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Run With It

Spring Fling serves up great success

Campus Kitchen rewards volunteers with food, music and lots of pie

BY ERIC KORTH
Antelope Sports Editor

When Marty Demoret first teamed up with political science professor, Dr. Peter Longo, to create the Campus Kitchen Project at UNK, he never expected it to grow in to what it is today.

Last Thursday, Campus Kitchen celebrated their second year of operation by throwing Spring Fling '08. Campus Kitchen used the event to thank those who are the most vital to their success: their volunteers.

"The Spring Fling is an opportunity to award those who have gone above and beyond the volunteer role and have made a strong commitment to Campus Kitchen," said Megan Boss, graduate student coordinator for Campus Kitchen. "After all the hard work everyone has put into Campus Kitchen each year, they deserve a fun night of free food and entertainment."

This year's Spring Fling featured free food donated by Little Caesars, the Spaghetti Shop, Domino's and Eileen's

Cookies. Those who stopped in for the free food were also treated to the music of Kappa Kappa Ska, a band formed by the members of Kappa Kappa Psi.

In addition to the free eats and live music, Campus Kitchen lined up professors Peter Longo and Claude Louishomme and Heidi Hassel of Residential and Greek Life for a pie-a-professor in the face event that left everyone in tears.

Dr. Louishomme was the first to be "pied" in the face, but it was the final professor, Dr. Longo, who stole the show.

Those who came out to enjoy the Spring Fling were given the opportunity to participate in a raffle to be the lucky one to pie a professor. When it was Dr. Longo's turn, none other than former student and co-creator of Campus Kitchen, Marty Demoret was selected.

"Marty was the primary force behind the Campus Kitchen. His work and vision UNK

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Photos by Eric Korth

ABOVE: Art Banderas of Lexington smothers professor, Dr. Claude Louishomme, during Campus Kitchen's Spring Fling.

FAR LEFT: Free pizza, sandwiches and cookies were donated to the Spring Fling event.

LEFT: Those who attended Spring Fling were entertained with music by Kappa Kappa Ska.

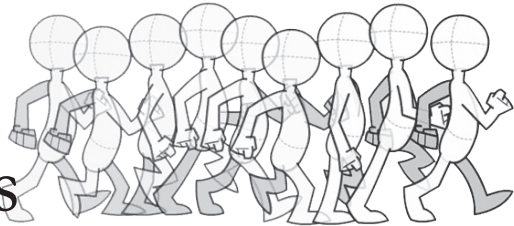
MIDDLE LEFT: Graduate coordinator, Megan Boss presents an award to Chartwells director, James W. Paul II, thanking Chartwells for all of their support.

TOP LEFT: Ryan Hare receives an award from Marty Demoret.



Walk or run...for fun!

Sixth annual Fun 5K Run/Walk draws 350 entries



BY JARED HOFF
Antelope Staff

Hundreds of community residents and students from the University of Nebraska at Kearney attended the sixth annual Fun 5k Run/Walk last Saturday.

The event began at 9 a.m. at the Ron and Carol Cope Stadium.

The Fun 5k Run/Walk is a growing event. Last year, there were more than 250 race participants and 25 business sponsors.

This year's event was expected to have more than 350 participants. The annual event is open to all UNK students and community members.

Jami Schaffnitt, coordinator of student activities said, "This event allows students to take their focus off of studying just for a bit to get out and get some exercise, clear their minds and enjoy time with friends. It's a fun spring event that everyone enjoys whether they are walking or running!"

There are two divisions of participants, student and non-

student. The top three competitors in each division receive prizes. All cash proceeds for the event go to the Student Leadership Scholarship Fund.

Prizes such as merchandise or gift certificates, which are donated by sponsors, are given to the winners.

In the female community division, first place went to Deena Sughroe with a time of 20 minutes and 50 seconds. Second and third place went to Rainy Clark and Maria Maravilla with times of 22 minutes, 10 seconds, and 22 minutes, 24 seconds, respectively.

Seth Alberts won the community male division with a time of 17 minutes, 22 seconds. Brian Bergt finished second and Brian McGee coming in third.

In the UNK female division, Brittney Zeller was first with a time of 21 minutes, 20 seconds. Zeller finished just ahead of Melissa Hinkley, who finished in 21 minutes, 22 seconds. Third place was Katie Hollman with a time of 22 minutes, 27 seconds.

In the UNK male division,

Brock Steinbrink finished first with a time of 17 minutes, 9 seconds. Following Steinbrink was Daniel Dunbar at 18 minutes, 9 seconds for second place and Joe Wiechman at 19 minutes, 53 seconds for third place.

For UNK students, the event was free of charge. For non-student entries, the cost was \$15 and race sponsors had a small \$5 fee.

Casey Baney, a senior business administration major from Benkelman said that it was nice to get to run on a nice day for a good cause.

"I like running and usually run about 5 miles in 20 minutes," Baney said. "This was a nice opportunity to get out on the road with other runners and have a good time."

The Fun 5k Run/Walk is sponsored by the Loper Programming and Activities Council (LPAC) and funded by UPFF.

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Photos by Laura Schemper

ABOVE: One of the many winners on Saturday, freshman Britney Zeller of Elwood, won a month membership to Just for Ladies.

LEFT: Before the start of the Fun5K, Julie Day, Brittney Hagan and Kristin Culver work at the registration booth.

BOTTOM LEFT: And they're off! Runners in the front and walkers in the back. Next stop-the finish line!



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Coming soon to UNK:
Operation Graduation
Thursday, April 24 @ 5 p.m.
UNK Alumni House

The Big Event
Saturday, April 26 @ 9:30 a.m.
Cushing Auditorium

Commencement
Friday, May 9 @ 10 a.m.
Health and Sports Center

Youth activist visits campus

► According to Jane Flemming-Kleeb, the challenge in courting young voters is to engage them, respect them and ask for their support.

BY LAURA LARSEN
Antelope Staff

Jane Flemming-Kleeb has devoted her professional career getting the youth to vote. Last Wednesday, she visited UNK to discuss the role of young voters in the 2008 election.

According to Flemming-Kleeb, the challenge in courting young voters is to engage them, respect them and ask for their support.

“When young people are talked to, they show up to vote,” Flemming-Kleeb said.

In her presentation, Flemming-Kleeb cited research that found the best means for reaching young voters is through peer-to-peer contact. This works by sending young people out to talk with their peers about issues and candidates in places where young people hang out: bars, coffee shops and college campuses.

