Students skate for free as part of welcome week.

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Laser Battle - Advanced laser tag, 5-11 p.m. Sept. 9 between Nester South and Copeland Hall.

Destination Downtown

Approximately 4,000 students traveled to Downtown Kearney on Thursday, Aug. 25 for free food, games, entertainment and special discounts. Destination Downtown was created to familiarize students with downtown businesses and to welcome students during the start of the school year.

Ryan Sowle, freshman biology major from Wallace tries to balance two golf balls vertically to earn a raffle ticket to win an iPod Touch. “It was hard to balance them. Too bad I couldn’t get the third one balanced, I could have gotten more raffle tickets,” Sowle said.

Many downtown businesses provided students with free food as well as discounts. This line stretched across the street for deep fried Oreos from The Solid Rock.

Live music echoed through the streets during Destination Downtown as students danced to their music. The Academy of Rock is a group of musicians who take lessons from Yanda’s Music and Pro Audio.
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Find intellectual curiosity; journey through academia

BY JAY SLOAN
Antelope Staff

For the past four years I have been engaging in the voyage to further my education. I have had the opportunity to see two beautiful campuses, meet some great people, and I have learned a number of things, both pertaining to education and life in general.

As a fourth-year student I’m at the point where I am tying up loose ends. This semester my loose ends included a freshman biology class, and a freshman criminal justice class, both of which I was none-too excited to be taking.

Yesterday, as I am sitting in my biology lecture, I made a realization. I had developed a genuine intellectual curiosity. Let me explain.

As I looked around the lecture hall, sitting next to what I assume are mostly freshman, I saw fellow students partaking in activities which included: playing cell phone poker, reading a Cosmopolitan magazine, looking through Facebook and two people simply engaging in a totally separate conversation. I can admit the guy playing poker was probably me as freshman.

But I think differently now. Even though its biology, something I have little interest in, I was intensely listening to what my professor was saying. I was not distracted, and I was not wishing to be somewhere else. I have come far enough in my intellectual growth that I was actually enjoying what he was saying.

Not only was I listening but I was analyzing and applying the things we were talking about. I was making correlations between what he was saying and my everyday life. I was critically thinking, not just cramming my head with notes, only to regurgitate it later on an exam.

In my other general study class, my professor made a valid point which is worth repeating. Again he is speaking to the class primarily occupied by freshman. He told us that the general studies requirements at UNK are intended to do a lot more than give us a well-rounded education, but rather to move our brains to a higher level of intellectual thought. It’s intended to make us intellectually interested.

I realized this system is working. This journey through academia is about so much more than learning the class materials and reciting notes taken from a dull lecture. We are developing into active, critically thinking members of society, bound to improve the planet and the people who inhabit it.

Armed with an arsenal of knowledge and experiences, we are soon to exercise our intellectual abilities in real-life, meaningful situations. You will be much better prepared to do this if you practice. Practice using your critical thinking, analyze what your teachers are telling you, and apply it to your life.

Whether you’re just starting your college career or are in your final semester, find your intellectual curiosity. Move from dreading your classes to becoming engaged in them. Keep moving on the journey through academia and let your intellectual curiosity grow.

Now that I think about it I’m doing it right now. I’m analyzing my own journey through education and urging you to do the same. Kind of ironic, isn’t it?

Ask Max, ask Adam: A lesson on binge drinking

BY NATHAN BOROWSKI
JMC 350

Ask Max about this particular Saturday, and he will tell you it is one that he cannot remember but will never forget.

On this special Saturday Max felt the need to visit his high school friend Adam in Lincoln, and that is where his unforgettable night took place.

Max arrived at Adam’s apartment at around 6 p.m. and was informed that he had two hours worth of drinking to catch up on since Adam had begun drinking at four that afternoon.

Max figured that taking shots of vodka would be the best way to catch up with Adam, and he wasted little time in doing so.

Roughly five shots later, Max considered himself to be caught up with Adam so he settled into drinking beer.

Max’s only problem was that he continued drinking at a rapid pace. At around 9 p.m., Max and Adam decided to meet some friends at a house party where Max continued drinking at an increasing rate. However, as his alcohol level
Sudoku

How to play:

Sudoku is a placement puzzle. The aim of the puzzle is to enter a numeral from 1 through 9 in each cell of a grid. Each row, column and region must contain only one instance of each numeral. Completing the puzzle requires patience and logical ability. The puzzle initially became popular in Japan in 1986 and attained international popularity in 2005.

