Student body president Cam Deter had to get right to work this semester as complaints piled up concerning the changes to the dining services on campus.

Students have already been protesting the cost and availability of meals on campus.

Deter said that the complaints from students fell into one of three categories.

“The biggest problems students had were with the limited number of transfer options at Subway, the overall cost of dining for commuting students, or the lack of dining in University Residence North and South,” Deter said.

Action was taken immediately, and change has already begun.

Last week Assistant Director Jon Watts from the Business and Finance offices met with the student government. “We decided what we had to do to make students happy,” Deter said. “We decided that we have to make changes.”

The changes started at Subway. Subway was put into the Nebraskan Student Union two years ago, and problems arose when students meal transfer options were limited to three sandwiches. Starting this week, that number has been raised to eight sub options.

“In the past, the number of students that had meal plans paid for dining services in its entirety. But now that number is spread out between all undergraduates lowering the costs and making it so students do not have to use their money points to get a sandwich,” Deter said.

The next step involved looking at the overall cost of dining services for commuting students. Deter’s goal was to lower cost.

After some changes were made over the last few weeks the campus, Subway, as well as other services, are now cheaper than they are off campus. This provides the opportunity to get affordable meals without commuting off campus. Deter discussed a long list of prices compared to prices at other establishments off campus urging students to look at what they’re paying and compare.

The final step is yet to take place but offers a world of possibility to the dining services at UNK. “One of the biggest problems this year has been the number of students that do not have meal options at University Residence North and South. Starting here shortly, that will change,” Deter said.

The plan is set for URN and URS and includes multiple food options being put into the South hall. Among these changes include the installation of Louie’s Diner as well as a Papa John’s.

Papa John's and Louie’s Diner are estimated to provide over 500 students easier access to meals especially around the West Center area.

Deter hopes these changes will accomplish that.

“The numbers and influences that go into dining services is complicated and we did the best we could with what we have. The Business and Finance Department did a fantastic job, and I believe that students will be much happier with their dining options,” Deter said.
Dear politicians,  

Please put down your hatchets

BY CAITLIN OSTBERG  
Antelope Editor

There are a lot of wonderful things about the year 2012. My niece was born, I started my senior year of college, UNK entered the MIAA conference, it’s election year…

Wait, scratch that last one.

Election year. Every time I hear that phrase I cringe and immediately look for the nearest exit keeping my head down and my ears plugged. Needless to say, I am not excited for election year.

Now, I’m not against politics or the government because both are necessary factions that our country needs in order to run. If we had neither, the world would have ended long before the Mayan calendar has predicted.

In order for a society to thrive, a governing body is needed. However, what’s not needed are the vicious attacks by both parties that are about as mature as middle school scuffles. I am tired of the mudslinging and trash-talking that occurs whenever conservatives or liberals (or anarchists or unicorns) are within earshot of each other.

So far, both parties have been alarmingly visceral against each other and it saddens me to say that I have no desire to vote. However, I still need to vote for someone. This year is the first year that I will be able to vote in a presidential election. Having missed the 2008 election by a mere month, I was secretly relieved that I was not obligated to step into a cramped booth and exercise my right to help decide on who should take the cake.

Sadly, in 2012 I am not so lucky. What’s worse is that the attacks are more vicious and the rhetoric is even more confusing. Both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions were full of misinformation and blatant untruths.

When it comes to politics, I consider myself an independent, and it’s partly because I don’t really want to associate with either party. To me, both parties are misguided and only trying to prove the other wrong.

It saddens me to say that we live in a country that loves to tear each other down rather than create unity. We would rather call one side baby killers and the other side homophobes. The negativity and hatred spewing from both sides causes me to wish I could disown both parties.

I am tired of the name-calling and fighting. It seems as though our politicians care more about being right than about solving the problems in this country. Pride and greed are nasty things.

However, I care too much about this country to give up on it. I care about jobs, I care about unborn children, I care about kids whose only real meal is the lunch at school. I care about the people in this country who are sleeping on the streets. I care about my freedoms and the freedom that we have as an American people, and I think that deep down Washington cares too. We just need to remind them of these things.

This election I would like to simply learn, in an unbiased format, what our two presidential candidates stand for and why—not how the other candidate is going to do it wrong.

So please dear politicians, bury the hatchets.

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“I worry about a particular candidate winning. But, even more so the honesty of the candidates and how well they follow through with what they campaign.”

“I don’t really want to associate with either party. To me, both parties are misguided and only trying to prove the other wrong.”

“Each candidate needs to focus more on their own positives, rather than publicizing each others’ negatives. It makes it hard to know who to trust.”

“What concerns me most is that the two candidates are bashing each other. Their campaigns have been negative rather than focusing on what they can do for the country.”