“This form of outreach is only effective when it is followed up with phone calls or e-mails after the initial contact,” Flemming-Kleeb said.

Lindsey Wendt, a sophomore organizational communication student from Gering, attended Wednesday’s event.

“Jane’s message was really refreshing. It is so nice to hear someone talk about the positive

aspect of young people voting and seeing what’s being done to improve the situation,” Wendt said.

Elizabeth Weaver, a political science major from Maywood, also attended the event. Weaver agreed with the message and is hopeful UNK students will get excited about the upcoming elections.

“Right now, politics is an exciting scene, and it’s important to me that young people join the discussion about the future



Photo by Erik O’Brien
Youth vote activist Jane Kleeb visited UNK Wed. April 6, to discuss the importance of the youth vote in the upcoming election.

of our country,” Weaver said. According to Flemming-Kleeb, there are many myths out there about young people voting.

“Everyone thinks young people only care about college affordability, and that’s not the case. They care about the same issues as many adult voters but just talk about them in a different way,” Flemming-Kleeb said.

Flemming-Kleeb addressed current trends that show more and more young people identifying with the Democratic Party. According to research cited in the presentation in 2000, there was only a two percent difference between young registered Republicans and Democrats. Today, there is a 31 percent advantage for the Democrats.

“If we, in the Democratic Party, do not keep up the discussion with young people, this trend will not continue,” Flemming-Kleeb said.

Flemming-Kleeb is currently serving as the executive director of the Young Voter PAC. The PAC is a Democratic organization providing funds to candidates who are reaching out to young people. To learn more about the organization check out <http://youngvoterpac.org>.

What is Young Voter PAC?

Young Voter PAC is based on a simple idea: politics would be better off if more young people were involved.

Young Voter PAC will support candidates who reach out to young voters and include us as an important part of their campaign strategy. Progressive candidates who mobilize young voters and speak to their issues need our help to do it.

We want politicians to pay attention to young people, and we want young people to have a voice in campaigns. Young Voter PAC is one way to change the faces of elections: who participates and who wins.



Information courtesy of youngvoterpac.org

The secret life of those who can’t keep silent

A behind the scenes look at the UNK Speech team as they prepared for nationals

BY STACY LAUE
Guest Writer

The UNK Speech/Forensics Team agrees that choosing the right material for each speech determines potential in competition.

Many spend hours in the library looking through books and browsing the Internet for information.

“You will soon find the one that suits you the best,” freshman Ben Clancy said.

For a few members of the team, like Christi Sedrel, the word “preparation” is non-existent in her extemporaneous category. She tries to practice with pre-written questions. But once she draws her topic in competition, she has limited time to prepare.

“It’s like bull****ing on the fly,” she said, “I have to

know what is going on in the world in order to succeed.”

Graduate student Amanda Young serves as the assistant coach of the UNK Speech/Forensics team. She travels with the team and provides coaching hours each week for the students in preparation for tournaments.

Young acknowledges the fact that the closer it gets to nationals, the more busy, but fun, her job becomes.

“You get to the point where you worked all year. It is time for them to expect more from us. They need to be committed to the event,” Young said.

To qualify for the national tournament, a person must score ten points. Points are accumulated by attending forensic tournaments hosted by schools around the nation and earning one of the top spots.

Five members of the UNK team qualified in at least one area for the national tournament.

Laura McAtee, a freshman on the team, was excited but nervous for nationals, “I want to get it done, but more than anything I want the experience.”

Christi Sedrel was looking forward to attending the national tournament.

“It will be like another spring break for me,” Sedrel said.

“Being nervous is normal though,” McAtee said. She likes to take a Halls cough drop the morning of a tournament because she is afraid she will lose her voice.

To combat her nervousness, Christi Sedrel said she will do what she has always done.

“I’ll find a weird corner, and I’ll start singing and dancing a song to pump me up,” Sedrel said.

Weeks of research, practice, memorization, rehearsal, coaching and tournaments prepared students for the national tourna-



Photo by Stacy Laue
Members of the speech team put in a hard day’s work at the speech tournament hosted by UNK on Feb. 9. Top: Christi Sedrel, Ben Clancy, Amanda Young, Allison Henri. Bottom: Rachelle Kamrath, Laura McAtee, Brandon Pettigrew.

ment in Austin, Texas on April 3-6. Team members competed two times in the first two rounds to qualify for semi-finals.

At final tournament time, the members never stop practicing, even after their first performance.

“In forensics you never have a final product. There is always room for improvement,” Young said.

National Results

Invdividuals:

“Our highest scoring events belonged to Allison Henri, who finished 47th in Informative Speaking, and Brandon Pettigrew, who finished 49th in Informative Speaking out of 148 competitors.”

Team:

“The team finished 41st out of approximately 100 schools, which is a few placings above last year’s finish.”

Rachelle Kamrath, UNK Speech/Forensics Coach

What’s your favorite event?



“Persuasion and Poetry, because it gives you the opportunity to motivate the audience. They just can’t stop thinking about it.”

Amanda Young
Assistant Speech/Forensics Coach



“My favorite event is after dinner speaking. It’s fun because I get to add a quirky sense of humor that I may not get to do in other events”

Ben Clancy
Freshman psychology major



“I love extemporany, because you can come up with analogies. For example, the economy is like a band aid; it always needs to be patched up.”

Christi Sedrel
Senior special education major



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brought about the Campus Kitchen. Marty was a dedicated student and excellent campus citizen. And apparently, he learned the art of throwing a pie along the way,” said Longo, professor of Political Science and Interim Dean of Student Life.

Campus Kitchen began at UNK in 2006 when Demoret and Longo proposed to Karen Borchert, the founder of the first Campus Kitchen, the idea to start up a Campus Kitchen here at Kearney. After reviewing their request, the national Campus Kitchen Project awarded UNK a start-up grant to begin the first student-run Campus Kitchen in the United States, and the first in Nebraska.

Growing since its inception in 2006, UNK’s Campus Kitchen now serves over 100 customers in the Kearney area with the help of more than 130 volunteers. They hope to increase their numbers with the coming years.

“I would like to see at least 200 students volunteer with

Campus Kitchen in its third year of operations,” Boss said. “We had about 130 trained volunteers this year. I would like to see the residence halls become more active next year. Maybe with a contest of which hall can get the most hours with a pizza party awarded to the winner.”

What is Campus Kitchen?

Campus Kitchen provides evening meals with social interaction that many low-income, developmentally disabled, and elderly clients don’t receive otherwise. It also provides volunteers the opportunity to give back to the community

Did you know that over 4,000 people in Buffalo County fall below the poverty level?

