A walk to really remember

Steve Hofstetter is not your typical comedian. He is the kind of comedian who takes his craft seriously. He is the kind of comedian who is committed to making people laugh and making a difference. He is the kind of comedian who is dedicated to giving back and making the world a better place.

Hofstetter brought raucous laughter to UNK Thursday night. Hofstetter made his first appearance on campus thanks to the work of CTW. The event was put on by CTW and required months of advertising and hours of setup once the show was confirmed to go on as scheduled. CTW Resident Advisor, Max Tom, did most of the work behind the scenes.

“Putting together the show required three months of non-stop work from myself and CTW Hall Director Scott Brown,” said Tom. “I mean, we worked hard! But it was worth it.”

Some of Hofstetter’s jokes included poking fun at the UNK mascot, weak high school mascot, and embarrassing UNK stories. The last two involved crowd interaction and provided for many laughs. About 250 UNK students and faculty were there to enjoy the show. Hofstetter made his first appearance ever on the UNK campus thanks to the work of CTW.

“I began doing the improv while in high school,” Hofstetter said. “I was really good at it, and I knew I wanted to make a career out of it. I started doing stand-up comedy in college, and I never looked back.”

Hofstetter said he felt honored to sing as the Nebraskats sing the national anthem against cancer.

The event started at 7 p.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Saturday, April 19. 

UNK senior KaDene Deke

Deke said her brother, who is a UNK senior, was diagnosed with cancer. Her family has been through a lot of ups and downs, but Deke said she feels honored to sing as the Nebraskats sing the national anthem against cancer.

“My brother was diagnosed with cancer a couple years ago,” Deke said. “I think it’s rewarding to know you’re helping people.”

Hofstetter also provided advice on life and taking chances, encouraging those who are afraid to stand up to a crowd to give it a try. “When you’re up there, you’re already doing something the audience admires. You’re already halfway there,” Hofstetter said. “It will give you the confidence to take on new challenges, such as girls.”

Hofstetter has written and published three books titled “College Body Shots 1 & 2” and “Balls.” The purpose behind his books is to relate everyone at one point in the stories.

“The best things I have heard from people who have read them are when they say ‘Hey do you remember that time?’” Hofstetter said. “College is so great because of the shared experience. It’s like going to camp and work at the same time.”

Next semester, UNK has planned to bring several live events to campus within the first couple weeks of school, with a possible return of Hofstetter. The idea of an encore would not upset any of those in attendance Thursday night, including Shane Riley, a sophomore geography/history major from Annapolis.

“It was amazing and we all loved it. We would love to see something like this on campus again,” Riley said.
Luncheon scheduled to celebrate excellence at UNK

By LISA BECKER
Antelope Staff

On Wednesday, 2,000 UNK students, faculty, staff and alumni gathered in the UNK Center to honor students, staff and faculty for their achievements. The luncheon was held to celebrate excellence at UNK for 28 years. Schipporeit received the award by a colleague. She has been the director of human resources at UNK for 20 years ago. Originally, the luncheon was held for employees that worked in the Finance Office for $9.10,” Lakey said. “The luncheon was in 1980, and its goal was to honor employees. It was a way to serve the university, the family and friends to come to together as a campus and honor our employees. Those being honored for 30 years of service are: Greg Barnard, student; Brad Bailey, technical services; and Wayne Neubauer, student. Those being honored for 25 years of service are: Olah Abraham, computer science; Sonja Day, Finance Office; Bruce Lakey, accounting; finance; Sherry Moeller, Admissions; Richard Hunt, Residential and Greek Life; Dr. Tom Kropp, HPERLS; Darla Morris, Nebraska Safety Center; Donna Prouse, Human Resources; Dr. Roger Byck; psychology; and Gary Schlarb, music and performing arts.

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**We all know that being an organ an- tique donor can help save someone else’s life, but do they know how much more? We are hearing about it more and more.**

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**Junior elementary education major, Amanda Engler of Holdrege, said the reality didn’t put much doubt into the decision.**

**“When it came time to check the little box, I just thought ‘sounds like a good idea,'” Engler said.**

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### Kearney: There is no place like home

Two Lopers venture away from home only to return to UNK to play baseball.

By GREGG WATSON

While many of the members of the Loper baseball team are from around the state and even around the country, a few of the players are playing in the town where they grew up. Two of these Kearney natives ventured away from home high school, only to find themselves at UNK to finish their educations and their collegiate baseball careers.

Seth Svoboda and Ryan Sheldon both graduated from Kearney High and took their baseball and education careers to Kearney to attend junior colleges. From there they did not return back to their hometown.

Svoboda is a business management major, attended Independence Community College in Independence, Kan., for his freshman year. “I chose Independence because I knew the coach,” Svoboda said. “I wasn’t sure what I wanted to do for school or baseball, so I thought junior college was the best choice for me.”

After his freshman year at Independence, Svoboda transferred to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. “I decided to go to Lincoln because I was tired of junior college,” Svoboda said. “I also saw it as a good opportunity to play Division I baseball.”