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Find answer on page 6  www.sudoku-puzzles.net

23 to present research projects during October symposium

UNK NEWS RELEASE

Twenty-three University of Nebraska at Kearney students who recently completed the Summer Student Research Program (SSRP) will present their findings at a fall symposium on Sunday, Oct. 23.

For 10 weeks, from May to June, students worked with their professors conducting independent research through SSRP, which for the last 10 years has supported undergraduate research in all disciplines on campus – the arts, humanities, social sciences and natural and physical sciences.

“The SSRP enables students to engage in original research and creative activities under the guidance of a faculty member,” said Dianne Holcomb, Office of Sponsored Programs assistant director. “This opportunity to work closely with an expert gives the students a chance to expand their knowledge of a chosen academic discipline.”

Holcomb said because the research is independent of the structured classroom setting, students experience the excitement and challenges of applying their knowledge and skills to solve new problems.

“Finally,” Holcomb said, “students draw on their general studies coursework and learn about research in other disciplines, broadening their understanding of the differences and connections between various fields of study.”

Upon completion of the project, students must write a scholarly paper before the beginning of the new academic year to be published online, create a poster presenting their results and give an oral presentation at the fall symposium.

To be selected for SSRP, students had to complete applications in November 2010, after working with a faculty mentor to develop a project proposal.

After beginning the program in May, students met with their mentors on a regular basis and participated in weekly meetings with other student scholars. The students’ research ended on Aug. 1.

Students participating in SSRP receive a monthly stipend from May through September. In 2002, UNK received a Lancey/NCUR grant for $40,000, which was used to support 12 students in the Platte Studies Seminar under the leadership of Dr. Ken Nickels and Dr. John Falconer. The UNK program was granted an additional $22,500 over the summer of 2003 after demonstrating progress during the first year.

“The Platte Studies Seminar became a vital element of the learning environment at UNK, and served as a model of summer undergraduate research programs,” Holcomb said. “The program is open to students from all disciplines, and is structured to enrich the educational experience in several ways.”

Students with department, mentor research topic

**Aurora** - John Lawless, NSS, political science, Dr. Peter Longo, The Wisconsin Labor Union Situation: Inter-Branch Conflict and Courtroom Public Policy

**Broken Bow** - Annette Maynard, COE, communication disorders, Dr. Linda Crowe, Communication and Literacy Abilities of Hearing Children Born to Deaf or Hard of Hearing Adults

**Elba** - Jed Dush, NSS, criminal justice, Dr. Danielle Neal, Determining the Deterrence Value of License Suspension for Minor in Possession

**Grand Island** - Alyssa Johnson, FAH, art, Dr. John Stanko, New Technology and the Changing Face of Illustration; Samantha Mitchell, NSS, biology, Dr. Kim Carlson, Production of Antibody against Full Length OTK18 Protein; Maria Rojas, NSS, biology, Dr. Letitia Reichart, Roundup Ready Eggs: Does glyphosate accumulate in eggs of birds nesting near agricultural crops in Nebraska?; Josh Wilson, NSS, physics, Dr. Ken Trantham, A New Type of GaAs Photo Emitter; and Viridiana Zavala, NSS, political science, Dr. Will Aviles, Latin American Indigenous Autonomy: The Implications on Democracy and Development

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CAMPUS CRIME LOG

**Summer Police Log Entries**
(by category)

Larceny/Theft: 15
Traffic stop: 10
Liquor violation: 7
Code violation: 7
Suspicious activity: 2
Vandalism: 2
Family/Disturbance: 2
Property Damage (no crime): 2
Abuse/Neglect: 1
Disturbance/Harassment: 1

**Police Log: Summer High/Lowlights**

*July 16:* This Saturday was the busiest day of the summer with 12 incidents reported including four liquor violations, and seven code violations for possession of alcohol on campus.

*Aug. 4:* A man was reported for masturbating in first floor computer lab at the library. He was identified as a non-student and was banned from campus. Dean of Library Janet

Wilke reported the incident and said the man left before he was confronted.

**Police Log Aug. 21-25**

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Semester in full swing with lots to see, do

UNK Drummers (from left) Justin Kluver, Zach Thomas, Ben Loschen and Nathan Thorn warm up before their performance at Destination Downtown on Aug 25. This annual event includes performances from independent bands as well as school sponsored activities.