Campus Kitchen is always looking for more volunteers. Currently they run shifts Monday through Thursday.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., they

prepare meals. Following the preparation, the meals are packaged and refrigerated.

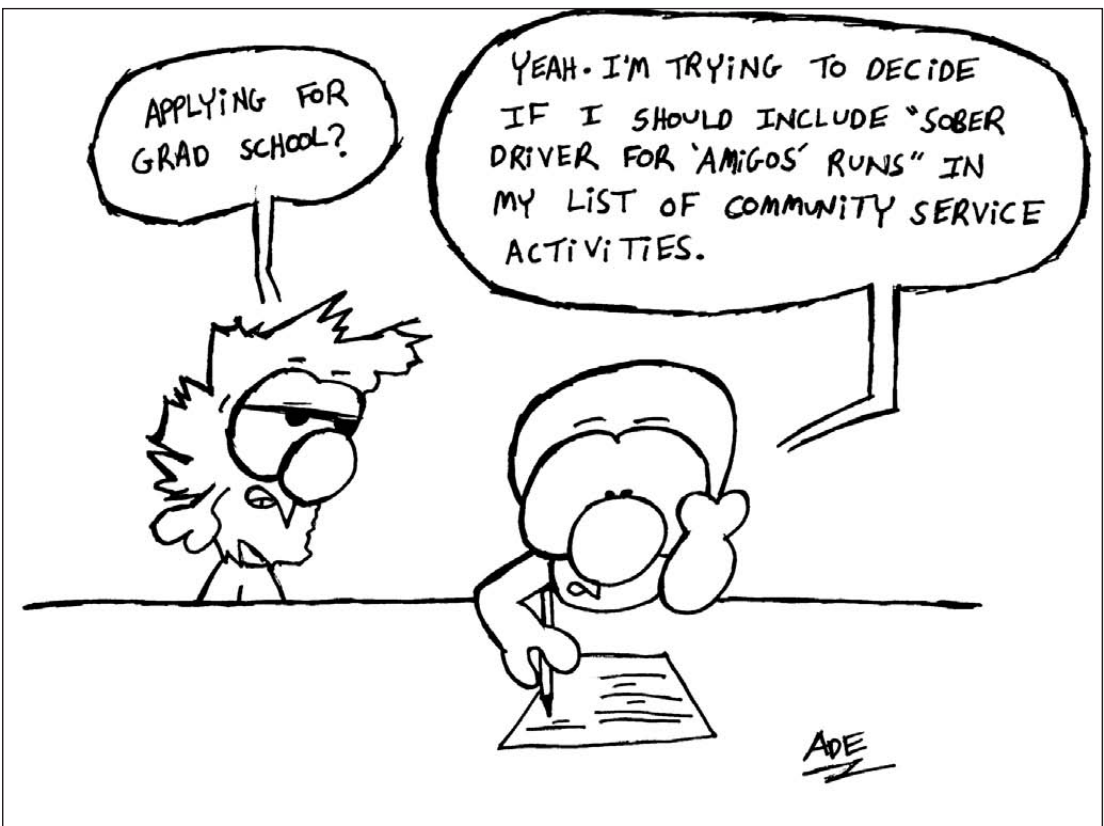
On Tuesdays and Thursdays, between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., the meals are then delivered to area residents.

Currently Campus Kitchen coordinator Cody Waldman is making plans to set up a summer program.

After two years of service as Graduate Coordinator, Megan Boss will be stepping down in May. If interested in this position feel free to contact Dr. Longo.

“I have put in almost two years with the program, and it’s been the best organization I have ever been affiliated with. It has taught me so much and given me motivation to continue helping others,” Boss said.

For more information on Campus Kitchen, or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Cody Waldman at (308) 865-8078 or e-mail him at un-kearney@campuskitchens.org




Spring is here, now’s the time to get outside


Photo by Eric Korth

Political Science professor Dr. Peter Longo looks to get his revenge on former student Marty Demoret. Demoret was drawn to “pie” Longo in the face during Campus Kitchen’s Spring Fling ‘08.





Walking



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Information from www.mayoclinic.com/health/walking/

Carnival Fun



Photo by Tyson Schilling

Members from the ARC play carnival games during the first annual Greek Week Carnival. The ladies of the Alpha Phi sorority set up a bucket and ball game for the carnival.

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As summer nears, one senior looks back

End of school and baseball bring mixed emotions to UNK senior Joe Gonzales

BY GRIFFITH WATSON
Antelope Staff

As April draws to a close, the end of the school year is in sight for every UNK student. The weather is changing, and finals are quickly approaching. People are moving out of dorm rooms and apartments, heading home for the summer.

Along with the pleasures that summer brings are some of the hassles of dealing with moving and the end of the school year. For Joe Gonzales, paring these chores with school and baseball has built up into quite a handful.

Gonzales is a senior infielder for the Loper baseball team. The sports administration major from Lakewood, Colo. is in his last semester of classes at UNK. After spring classes are over, Gonzales will be moving home to complete an internship to earn his degree.

"I already have an internship at Slammers Baseball Complex in Lakewood," Gonzales said. "I plan on working there as soon as I get home."

Because he lives off campus, Gon-

zales has his own furniture in Kearney that he needs to take back home with him. Getting out of his apartment and getting home is just one of the challenges that he faces.

"I have to organize a date with my apartment complex of when I am planning on moving out," Gonzales said. "That's a lot easier said than done, due to baseball and not knowing when we will be finished with the season."

Gonzales said, "Repairing some damages to my apartment is also something I need to get working on. That and trying to get my bed, my desk and other items back to Colorado without a trailer."

While everybody knows when school comes to an end, the same can't be said for the baseball season. The team could be done in either the beginning or end of May, depending on how the team plays. The Lopers will also miss the last week of school.

"We go to the RMAC tournament during finals week," Gonzales said. Because the team is gone during finals week, all of the players have to make prior arrangements to get their tests taken.

"I have to set it up with my teacher during dead week," Gonzales said. "To me it just means that I'm done with school a week earlier than everyone

else."

Being done with school is an exciting prospect for Gonzales.

"I am very excited to be done with school and classes," Gonzales said. "I can't wait to move on to new activities and challenges."

While the end of his school career is something that Gonzales is enthusiastic about, he feels very differently about the end of the baseball season.

"I've been playing baseball since I was five, and to think that I may never play again is sad," Gonzales said. "But it's also a great motivator for me to practice and play as hard as I can for this last month and a half."

