shot put and 200-meter dash. Between each event I will get a half an hour rest,” Cordes said. “That way I will compete in seven different events. The guys compete in a decathlon, which means they will compete in 11 different events.”

Smith and Cordes both start competing on Thursday.

“On Thursday, I will compete in a heptathlon and decathlon, respectively,” Cordes said. “A heptathlon just means that I will be competing in seven different events. The guys compete in a decathlon, which means they will compete in 11 different events.”

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Four students are sharing their college experiences with others via the Internet. Kristen Brockman, Monica Fuentes, Kevin Wait and Nathan Andreesen are all part of the first-ever student journals at UNK. The four students were hand-selected by a panel of university officials to keep weekly accounts of their lives as students in Kearney. Kathy Smith, UNK’s Vice Chancellor of University Relations, spoke about the process of selecting the students.

“We have two freshmen, a junior and a sophomore participating in these online journals. We put out an announcement on the student bulletin and requested students to reply,” Smith said. “We got quite a bit of interest for the first time. About 20 students submitted their applications and we interviewed them.

“As part of the application process they had to explain why they came to UNK and what they do generally during the course of a day,” she added. “We also asked to see a sample of their photography, because their journal they take pictures of what’s happening with their experience at UNK.”

According to Smith, the online journals are part of the university’s continuing quest to draw students from across Nebraska and the nation to UNK. “This kind of ties in with our theme, ‘You’ll never forget Kearney.’ Some people might ask why it isn’t ‘You’ll never forget the University of Nebraska at Kearney’ instead? Well, the fact is that many people don’t even know Kearney exists and so it’s not that they have a bad opinion of UNK or Kearney, they just don’t have any opinion of us,” she said. “This is one of the ways that we are trying to use to show everyone what college is like here at UNK.”

Smith explained, “As our Chancellor likes to say, if you do a 100 mile radius of Kearney, that student population has decreased 7 percent just this last year and is going to decrease until 2014. Now the number of college-aged students is staying stable in the state, so where are they all going? East . . . Omaha, Lincoln.”

With the utilization of these journals, Smith and others at UNK hope to attract new students to Kearney by showing them that our college is up-to-date with many technological trends and is a progressive institution.

The students have kept their journals since the beginning of the semester and will do so until the end of 2006. For their efforts they are rewarded by keeping the digital cameras that they were given to take the pictures that accompany their journal entries. The on-line journals are located at www.unk.edu/journals.

UNK students write online journals