Junior Audrie Krepcik, a middle school education major from McCook, takes a few moments to look through the poster show in front of the Student Union. Many UNK students purchased and enjoyed looking through the plethora of posters during the first week of classes.

There was a variety of activities for students at Destination Downtown on Thursday. There was Mario Kart on the Wii projected on the side of a truck for people to play.

Wednesday, August 24, campus ministries came together to provide students with free root beer floats near the fountain. Students were provided with information on different campus ministries available.

Attention: Student Organization Leaders:
Run a FREE 30-word classified ad about your organization in the Sept. 14 and Sept. 21 issues of The Antelope.

E-mail your classified ad to antelopeads@unk.edu.
Ads must be received by noon Friday, Sept. 9 or Friday, Sept. 16.

The foundation for the Travel and Tourism club is laid as Dustin Dye, a senior travel and tourism major from Payson, Utah, creates the official sign for the assembly. "I've worked in restaurants since I was 11, thanks to my grandma owning one," Dye said. Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at 5:15 p.m.
BY ERIK SWAZO
Sports Editor

Long-time fans and athletes may be feeling some nostalgia about the last year in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference as the Lopers are moving to the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association in 2012.

But before the Lopers jump to the MIAA, UNK starts off its 2011 campaign against familiar foe Wayne State. This rivalry has been brewing since 1924, and the Lopers would like to start off the year not only with a win, but a win against an opponent who they most likely will not play again for quite some time.

With the move to a new conference in the near future, the Lopers want to make this year the best year possible, as they will be moving to a new conference, which means new opponents and a tougher challenge. Sam Kuck, a redshirt junior safety from Central City, said, “This year, being the last time we play them in the foreseeable future, puts a little more spice into the game,” Kuck said. “We want to go out and win the game against a talented football team and end the rivalry on top.”

To make this matchup even more intriguing, NET1 (Nebraska Education Television) will televise this game live from Wayne State’s Memorial Stadium. Redshirt junior wide receiver, Justin Drudik from Juanita, is looking forward to playing this game on TV. “We are excited about being on TV because it’s nice to have friends and family who normally can’t make it to the game be able to watch it and see how we are doing as a team.”

Head football coach Darrell Morris, has said that his team is looking forward to opening the season against Wayne State. “It is great exposure for both schools and programs, and is an opportunity for free regional exposure,” Morris said.

Morris is also looking forward to the new move to the MIAA. “The new conference is the SEC of D-II football with some big time venues, more media attention for the institution and the program, with multiple televised games each year in the conference,” Morris said.

Looking ahead in the schedule for the Lopers, one game that fans should be looking forward to is the Sept. 10 home game against Northeastern Oklahoma State University. “It will be a great way to gauge where we might be when we do head into the MIAA in 2012,” Morris said.

Svec returns to volleyball team with new role, same goal

BY AARON URBANKSI
Antelope Staff

When Elkhorn native Cola Svec began her UNK Volleyball career in the fall of 2007, no one—not even the former captain herself—could have predicted the amount of success she would achieve throughout her playing career.

So when the time came for arguably one of the most decorated Loper netters since Erin Gudmundson to graduate, Svec, multiple All-Academic RMCA selection, former RMCA Setter of the Year and second team Division II All-American in 2010, went looking for more.

Svec said, “I knew our former graduate assistant (Natasha Marquis) was going to be leaving, so I talked to Coach (Rick Squiers) about it being a possibility, and he was interested in having me join the coaching staff.”

Svec, who is currently pursuing her MBA after receiving her degree in business administration in 2011, is now a volleyball graduate assistant coach.

She is looking to establish herself on the other side of the lines. Despite her inexperience coaching at the college level, she has coached since high school for camps and club volleyball. “I first started coaching at elementary summer camps when I was in high school. After coming to UNK, I started coaching club volleyball in the Kearney area during the winter months.”

For now, “Each day consists of one class in the morning and practice every afternoon,” Svec said, and then “I take part in the motivation for the team off the court.”

She is optimistic about her new position. “I think between the coaches we have a good mix of personalities and will work well together as a staff.”

Along with head coach Rick Squiers, and new head assistant coach Amy Gillespie, Svec looks to help lead the Lopers to another successful season.

The Loper Volleyball team will open the season against the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith, Winona State, Augustana College and the University of Nebraska at Omaha Sep. 2-3 in Omaha.