The Lopers are looking to defend their RMAC title at the conference tournament in May. If they win there, the team will travel to an NCAA regional to try to make it to the Division II World Series.

Gonzales doesn't seem to think the end of school, the end of baseball, moving and the beginning of an internship feel overwhelming.

"I don't think it's overwhelming, but I do feel anxious for school to be over," Gonzales said. "But I only wish baseball wouldn't come and go so quickly. I have learned to cherish every day of these last couple of months of my baseball career."



Photo by Nicholas Hauder
Junior catcher Leon de Winter looks to gundown a baserunner attempting to steal second base during the April 1 matchup against Hastings College. Since then the Lopers have won eight of their last 13 games. Next up for the Lopers is a four-game home series with RMAC opponent Regis on April 25-27. The games will be played at Kearney's Memorial Field.

BY AMANDA BELL

Fun Facts about some departing baseball seniors...



Chris Gillaspay

Favorite non-athlete celebrity is Family Guy's Stewie Griffin



Joe Gonzales

Joe would let softball hottie Jenny Finch bean him for a date



Tyler Keeble

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Joe Nowaczyk

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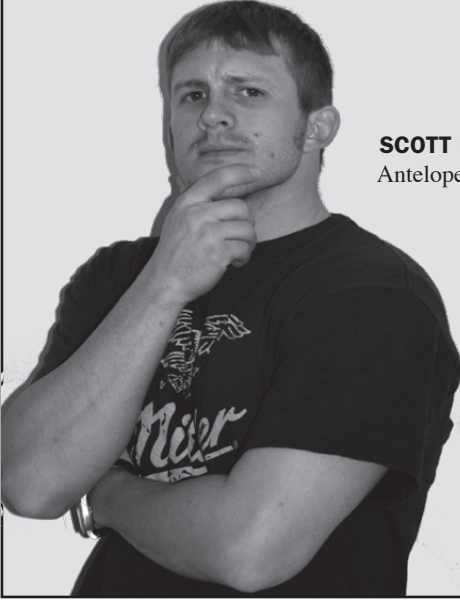
Is the best dancer on the UNK baseball team



Ryan Wrobel

Hidden talent: Plays the bass guitar

The best thing about sports is playoffs



SCOTT LEVY
Antelope Staff

When a season begins, it is always nice to see the new players, managers and staff of a team.

It is also nice to get back into the flow of your favorite sport and cheer your team on.

Seasons go on for months, and when you find out that your team has made the playoffs, you jump for joy.

Playoffs are the one thing that every team hopes to achieve at the end of a season, and when they do, the gloves come off. Playoffs are what sports fans and players live for.

Take hockey for example. Hockey is a hard hitting fast past game. During the regular season, rivalries start to show and teams and individual players start to get somewhat competitive. But during the playoffs, teams hit harder, play faster, and the fans get more involved in what the team is doing.

The same goes for football, basketball, baseball, soccer, and any other sport one can think

of.

Playoffs are a big part of every sports organization, and without them, how can we tell who is number one?

For this reason, we need playoffs. They bring more money to each sports team, and they give a feeling of accomplishment to the fans and the players.

Professional basketball is another great example. When the regular season starts, players and fans seem like they are just going through the motions. But when the playoffs come around, it is time to work. The fans are more into the game, and the players are more willing to sacrifice their bodies just to win.

There is nothing in the world that can compare to a playoff game in any sport. The regular season in any sport is just that, regular. No rhyme or reason for a fan to go to a game. The crowds are calm, and fans go just to see the game.

But when playoffs come around, fans are

more enthusiastic about what they are watching. They paint their faces and bodies with the team colors and logos. The sounds of the game are deafening, and the atmosphere is second to none.

It seems as if the fans adrenalin is rushing faster than the players who are playing the game. The fans hang on to every pitch, slap shot, throw and kick during the game. The players feed off the fans, and the fans play a major role in a playoff game.

Playoffs are the best time of the year for any fan. Nothing can compare to a playoff game. This is when the players earn their money, and the fans get to see the best of the best in one stadium for several hours.

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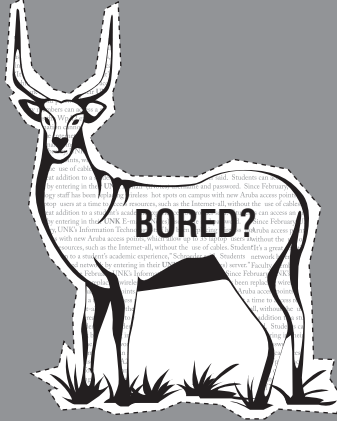
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Strong finish for women’s golf

Senior Kami Hehn wins first title in three years

BY AMANDA BELL
Antelope Staff

The UNK Women’s Golf Team finished up their regular season play last weekend with the RMAC Championships in Silver City, N.M. The women finished fifth place overall, with two of the golfers finishing in the top 25. Western New Mexico won the tournament with Western Washington placing second and Mesa State placing third.

While golf is a team sport here on campus, there is also individual competition. The golfers compete as a team of five in each tournament, and the four lowest scores of individuals are taken.

Senior Kami Hehn finished up in fourth place, while junior Megan Marshall tied for 24th



KAMI HEHN

place. Hehn also lead the RMAC conference with 23 pars.

Hehn, a senior from Clear Lake, S.D., was named RMAC golfer of the week for the week of April 17. Hehn also won a tournament in Parkville, Mo. April 15, and the RMAC invitational in September. Before Hehn’s win in September, no UNK women’s golfer had won a tournament in three years.

The women’s golf team was not chosen to go to the conference finals as a team, but Hehn may be chosen to go as an individual.

“Even if your team doesn’t get chosen, you can still go as an individual. I think I have a chance. With the way I have finished out in the last two tournaments, I should have a shot. I am not totally positive as to how it works but I am hopeful, and I will find out some time this week if I get to go.” Hehn said.

Because the golf team doesn’t get as much publicity as some larger sports, there are obviously positives and negatives to playing for the program.

“Some negative things about it are that people don’t always know that we have a team,”

Hehn said.

The overall outlook of the program is good though.

“Now that we have a new head coach, a lot of things will change. She is very young and very informational about the game of golf and about coaching,” Hehn said.

The new coach, Amy Harder, is in her first year coaching at UNK, and has already recruited five new players for next season. The women’s golf team currently has six players, and two are graduating.

“She does a really good job of getting our name out there, and she is very active and persistent in recruiting,” Hehn said.