Svoboda spent his year at Nebraska-redshirting and rehabilitating an elbow injury he endured while playing summer ball. He decided to leave the Hokies after just one year. “I hadn’t really enjoyed my experience that much in Lincoln,” Svoboda said. “It was that spring that I decided I was ready to make a change.”

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The Athlete: Ryan Sheldon

While Svoboda and Sheldon took different routes to wind up back at home, both felt that they made the right decision to finish up school in Kearney. “I’m glad to be here because I enjoy the baseball program around here, and I hope the good things continue.”

Svoboda said. “I’m proud to have had a part in turning the baseball program around here, and I hope the good things continue.”

Photo by John Reed
UNK pitcher Ryan Sheldon began his baseball career at Barton County Community College before coming back to his hometown of Kearney.

Sheldon was recently named RMAC pitcher of the week for his performance against No. 9 S. Minnesota. When Sheldon struck out 15 batters.

### They’ve got spirit, yes they do

Cheer and dance tryouts draw in promising talent

By KELLY BENERT

Asprey Staff

On Saturday, young, talented girls tried the UNK indoor track event hoping to earn a spot on the UNK cheer squad or the dance team.

One of these individuals was Omaha native UNK sophomore Kellie Stopak, who was looking to earn a position on the dance team. “I decided to come because I am a swimming dancer, and enjoy being part of the games,” Stopak said. “The best part of being on the team is meeting these girls and getting to hang out with them.”

Lucy Mortensen is serving her second year as the Cheer coach at UNK. “It’s good to have two days of tryouts, knowing it’s financing to en- sure everyone with exams and busy schedules,” Mortensen said. She enjoys the interaction with the team, and part-icipating in cheerleading.

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Baker, a freshman from Gib- bon feels cheerleading is an impor- tant part of UNK activities. “I think it’s important to have school spirit,” Baker said. “I like to spread school spirit everywhere I go.”

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Although both the men and women lost to Pittsburg State and Fort Hays in great efforts, both squads beat Chadron State, and were able to man up to 19 top three finishes; including sev- eral first place efforts. Faulkner junior, Dakota Cochrane, joined five others on the NCAA provi- sional list as he cleared 15’9.25” to easily win the pole vault.

“This was a really good event for me, and I was very happy with myself being able to clear that height,” Cochrane said.

Cochrane said, “I’ve been practicing with 16 feet or higher, sometimes 17 and a half,” Cochrane said. “I’ve had some good jumps.”

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Cochrane says even if he is unable to clear his goal of 16 feet at the L, he will continue to set it and that standard or above as he is determined to make his first trip to outdoor nationals.

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### Diaglev wins national tourney, heads to Las Vegas next week

By PETER YAZEV

Westside Taps

Diaglev recorded another milestone vic- tory this past weekend winning his weight class at the University National Freestyle Championships in Akron, Ohio.

In the first place match at 245 lbs., Diaglev beat Aaron Anpalacki 1-0, 7-0. Anpalacki wrestled collegiately at Penn State and was the 2007 NCAA Division I runner up.

Talking to Gary Abbat of USA Wres- tling, Diaglev said, “That any in the final was tough. He made me wrestle. I had a lot of fun with him, it will help me get ready for the U.S. Nationals.”

Diaglev went 5-0 in the tournament and recorded two pins and two technical falls (Greco- wrestling Club) and Ronald Dusdaze (New York Athletic Club/Sunkist Kids/Poland National Team).

He also had a tech fall of Blake Gillies, the 2007 Division Ill national champion, and beat Dave Zabrzecky of the Cyclople Wrestling Club in the semifinals, 4-0. Anpalacki wrestled college- wise at now in State, Zabrzecky placed eighth at the NCAA-Meet championship.

This past fall, Diaglev won his weight class at the Sunkist Kids International Open. Now a member of the Sunkist Kid WC, he will next compete at the nationals.

### Cochrane vaults to provisional mark

Pole vaulters join other Lopers on list of provisional qualifiers to nationals

By MIKE PENNETTA

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**BY DANIEL APOLIUS**

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Better World Books will benefit from the book drive. Better World Books is a non-profit organization that helps individuals and organizations collect and donate books to be sold to fund the purchase of new books for children living in poverty around the world.

**The Book Drive**

The book drive collection boxes will be put out around April 17 or April 18 and will stay out until the end of finals week.

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The collection boxes will be set up in Thomas Hall, the Fine Arts building, the Nebraska Student Union, Follett’s, the College of Education building and West Center.

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**The Book Drive Projects**

Phi Eta Sigma, the freshman honor society, and the National Center for Family Literacy are participating in the Power Drive, the Big Event and Relay for Life.

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Phi Eta Sigma members were amazed by the results of their first book drive.

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Birge could teach ‘Entrepreneurship 101’

BY GRANT CAMPBELL

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"I started my business because I knew a few people in the community," Birge said. "But I am an average Joe, and I saw an opportunity to start a business and make time for it," Birge said. "With actual hands-on skills, I will have the tools I need to eventually become an entrepreneur myself."

Dusty says that he would like to start up his own fitness center someday. "I hope I can have the same success that [Dusty] Birge has had," Doughty said. "With hard work, anyone can accomplish their goals."