Photo by Antelope Staff

Coach Rick Squiers prepares his team during a time-out. The Loper's were owners of a 31-5 record just a season ago and were invited to the Division II Women's Volleyball Championship in 2010.
Loper soccer off to roaring start with 9 new recruits, 17 veterans

BY JORDAN SQUIERS
Antelope Staff

UNK added women’s soccer as a varsity sport just three years ago, but in preseason rankings for the 2011 season, the Lopers received a ranking of eighth in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and have won all three of their pregame scrimmages, including a game at Northwest Missouri last weekend.

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KAYLA ROTH

In the RMAC coaches poll, UNK placed ahead of Adams State, Colorado Christian and Colorado State-Pueblo. Directly in front of the Lopers are Colorado Mesa (previously known as Mesa State) and Colorado-Colorado Springs.

Fort Lewis, which advanced to the 2010 Elite Eight, is the preseason favorite. Regis is second. In 2010, UNK was minutes away from beating Fort Lewis before falling, 2-1, in overtime. The Lopers also tied Regis for a second straight season.

Head Coach Mike Munch added nine freshmen and one transfer to the 17 returning players, bringing the roster to 27.

Kayla Roth, a sophomore from Kearney, said the team is looking forward to its opening regular season games against the University of Central Missouri and Fort Hays State next Thursday and Monday.

“No that preseason has ended, we are very excited to start our third year of UNK soccer,” Roth said.

Central Missouri is the ninth ranked team in the nation, while Fort Hays is beginning its inaugural year of women’s soccer, giving the Lopers some diversity in their opening games. Roth said the preseason ranking, along with having another year under the belt of UNK soccer means a higher standard and more pressure to perform well. The team has set a goal to establish itself as a strong program by making it to the conference tournament.

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Kring offers prevention tips
Sexual assault classes available for students

BY ERIK DODGE
News and Features Editor

Crime prevention officer Jarvis Kring wants to remove the taboo from discussing sexual assault through Sexual Assault Prevention classes he will be teaching at UNK.

“With these classes I’m trying to push the envelope a little bit, where sexual assaults, if they do happen, will be reported more and people will be more aware. It’s just one of those things people don’t talk about openly,” he said.

Officer Kring will be teaching the first class of the semester today at 7 p.m. in the Ockinga Auditorium. The hour-long class will include information about how to avoid and deal with risky situations.

Kring, the lead sexual assault investigator, will teach the class again on Nov. 16, and said the information offered can help prevent sexual assaults.

Kring says he focuses on empowering students with knowledge for prevention. “Take that class, get that knowledge, get those tools and in the long run hopefully it does help,” he said.

For those who can’t attend the classes, a PowerPoint with prevention tips will be available on the UNK website. Kring said his most important tip is to use the UNK resources, such as the Safe Walk program.

Other tips encourage students to avoid a position of vulnerability. “When you’re out and about with your friends in a social gathering, just be smart. Go in groups, don’t make yourself vulnerable,” he said.

Safe Walk provides students, employees, and visitors to UNK with a uniformed officer who will escort the caller anywhere within two blocks from campus.

In addition, Kring will be teaching a unified Sexual Assault Prevention and Drug and Alcohol Awareness class that will discuss drug-facilitated sexual assaults. Topics in the class include being drugged feels like, what can happen and how to avoid the problem.

Other training classes scheduled by Police and Parking Services include Active Shooter, Workplace Violence, Operation Identification, and Rape Aggressive Defense. See website for schedule:
http://www.unk.edu/offices/Police/Crime_Prevention_Current_Scheduled_Trainings/

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increased, so did his irritation with the people around him.

Max has a habit of getting angry when he is drunk, and at times he looks to physically vent his anger. Once he had reached this point, Max began to seek out someone to vent his anger on. When he found a person he thought would be a good recipient, Max hit him in the face.

Immediately after Max landed his punch, Adam sprang to hold him back. However, determined to finish venting his anger, Max struggled and eventually broke free from Adam’s grasp. It was at that moment that Max tripped and landed face first on a cement sidewalk. Max’s landing spot also happened to be the area where he had urinated just moments before the fight. Immediately after hitting the sidewalk Max was knocked unconscious.

Now Adam was faced with the burden of keeping Max not only safe — but alive. Adam attempted to haul his unconscious blood and urine covered friend to his car, but Max was too heavy for him to handle alone. So Adam was then forced to recruit help carry Max to the car — not only the help of his friends, but also the help of the very man that Max had hit in the face.