As the season comes to an end, Hehn is facing what many seniors face by having to say goodbye to her sport, which she has played since second grade. All good things must come to an end, though, and golf is a sport that can be played at nearly any age.

“I will always play for fun. If there is a women’s tournament or even a state of Nebraska tournament, I will compete in it, but I won’t be as serious with golf after college,” Hehn said.

Husker Fever

MATT RINGEN
Guest Columnist

Asweet sense of anticipation continues to surround Husker Nation as fans caught the first glance of “Bo’s boys” in Saturday’s annual Red-White Spring Game. The Red team won 24-14. A sellout of over 80,000 fans packed into Memorial Stadium and all eyes were on the Husker Vision as the players walked through the tunnel toward the field. Continuous video clips of Tommie Frazier, Mike Rozier, and Jason Peter among other Husker greats appeared during the tunnel walk. Suddenly, the sea of red erupted as a glimpse of Pelini was mixed in with video from the Husker glory days.

Bo Pelini could be the largest marketing tool in Nebraska football history. Husker fans of all ages sported red shirts with white lettering including: “BODacious”, “Bo knows Defense”, “BOfesnse”, “I’m a BOLiever”, “Throw the Bones”, “My BOfriend’s Back”, and “Bo Big Red” among others. The man anointed as the savior to the Husker football program looked comfortable sporting a white hat, polo, and khaki shorts as he analyzed every play on the field directly behind the offensive. (Hmm, I remember the head coach for last year’s team joining the NFL Network broadcast group in the skybox during last year’s Spring Game rather than being on the field with his players.)

In contrast to the traditional Spring Game setup, the 2008 game was a little different as Pelini used a draft style approach that placed several of last year’s starters on opposite teams that provided for a much closer game. The Red team jumped out to a 21-0 lead in the first half, but the White team showed signs of life in moving the ball on long offensive drives and putting up 14 points and ending with a 10 point deficit. But, it’s probably better to have a well played game with both teams making good plays and some mistakes rather than having the Red team totally dominate and control the game as past spring games have been. The game showed fans that this program has potential to do great things, but let’s just put a hold on all those lofty expectations until August 30.

Player notes:

- The biggest story line of the Spring was Senior Cody Glenn’s move from a stacked running back position to outside linebacker. Glenn is noted for showing leadership and athleticism at an already thin outside linebacker position, but still needs to gain a better grasp of the defense and show some ability in pass coverage. He didn’t have a spectacular Spring game, but look for him to compete for the starting position in the Fall.
- Senior quarterback Joe Ganz looks to have a solid grasp on the starting position after completing four passes for 131 yards passing highlight 77-yard touchdown pass to speed receiver Curenski Gilleylen. Redshirt freshman QB Patrick Witt and junior college transfer sophomore Zac Lee both showed abilities to make good plays, but had somemistakes with execution and defensive reads (including Witt’s first play fumbled pitch to Helu Jr. that led the first Red Team touchdown). While Witt looked more comfortable after the first play, Lee showed better athleticism as a dual threat QB nearly breaking the ankles of a defender with a juke move that grabbed the attention of Husker fans.
- The running back position is up for debate and could be determined later in fall practice as Sr. Marlon Lucky, So. Roy Helu Jr., and So. Quinten Castille all showed different strengths and abilities. Helu and Castille led the white team in rushing and receiving. Helu Jr. had 69 yards on 16 carries and Castille showed his versatility and breakaway speed proving that he is just not a power back with a couple of receptions for 55 yards.

Softball home for last time this season

Sophomore shortstop Kelsey Smith successfully advances a runner with this bunt during the Lopers’ series against Colorado School of Mines.

The Lopers’ last home games of the season will be played this Saturday and Sunday at Dryden Park.

The games are scheduled for noon and 2 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday. The Lopers face off against the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs to determine whether or not they will advance to the RMAC conference tournament.

This is also senior weekend for the Lopers, and four women will be playing their last games at home this weekend.

The four seniors are pitcher Amanda Bell, of Fort Collins, Colo., catcher Molly Langerak, of Erie, Colo., left fielder Michelle Gaunt, of McCook and second-baseman Katie Pfannenstiel, of Omaha.

Photo courtesy of Cassandra Keck



HPERLS instructors appreciate students

BY DANIEL APOLIUS
Antelope Staff

Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Leisure Studies majors attended the fifth annual student appreciation day on Wednesday. The event was to show appreciation for the students in the HPERLS field.

For the event, students were treated to free food, drinks, games and prizes and each student walked away with a free t-shirt. “I love free shirts,” said senior, Jason Morgan, a park and recreation major.

Although the event lasted just a few hours, many students stopped by to eat and play a few games on their way to and from classes.

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- Recreation, Park and Tourism Management Major/Minor
- Exercise Science
- Sports Administration Major/Minor
- Sports Communication Minor
- Supplemental Endorsements

“I like seeing the new faces in our field, an event like this definitely brings us together,” said senior, Stacy Hartwig.

While most of the instructors were serving

food or overseeing the games, others were sitting down with students to enjoy the afternoon.

Eve Scantling, an exercise science instructor said, “This has been the best turn out we’ve ever had.”

She was happy to get to see people in all the six recreation related fields.

“It’s fun to appreciate our students,” Scantling said.

For some, an occasion like this will be the last time to see all recreation students together.

Ryan Nienhuser, a senior sports administration major said, “It’s great to see people that you usually wouldn’t get to see, plus it’s nice to see the instructors giving back to the students through these activities.”

Golfers shoot for postseason berth

BY JOSH KAUFMAN
Guest Writer

The University of Nebraska at Kearney men’s golf team is looking to build momentum for the upcoming Super Regional.

Coming off a good fall season, the Lopers have struggled this spring at tournaments in Oklahoma and Arizona. But Preseason All-RMAC selection Andy Bednar is not concerned.

Bednar, a junior from Sioux Falls, believes that location has hurt the team’s performance.

“Although we have not finished well in these tournaments, we cannot be too mad at ourselves because the teams participating in those tourneys have been playing all year because of their locations,” Bednar said.

“We are just getting back into the swing of things, and I am excited to see what the warmer weather will bring for our games.”

Coach Dick Beechner emphasizes that the tournaments in Durango, Colo. and Parker, Colo. are the most important of the season.

“The RMAC champion and

“I am confident that this team will go places with the amazing talent of our younger players.”

Andy Bednar
UNK golf team

the top seven teams in the region qualify for the Super Regional,” Beechner said. “I really believe we have a chance to move up in the rankings.”

