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The focus this week for the Lopers is working on eliminating turnovers. “It was a little difficult playing in the rain,” Mandelko said. “I wasn’t very happy at all kind of getting rained out; we just need to think about our defense, which adds some depth for us. We’ve been teammates in years past.”

At 2 p.m. in Gunnison, Colo.

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“Coming soon to UNK:

Loper Alley Saturday, Sept. 20 @ 10 a.m.
Cope Fountain

Loper Women’s Walk Sept. 13 @ 10 a.m.
Cushing Coliseum

Reynolds Series Presents Arthur Sze, Sept. 11 @ 7:30 p.m.
Copeland Hall Rm. 142

by MEGAN WELZ
Antelope Staff

As we come back to school we notice all the new changes. New faculty, new dorms, new students and some may even notice new sorority recruitment practices.

This year sorority recruitment was pushed back two weeks to Sept. 2-7, and the greek women have made it known by wearing T-shirts and making themselves available all over campus to attract prospective members and get women signed up for sorority in the past, the potential new members would have to move in a week early and attend recruitment activities a week prior to sorority recruitment. In the past, the potential new members would have to move in a week early and attend recruitment activities a week prior to sorority recruitment.

By switching recruitment to the second week of school the number of potential new members that sign up for sorority was expected to increase. “We had high hopes that more women would decide to join sorority recruitment was an event they would like to attend. The number of women that signed up has proven this,” Kendra Fonseca, senior from Waverly, and the Panhellenic President said.

This year the campus saw an increase of women signing up to participate in recruitment with 111 starting the process and 77 women signing a bid. Moving the date added to the changes made in previous years. Last year Brandi Hassel, the previous Greek Life Co-ordinator, implemented many changes she believed would help UNK’s greek life.

She switched sorority recruitment matching to a computer system that uses release figures. This was a hard change for recruitment, but the system is geared for campuses UNK’s size. The release figures are a computer matching process to match the potential new members with a chapter each day. Release figures are a movement that National Panhellenic is moving towards. The system even the playing field for all chapters and makes things fair and equitable.” Tracy Lutren, Greek Life Coordinator said.

“Overall I would say we had a very successful week. The sorority women worked well with all the changes, and it was greatly appreciated.” Maggie Carr, senior from Gibbon, and the Director of Recruitment said.

Although the sorority women have worn them and worked hard day and night for a week, it seems to have paid off in the number of women that choose to be in a sorority. Get ready to see a new saturation of greeks on campus, the new members from sorority recruitment.

All the Lopers women sweep the 2008 Runza Volleyball Classic. See results on page 4.

Campus and community turn out for Nester Hall dedication. Read the full story next week.
Speech teacher teaches butterflies just like her students

BY CYNTHIA WITZEL
Examiner Writer

Amanda Young is enthusiastic about her first year teaching at UNK as a lecturer in speech communications and as an assistant coach of the forensics team. Kearney is going big places with their communications department, she said, and together with the forensics team, is moving in a direction she "really, truly supports." Young was actually part-time forensics coach at UNK last year on a more minimal basis as she worked to complete her master’s degree through Minnesota State University.

This year, Young will put in an average of 12-15 hours a week working with the forensics team, travel four weekends and host a tournament one weekend.

As lecturer, she teaches three sections of Fundamentals of Speech Communication, a required speech class every student at UNK must take in order to graduate.

Young has advice to give to students who are absolutely petrified to talk in any speech class. She said, "Take it as soon as you possibly can. And make the course in you and your field of study. And in the future, you'll utilize the course in the future will take the edge of the class."

If you think speech teachers don’t get nervous, think again. "I was nervous for my Monday (lot of seniors) class and had to talk myself down," Young said. "She said it is interesting that even though we are a very vocal society, 90 percent of the people who take speech classes are afraid of public speaking."

"My first lecture in my class is on overcoming anxiety," Young said that nervousness is a physiological reaction within the body, an adrenaline rush that affects people differently. It becomes a matter of learning to control the body with simple exercises. Remembering to breathe is important before, during and after speeches because people tend to stop breathing. Knowing your material well and practicing sufficiently will help banish those fears.

She works with students to become more comfortable. She suggests they practice speeches in front of the mirror while visualizing they are in front of the class. She offers the classroom as an opportunity to find a restaurant that every customer has in mind and find a great speech class is not just about the speech; it is also about the audience reaction and finding a permanent spot on the UNK faculty.
Young voters growing in number

Josh Moody is looking for young voter opinions and wants to hear from you, Democrat or Republican, regarding the upcoming presidential election.

BY JOSH MOODY
Guest Writer

Since the U.S. Congress ratified the 26th Amendment in 1971, estab- lishing the national voting age at 18, politicians have struggled with one ominous question: how do we get the youth to vote and therefore exercise the political rights that have been granted to them.

Recent data indicates that the youth vote has increased over the past several elections.

According to CNN exit polls and information provided by CIRCLE (Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement), in 2004 the youth vote increased by an average of 15 percent in the youth vote alone, in early fo- cus of the election due to far-off early events.