Once they were able to get Max into the car, Adam and his friends drove Max to a nearby apartment where he was to stay the night. When they pulled Max out of the car, he immediately began to regurgitate the mass quantity of alcohol he had consumed into the parking lot and onto himself. After trying to carry the unconscious and now blood, urine and puke covered Max into the apartment, Adam could not help but to do some regurgitating of his own as well.

Once Adam was finished, they were finally able to haul Max into the apartment. By this time Max’s eye was swollen shut and his face badly bruised and bleeding. Adam began to worry that it may be time to take Max to the hospital but he instead stayed up until 7:30 the next morning watching Max to ensure he continued breathing through the night.

At roughly 4 p.m. Max finally awoke covered in blood, urine, and puke. He apologized to his friends, showered and drove back to Kearney with one eye swollen shut and his face covered with bruises. He would sport this look for the next two weeks while attending classes.

Ask Adam about that night and he will tell you it is a night he will always remember but wishes he could forget. Ask Max about it and he will say it is a night he can’t remember but will never forget.

Gonzalez urges student involvement

The following is a welcome message to UNK students written by Student Body President Jordan Gonzales. The letter published in the Aug. 24 issue of the Antelope was incomplete.

Welcome new and returning students to UNK and I hope you are all excited and prepared to continue your pursuit towards higher education. UNK’s campus has never been busier: with recent construction and renovations on Randall Hall, Mantor Hall and Mens Hall; the addition of a new, state-of-the-art dining facility (The Market @ 27th Street) within the Nebraskan Student Union; newly paved roadways and parking lots; and much more, one thing is certain: There’s never been a more exciting time to be a UNK LOPER!

There is a plethora of campus and nation-wide student issues that Student Government wishes to address during the 2011-2012 legislative session. Student concerns range from the future of undergraduate and graduate Pell grant programs to continued dining service quality provided to the student citizenry.

Are you interested in Student Government, or just simply curious?

If so, we have several upcoming opportunities for new and returning students to become informed and possibly involved with UNK’s Student Government.

One of these opportunities is a Student Government Informational Forum which will take place on Monday, August 29 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 142 of the Nebraskan Student Union. This forum will allow students to learn about how to run for Freshman Elections, become educated with Student Government, know when and where Student Government meetings take place, hear about openings on Senate Committees, and learn about the Student Organizations Fair.

Should you have any questions about Student Government, check out and “like” our page on Facebook (UNK Student Government), view our website by simply searching “Student Government” on UNK’s homepage, or email us at unkregent@unk.edu.

Best of luck with your first weeks of classes and GO LOPERS!

Yours in service,
Jordan P. Gonzales
Student Body President,
Student Regent

Classified Ads

Student Organizations:
All Elementary Education Majors
are invited to our first meeting on September 1st at 3:30 p.m. in COE. Come to learn about this year’s activities. Contact kimbroughjm@lopers.unk.edu for any questions.

Organizational Advertising & Public Relations Club meeting will take place Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 5:00 p.m. in the Mitchell Center. Contact herzoghp@lopers.unk.edu for questions.

Miscellaneous:

ORGANIC CHEMISTRY:
For experienced tutor call (308) 234-4313.

YOUR CLASSIFIED HERE: Place a FREE 20-word classified ad in the Sept. 14 or Sept. 21 issue. All free ads must be received by Sept. 9 or Sept. 16 at noon. E-mail your ad to antelopeads@unk.edu. All ads must include a name and phone number so we can contact you if we have questions.
Free ice-skating marks finale of welcome week

Students strapped on ice skates Saturday for the Blue and Gold Rock and Skate.

The event was part of Blue and Gold welcome activities and included free ice-skating, music and prize giveaways at the Viaero Event Center.

Senior accounting major Allison Fereis from Ord said she enjoyed skating and socializing, even if she didn’t score a prize.

“I was really hoping to get the iPod Touch, but I didn’t win. I still had a lot of fun though. I love ice skating and when it’s free I love it even more,” she said with a laugh.

Fereis has been ice-skating for several years and she considers herself skilled. Other students however, were not so sure-footed on the ice.

“I think I fell three times within the first 15 minutes,” said Tom Nekip, a sophomore chemistry major from Lincoln. “But it was fun to hang out with my friends and meet some new people. I’ll probably be a little sore tomorrow, but it’s worth it.”

Ice-skating aside, both Fereis and Nekip said the event was a good way to get to know other students and to see what the Viaero Event Center has to offer.

“I’ll definitely be back here to skate and probably watch some hockey games later this year. I’m glad UNK had an event like this,” Fereis said.