The Lopers currently sit 10th in the Regional Rankings.

UNK has a very young team this year. The current roster includes two juniors and three sophomores. But what they lack in experience they make up for in talent.

“I think this team has a great deal of natural talent,” Bednar said. “I am confident that this team will go places with the amazing talent of our younger players.”

Bendar believes that short



Photo by Garrett Ritonya

Andy Bednar and the UNK golf team are working for a berth in the Super Regional Tournament. Bednar, a junior from Sioux Falls, helps the other golfers improve their swing mechanics and organizes additional practice sessions.

game (chipping and putting) is the team’s biggest weakness.

Nevertheless, the goal of the team is to compete for individual and team victories.

“We are really setting our sights on making the Super Regional Tournament which is held outside of San Francisco,” Bednar said.

“By making it to this tournament, it is possible to move on to nationals from there.”

Coach Beechner is confident in the abilities of his golfers.

“We are a really good team if we play up to our capabilities,” Beechner said. “We are in control of our own destiny.”

Spring Results

UCO/Kickingbird Invite
Edmond, Okla.
March 24-25

15	UNK Team	933
T52	Devon Kastler	232
T52	Preston Foster	232
T63	Andy Bednar	234
T67	Alex Farrell	236
T75	Max Hadenfeldt	239

Thunderbird Invite
Goodyear, Ariz.
March 31-April 1

15	UNK Team	913
T61	Devon Kastler	228
T61	Alex Farrell	228
T69	Andy Bednar	230
T76	Max Hadenfeldt	232
T81	Preston Foster	233

RMAC Spring Tourney
Durango, Colo.
April 14-15

T4	UNK Team	891
T7	Andy Bednar	217
20	Max Hadenfeldt	224
T21	Alex Farrell	225
T28	Devon Kastler	228
T36	Preston Foster	233

NW Region Head to Head
Parker, Colo.
April 21-22

Play in progress: at press, rank 7



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Bob Dylan honored with Pulitzer award

▼ UNK teachers and students laud Dylan’s influence on American music

BY ALISSA ROBERTS
Antelope Staff

“I hope Bob Dylan getting a Pulitzer says ‘Hey, we’re all making music,’” said Bob Mitchell, a lecturer in the UNK music department.

On Monday, April 7, Bob Dylan was awarded an honorary Pulitzer citation from the Pulitzer Prize board for “profound impact on popular music and American culture,” noted as the most influential musician of the last half century.

In the past, this specific award was given to a composer of classical music. Dylan is the first rock/folk musician to receive a Pulitzer citation for mu-

sic.

“He started out as a songwriter. Others sang his songs first. He was part of the mid 1960s revival of folk music in rock music,” Mitchell said.

During the mid to late 1960s, Dylan was as popular as The Beatles.

“[Dylan] uses a lot of sensory details. The rhythms and sounds are what are memorable.”

Dr. Kate Benzel
Professor
UNK English Dept.

“If you didn’t listen to Bob Dylan, you listened to Beatles,” Tyler Allen, a freshman music business major from Kearney, said.

Dylan is so appealing because of the way his music follows the long tradition of American folk music.

“The strongest influence on Bob Dylan was Woody Guthrie,” Dr. Kate Benzel, a professor in the UNK English department, said.

Benzel said folk music is attractive to the average person because it discusses contemporary issues. For example, American folk music helped to get people through World War I and World War II.

Benzel said folk music grew in the 1950s with the increased technology in radio. During this time and on into Dylan’s career, folk music was an urban phenomenon in New York City.

Benzel described folk music, especially Dylan’s, as, “innovative, creative and individualistic.”

Fans of Dylan’s music are known to say they appreciate the poetic quality of his lyrics best.

“Bob Dylan has a strong use of metaphor. He gives the overall feeling of what he is talking about. He uses a lot of sensory details. The rhythms and sounds are what are memorable,” Benzel said.

25 years of Bob Dylan’s top songs

- 1984** - Sweetheart Like You
- 1985** - Tight Connection To My Heart
- 1986** - Band Of The Hand
- 1988** - Silvio
- 1989** - Everything Is Broken
- 1990** - Unbelievable
- 1993** - My Back Pages
- 2006** - Someday Baby

Information from www.billboard.com

In the same way Dylan was influenced by Guthrie, many bands have covered Dylan’s songs. For example, Guns ‘N’ Roses did a cover of Dylan’s “Knockin’ on Heaven’s Door.”

“The reason that the covers work is because of the simplicity of his music. The melodies are adaptable,” Benzel said.

Benzel teaches a class about Dylan called Finding the American Voice: Walt Whitman and Bob Dylan, which will be offered in the fall of 2008.

He said both Walt Whitman and Dylan were concerned with finding an American voice for their generation.

Frank House event celebrates spring’s arrival

Students share Japanese love of favorite cherry blossoms at Sakura Tea Party

BY LISA BECKER
Antelope Staff

This past weekend, students gathered at the Frank House and the Health and Sports Center to celebrate the blooming cherry blossom trees and the arrival of spring.

Rumi Mizuno and Nozomi Fujino presented the event held on April 20 at the Frank House.

The students presented the Japanese custom for the spring season of Sakura viewing. Those who attended enjoyed free Japanese food, as well as activities and stage performances.

“We served Japanese tea and sweets because this is how many people celebrate and appreciate the cherry blossoms,” Mizuno said. Mizuno is a junior at UNK from Japan.

“Most of the people in Japan celebrate by having a celebration under the cherry blossom tree; this time we enjoyed the Sakura

by watching videos and looking at pictures,” Mizuno said.

“We named it ‘Sakura Tea Party’ because we are going to introduce what Sakura means to the Japanese people and how we celebrate the arrival of spring. The people of Japan believe that Sakura, cherry blossom in Japanese, is the signal of spring,” Mizuno said.

Fujino and Mizuno planned the event along with the help of the director of the Frank House, KrisAnn Sullivan.

The cherry blossom is one of the national flowers in Japan. The flower is used in many places like schools, police and other organizations.

“The flower is everybody’s favorite,” Mizuno said.

Both Mizuno and Fujino are in travel and tourism majors.

“We are working at the Frank House as volunteer workers,” Fujino said.



Photo by Laura Schemper
Rumi Mizuno and Nozimi Fujino are both travel and tourism juniors from Japan. They gave a PowerPoint presentation showing how Japanese people celebrate Sakura in Japan.



Photo by Laura Schemper
Sheila Lewis and her daughter Jessie Hobelman, a junior elementary education major, both from Kearney, attended the Sakura Tea Party on Saturday.