Statistically, the youth vote appears to be strong, and when I head out to campus to see what was planning on voting, I was surprised. Of the three freshmen I interviewed, all said they planned to vote for the first time in 2008, and all three planned to vote for Obama.

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The University of Nebraska at Kearney cross country team is gearing up for its upcoming season. Both the men’s and women’s teams have been practicing since Aug. 20, and they are hoping to improve from last year. Megan McClure, a junior from Lincoln who is captain of the women’s team, really wants to one of the top returning runners this season after losing four starters from last year’s team due to school and eligibility. The women currently have a 12-woman roster, right being true freshman.

After placing third in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference last year, the women definitely feel they are a competitive team and can keep up with the competition in the RMAC despite being young. McClure said she knows what she can bring to the team leadership wise to keep up in the RMAC. “Being there to support them, pushing them always, no matter what the season’s outcome, and to help the freshmen adjust from high school to college.”

Chris Hemsey, a fifth-year senior from North Platte, is captain of the men’s team. The men’s team is also young with only two seniors on the team.

After placing ninth last year in the RMAC, the goal of the season for the men is to place two places higher in the RMAC and make it to the regional meet. Hemsey also has a leadership plan. “Letting the men know that we’re in a competitive conference, and if you do well at conference you will do well at the regional meet.”

Hemsey also said that it is important for the men to understand that cross country is a long season, and it is important to have a good focus during workouts which will transfer over into races.

Time trials begin Sept. 12 at Meadowlark Hills Golf Course, while the first official meet is Sept. 20 at the Woody Greeno Course.

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Students and fans got up close and personal with the University of Nebraska-Kearney athletic teams at the Third Annual Lopers Under the Lights Aug. 27 at Ron and Carol Cope Stadium.

All of the UNK teams, with the exception of the volleyball team which was competing in the Honolulu Invitational, were on hand to meet the Loper faithful.

The night featured games that were supervised by the teams, and local businesses provided prizes to winners.

Max Hadenfeldt of the men’s golf team, a junior from Gering, said he enjoyed interacting with other UNK students.

“It was pretty fun,” Hadenfeldt said. “There were quite a few people here, so that was good. We all act the same. Sometimes it’s hard to tell who’s an athlete and who’s not. We’re all just kids having fun.”

The UNK cheerleading team was also on hand, as well as Louie the Loper. Fans also got the chance to get autographs from their favorite Lopers, as all of the teams took part in autograph sessions.

Women’s swimming and diving coach Teresa Osmanski said the event provided good publicity for the sports that may not be as familiar to fans.

“It’s great that the student body gets to come out and interact with the athletes,” Osmanski said. “People who may not know about the teams can come by, and I think the athletes enjoy being able to interact with them and show them about their sport.”

After the games, fans made their way to the stands for a pep rally. The UNK “Pride of the Plains” marching band and the Sapphires dance team both performed for the crowd, and Chancellor Doug Kristensen spoke about the great support the teams receive from both students and community members.

Coaches for the fall sports teams also previewed the upcoming season. Adam Dea, a first-year graduate student from O’Neill, said having events like Lopers Under the Lights is a good idea.

“It gets the student body involved.” Dea said. “It’s neat to see the student aspect of student-athletes.”

UNK Athletic Director Jon McBlide was pleased with the number of fans Lopers Under the Lights attracted.

“We had a good turnout,” McBlide said. “This event keeps building each year, and it keeps growing in the community. We encourage our student body to be supporters of the athletics, and they come out in numbers tonight to support the teams.”
Downtown Kearney was the place to be Aug. 29, where every street corner was packed with a range of bands from ska to alternative and vendors from local stores were giving out freebies. Free sandwiches, free popsicles, free T-shirts and numerous gift cards to a variety of stores were just a few perks of attending the annual downtown madness known as Destination Downtown.

Junior Spanish interpretation and translation major Megan Smejdir from Lincoln said that her favorite part of the downtown fun was eating shaved ice. Jessica Kenyon, a sophomore public relations major, attended for other reasons. “I just moved to Kearney so I came to see some of the people from school and to meet new people. I also came because I had nothing else to do tonight.”

The streets, overflowing with people, were a great place for UNK students to make acquaintances.

There were also activities for people who were more interested in the entertainment of Destination Downtown. Kenyon said, “I think the live bands were probably my favorite part. I’m very into live music, and the cover band was playing older songs that I love.”

Many students danced in the streets to the bands, sat for caricature drawings or participated in a food eating contest that consisted of an entire week’s worth of calories.

In spite of the activities and vendors present, some students felt the event did not compare to previous years.

Kenyon said that she was less than impressed and confessed that she left shortly after arriving because she was bored. She suggested that it was too spread out and next year more activities and bands should be added.

Smejdir agreed, “I would like to see more activities. I felt that this year there was not much going on as far as activities; it felt like I was just going for a walk in downtown Kearney.”

Although some students felt it did not compare to previous years, Kenyon and Smejdir expressed hope for next year’s event.

Kenyon said, “I will probably go again next year. It gives me something to do rather than sitting at home. There will always be more people I could hopefully meet there.”