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Birge could teach 'Entrepreneurship 101'

BY CATHY CLINARD

Going to college full time and working to pay rent is sometimes a tough combination. Renting a place full time for you, or you and your family can be a big expense. But, UNK does offer something to help you when you need your housing. It isn’t affordable to go to school full time and work full time to pay the bills. The solution is University Heights.

University Heights is part of the UNK campus housing, but unlike the housing that is offered right on campus, UH is for married students, single parents or students over 21 years old. Built in the 1960s, the apartments have changed much. The apartments are priced in two styles: efficiency for $285 and one-bedroom for $330.

Leased through Residential and Greek Life, UH does offer an advantage over other apartments in the area with a new investment to seminars. However, there is a catch you have to be a full-time student. According to Jennifer Harvey, a hall director in her sixth year at UH, the bills of the residents, since there are some young married people.

University Heights offers a diverse group of people. There are young married couples, older couples, couples with kids, single parents as well as single students.

University Heights replaced the old Veteran's Housing on campus originally rented for $30 per month.

“Table of campus heights began around 1957 and was built in the 1960s.

“While University Heights first opened, rent was $85 per month with utilities.

“University Heights sits about one mile from the campus, and when originally built, had a view of Kearney Lake

“Originaly built with 72 one-bedroom and 36 efficiency apartments, University Heights now has 64 one bedrooms and 36 efficiency apartments as the others have been put to other use.

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During the summer, Birge travels to Binkelman where he completes the majority of his work. But for Birge, doing what he enjoys makes it all worthwhile. “I love what I do. And because of that, I make time for it,” Birge said.

Mason Dougall, a junior business management major from North Platte, hopes to someday achieve what his fellow peer has already attained.

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Design program wins by putting fine arts first

Art department took home 23 awards at American Institute of Graphic Arts Competition

BY ANN BIERBOWER
Guest Writer

The design program at UNK stands out against a background of larger universities in larger cities.

The Visual Communication Design Program, or VCD, prepares students for a career in graphic arts and officially began in 1996.

Richard Schuessler, a design professor who has taught at UNK for 15 years, explained that the current program is an updated and revamped version of the prior program.

The program has grown in size and prestige. “It holds its own,” said Cassi Ellenwood, a senior in the program.

Ellenwood originally had trouble deciding between the American Art Institute at Denver or her hometown of Kearney when choosing a college.

“I came here because I knew I would be attending Denver for all the wrong reasons,” Ellenwood said. “I wanted the bigger city and to not be in my hometown, but there were too many good things about UNK.”

Mark Hartman, chair of the art department since 1997, attributes the program’s success to the department as a whole. “Our design students are fine art students first,” Hartman said.

“Her work is amazing,” said Ellenwood. “She is intense,” said Yves Gadjoro, a sophomore in the Visual Communication Design Program, or VCD, which displays student work from all areas of the art department.

The program is like a fine art foundation with a design emphasis, Schuessler said. “The students take classes such as printmaking, drawing, and painting, which are essential to the program. It is a big umbrella with design as the shaft.”

Students are even able to gain experience in mediums such as glass blowing. Claire Richmond, a junior in the program, said that she had tried the more typical classes such as sculpture and painting but found she enjoyed glass blowing much more.

The students work with kilns and ovens that range from 900 to 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Paul Engler, senior, who has blown glass for five years, rotates a steel rod inside the 2,000° “glory hole” as glass melts on the other end. Photo by Ann Bierbower

The program recently underwent a large turnover of faculty, some of whom had been there for over 30 years and were part of the initial program. Between 2000 and 2006, seven core faculty members left the department for various reasons, mostly retirement.

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“The program is a little different in format now, it’s a matter of getting to know your students and reassessing due to what everyone brings, but our mission is still the same,” Schuessler said. The students work with kilns and ovens that range from 900 to 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

The design students get a chance to compare their work to others and receive outside feedback by attending events such as the American Institute of Graphic Arts Conference, or AIGA, which is a national competition and networking resource that was in Denver last year.

The department took home 23 awards. No other single school won more than 11.

The department also participates in other networking conferences such as “Meet the Pros,” which is available to all students in areas linked to journalism, advertising and design. The conference takes place annually in Omaha, and the Kearney chapter of AIGA helped fund 20 students to attend this year.

“The program is so labor intensive, you find out pretty quickly whether you can handle it or not,” Ellenwood said.

The art program includes a diverse group of professors, one a nationally renowned printmaker and illustrator from Russia, Victoria Gorro-Rappport. Like her fellow professors, she is often found in the art building late at night and early in the morning working on her personal pieces and being a resource to her students.

“Her work is amazing,” Schuessler said. The students say they have the benefit of close relationships with their professors since both student and professor are spending such long hours in the building.

“Each person has their own talents and solves problems in their own way and we teach them how to find it,” Schuessler said.

The Walker Art Gallery, which displays student work from all areas of the art department is open Mon. through Fri. 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. It is currently displaying the senior projects of five VCD students. The projects are often the students’ best works and demonstrate a culmination of their aspiring skills.