Photo by Laura Schemper
Asami Yamazaki, a junior family studies major from Japan, attended the Sakura Tea Party in the Frank House on Saturday. Sakura means cherry blossom and the festivals are held annually in Japan, signaling the coming of spring.

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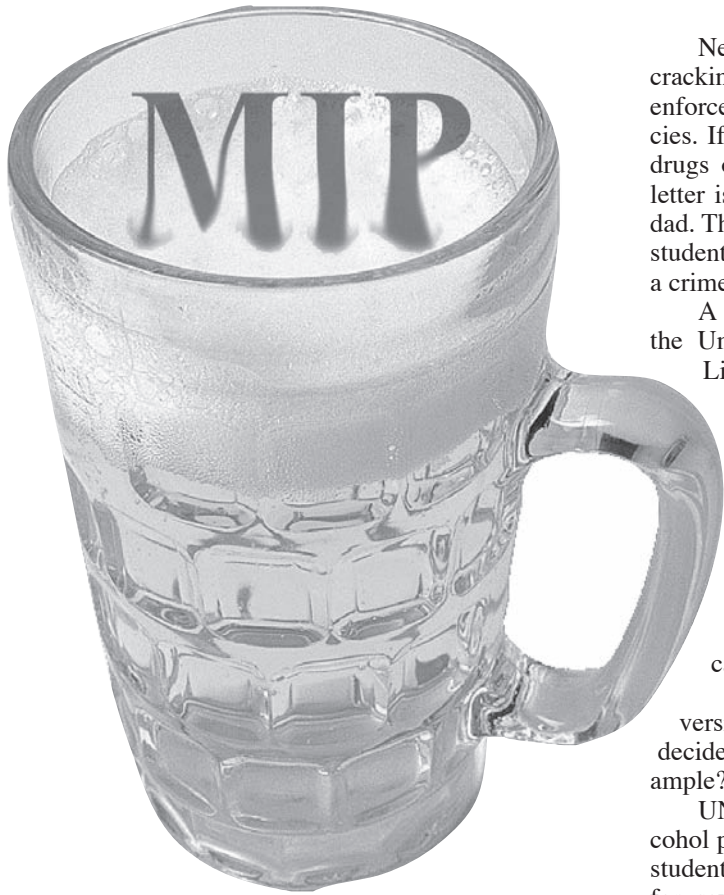
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Colleges are using a new tactic to discourage drug and alcohol use - parents.

BY MEGAN BECKER
Guest Writer



Nearby Hastings College is cracking down to emphasize and enforce drug and alcohol policies. If a student is caught with drugs or alcohol on campus, a letter is sent home to mom and dad. The letter is even sent if the student hasn't been charged with a crime.

A similar policy is true for the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. However, the letter is sent home only if a student is caught with marijuana because of the recent problems of marijuana use in the dormitories. The college still allows a student to pile up three alcohol offenses before calling home.

But what if the University of Nebraska Kearney decided to follow Hastings' example?

UNK's recent drug and alcohol policy notifies parents if a student is hospitalized or jailed for severe intoxication. Other-

wise, the school handles alcohol and drug violations on a case-by-case basis, with an increased chance of parental notification if the student is a repeat offender.

Privacy laws still prohibit colleges from releasing many student records, like a student's transcript to parents.

Students are allowed to keep their grades from their parents, but if caught with drugs or alcohol, a letter is sent home without a student's consent.

"I think that it's retarded that alcohol is a more important issue to parents than a kid's grades," Riley Ohde, a freshman from Atkinson, said. "It would be a major issue if that were ever enforced here. I know a lot of people that live in the dorms that have had alcohol before, and it would have a big effect on them."

Freshman Carlos Xavier said, "I think it could be a good and a bad thing. You feel bad because you're the one that gets caught, and I mean your parents do send you here to study, right? So, I think they should have a right to know what you do."



Photo by Megan Becker
Freshman Riley Ohde said, "It would be a major issue if that was enforced here."



Photo by Megan Becker
"I'm paying \$12,000 to be on this campus, so I should be able to spend it how I want," said senior Kiel Ruiz.

But then again, there are those students who pay for school on their own like senior Kiel Ruiz.

"I think it's a load of horse****. When you are 18 you are a legal adult so you should have rights. I'm paying \$12,000 to be on this campus, so I should be able to spend it how I want. If parents don't know you drink by now, then that's your own damn fault. Kids have to learn how to be responsible at some point in their lives. Mommy and daddy aren't always going to be able to fix everything," Ruiz said.

There has been no word by any UNK officials of this rule ever being enforced on campus although Hastings College leaders are glad they made the switch.

"I tell students, 'Look, I'm not trying to intrude in your life except in this one place'," said Ron Chesbrough, Hastings College's Vice President for Student Affairs. "We think early intervention to involve parents is a lesser evil than simply saying nothing."

Gamers anxious for release of Grand Theft Auto IV

BY MIKE PENNETTA
Antelope Staff

It's been three long years since gamers have had the chance to stroll down their favorite cities and jack someone for their ride, but when Rockstar Games announced a new release for its highly touted series, Grand Theft Auto IV has without a doubt become the most highly anticipated game in 2008.

Arguably one of the most storied and impressive game series of all time, Grand Theft Auto will finally make an appearance on next-generation gaming consoles.

Scheduled for an April 29 release, Grand Theft Auto is sure to leave gamers in a frenzy. Rockstar has completely built from the ground up with GTA IV. The all new character models, landscaping graphics and new game play will allow for endless fun.

"I have been waiting for this game since they announced

its release last January," sophomore Brian Levenduski said. "Seeing videos and reading about the game has made it that much more exciting."

In the past, gamers have been used to playing with a criminal with seemingly no character and personality. Now, Rockstar delivers its best effort in character modeling ever.

"The character development is going to be the most impressive thing in this game."

*Brian Levenduski
Sophomore*

This year's GTA IV menace is Niko. A Russian immigrant, Niko comes to America in search of the "American dream."

The difference between past characters and Niko is insurmountable. Something just as simple as the character talking back to other characters in the

game will be something gamers have not seen, but that is just scratching the surface.

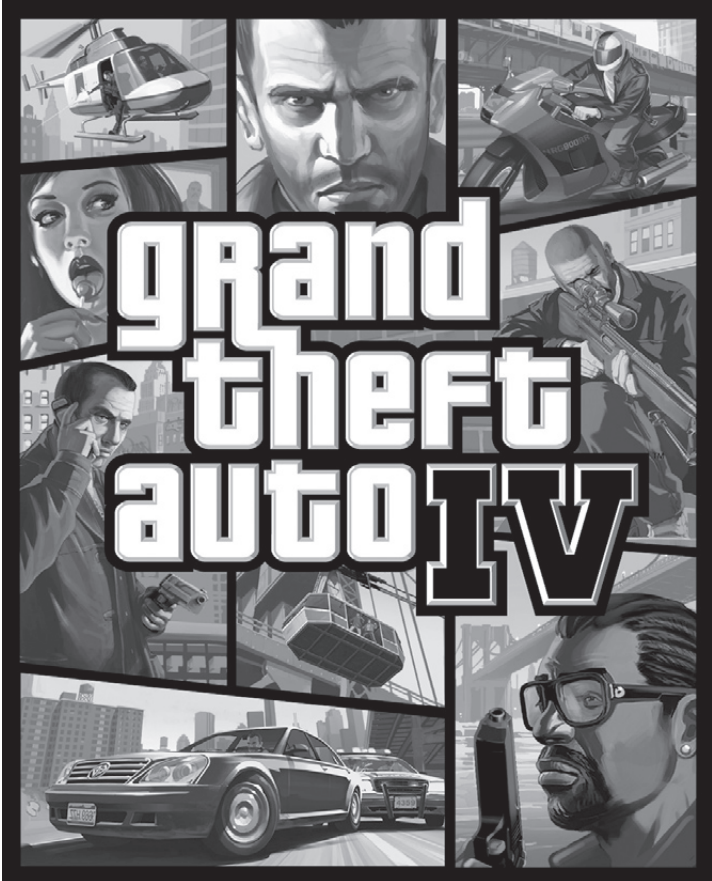
Niko will be able to interact with everyone in Liberty City, as well as develop special and intriguing relationships with whomever you choose.

"I read about this in an article online," Levenduski said. "The character development is just as astonishing. With absolutely no loading screens in this model, gamers will be pleased with how unbelievably smooth GTA IV will run. Furthermore, the sights in the game will leave the player in awe. You might find yourself walking around the city before you even go to try a mission."

"I've seen photo shots, trailers and some video of the city, as well as Niko interacting with it; and from the water to the birds flying in the air it feels as if you are watching a Hollywood flick," Levenduski said.

It's hard to say how great a game will do off of hype alone, but GTA IV seems to be a different story. GTA has been such a highly respected series over time that it's hard to say this round will be a let down.

With the series finally making it to the next-generation consoles, gamers finally will get a taste of what it's really like to be in the action.



Constant connectivity — can it lead to technology addiction?

BY HILLARY KRUGER
Antelope Staff

It began as a tool for academicians, nerds and professional scientists. It has turned into a product that services 69.7 percent of the United States population.

What is the World Wide Web?

Today there are currently 210,575,287 Web users in the United States according to www.internetworldstats.com.

There is little doubt in the minds of society today that the Internet can be a useful source of information. Students have access to information to help with homework, investors can keep track of stocks, checking accounts can be balanced at the

click of a button, and the most up-to-date news stories can be found online.

The question still arises, however, as to whether or not society has gone too far and depends on the Internet too much.

In the 1940s and 1950s, the invention of the television offered the same things that the Internet is providing its users with today: entertainment and information.

"It's interesting that 75 percent of the people in the library are there checking e-mail or Facebook. We depend on social networking much like we do cell phones."

*Jolene Pflanz
Senior*

Jolene Pflanz, a senior sociology major from Randolph, said that she spends up to three hours a day on the Internet, networking with friends, downloading music, researching for class

and writing papers.

Pflanz has been spending a lot of time in the library lately.

"It's interesting that 75 percent of the people in the library are there checking e-mail or Facebook. We depend on social networking much like we do cell phones. However, the positives of the Internet seem to outweigh the negatives," Pflanz said.

Traci Wobbenhorst, a nursing student from Scottsbluff, spends around two hours a day on the Internet working on school related projects, checking her e-mail and Facebook, doing research and reading online newspapers.

Wobbenhorst said, "I think that as a society we do depend on the Internet too much. In school and even at work, it is expected that you have access

to the Internet. People who don't have access still have to find a way to get it."

Lacy Hinrichs, an education major from Sandy Creek, spends around two hours a day checking e-mail and Facebook. She also tries to get in time for research.

Hinrichs said, "Yes, as a society we do spend too much time online shopping and even doing research. We no longer have to go to the library

because we can get our articles online."

In the United States, freedom of speech is an important right. The First Amendment gives us this right.

However, it seems at times we take this right to an extreme,

especially online. There is a melting pot of different ideas—some popular and some not popular.

Remember, technology is a good thing. Dependency, however, is not.

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Opera in our own backyard

UNK Opera Workshop's production of "Sid the Serpent Who Wanted to Sing" entertains audience of all ages.

Photos by Hanbing Song

BY KELLY BERNT
Antelope Staff

With song, dance, humor and audience participation, the UNK Opera Workshop's production of "Sid the Serpent Who Wanted to Sing" drew a large crowd.

Audience member Sue Breinig brought her children to the show because she felt they should experience opera.

"I think it's important for them to have exposure," Breinig said. "I think it's great that UNK has this. It's nice that we don't have to travel to Omaha to get a little opera. I thought it'd be fun for the kids."

Breinig's children, Carli and Lilly, enjoyed the performance as well.

"I like it when the guy tried to fit in with the songs," Carli Breinig said.

Lilly Breinig enjoyed the interaction with the actors.

"My favorite part was when we got to dance with them," Lilly said. "It's just really fun."

UNK sophomore Shawna Beeler, from Woodland Park, Colo., acted in the production as Daphne, a music hall performer.

"My favorite part was working with the cast," Beeler said. "It's great growing with such a talented cast."

Beeler also enjoys performing for the young audience.

"The kids in the audience make it fun," Beeler said. "It's fun to share what you've learned and make people laugh."

Circus members (L-R) Amy Jensen, Michelle Conley and Alex Ritter try to teach Sid the Serpent (Patrick York) that he should not sing.



Left: The Music Hall Performers Nigel (Blake Thompson) and Daphne (Shawna Beeler) share a laugh.

Center: A circus performer (Amy Jensen) hides and giggles as Sid the Serpent (Patrick York) peeks out of his basket.

Right: The cast strikes a pose at the final scene of the UNK Children's Opera "Sid the Serpent who wanted to sing"

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