“It seems that the different things they are pulling into play — it’s like in their effort to win they’re holding the Democratic and Republican values hostage.”

What concerns you most about the presidential elections?
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.

Find answer on page 5  www.sudoku-puzzles.net
Questions answered
Watts from Business Services, Parker from UNK Dining open to student input on policy

BY ADRIANNA TARIN
Antelope Staff

Changes of UNK Dining policies this fall are still the hot topic around campus.

After the Aug. 29 story about some of the complaints that students have about the meal transfer policies and service at the Market @ 27th Street, Subway, and the other UNK Dining services, Penny Parker, marketing director for UNK Dining Services, and Jon Watts, assistant director of Business Services, were cooperative in answering some questions.

Parker and Watts say those behind the scenes at UNK Dining are making changes to resolve the many complaints from the students they serve.

“There are many ways the UNK Dining Services works to allow students, faculty, staff and guests to voice their opinions. Find a manager on the floor, leave a comment on our website, use the Nutrition Kiosk or visit us on Facebook,” Parker said.

Watts and Parker both encourage students to get involved on campus. If you live on campus, go to your residence hall’s Community Assembly Night (CAN) and talk to your residence assistants, CAN officers, and residence hall directors.

Watts said students who wish to comment on structural changes to the meal transfer can contact Watts by phone at 308-865-8448 or by email at wattsjc@unk.edu.

Parker said UNK Dining Services was directed to implement a new transfer system. “We were also directed to conduct a retail price comparison, in an effort to offer more competitive retail pricing. If students look at our year over year pricing, they will see a significant change.” Parker would like students to check out the Dare to Compare newsletter here http://www.dineoncampus.com/unkkearney/show.cfm?cmd=newsletter.

Check it out yourself: SUBWAY sandwich prices

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Who decides what the options will be?

Parker: The UNK Dining Services management team decides what items will be available as a meal transfer. The decision is made based on what’s popular, what’s new, what produce is in season and what constitutes a balanced meal offering.

Student requests are also a critical component in the development of meal transfer options. For example, student suggestions enabled us to implement Two Egg Rolls and Fried Rice as an option at Lantern. Student suggestions also resulted in Cereal being added as a transfer option in Outtakes.

To read the Aug. 29 Story go to:
http://unkantelope.com
You can comment online as well.
Three to a room
Short notice, a little scary, but It's not bad says Martin Hall 's Shelby McClellen

BY MANDY HINRICHS
Antelope Staff

When freshman Shelby McClellen first learned that she would be living with two roommates she was scared. This fall while Centennial Towers West is being refinished, some UNK students were asked to live three students to a room.

“At first I was scared because I didn’t know how it would all turn out” McClellen says.

Just before the university started this fall, McClellen, a studio art major from Brady got the news she was one of those students partnered up with two roommates.

“I was notified by email a few weeks before classes started that I would have another roommate,” McClellan says.

With an optimistic and cooperative viewpoint, McClellen decided that she would live with roommates she didn’t know so that she could meet new people. “So far everything has been just fine and my roommates are nice, we all get along great,” she said.

McClellen lives in Martin Hall, which has 57 rooms available, but ended up with an overflow of around 50 students. McClellen said the rooms were set up in a way that makes it seem not so cramped. “My room has a bunk bed along with one loft bed which has one desk pushed under the loft and two more desks pushed against a far wall which still left us with quite a bit of space,” McClellen said.

Although McClellen said the room can seem cramped sometimes this has not had any effect on her experience thus far UNK. “I feel so comfortable here, and this room change has not changed my feelings about the school, I really enjoy it here and plan to live on campus again.”

University relations
Chancellor Curt Carlson announces retirement

UNK NEWS RELEASE
University of Nebraska at Kearney Vice Chancellor for University Relations Curt Carlson has announced that he will retire at the end of the fall 2012 semester.

According to UNK Chancellor Doug Kristensen, Carlson has been a valued colleague who has accomplished a great deal for the institution.

“Curt has accomplished a great deal, particularly in marketing and branding,” Chancellor Kristensen said. “Clearly, the UNK icon is a very visible reminder of his legacy.”

“I came to UNK and Kearney six-plus years ago, because I saw a gem of a university in a gem of a community,” Carlson said. “I announce my retirement with a great deal of satisfaction from contributing, if even in small part, to UNK’s advancement in reputation across the region and in student recruiting during this period. As I said upon my arrival, UNK’s town-gown relations are among the best anywhere, a fact that has added hugely to UNK’s successes.”

“Such announcements are always accompanied by mixed emotions,” Chancellor Kristensen said. “While UNK has benefitted from Curt’s steadfast loyalty and professional approach to marketing, we are excited for him as he makes plans for the next phase of his life.” Carlson will continue to serve as vice chancellor throughout the fall, at which time the position will be eliminated.

Chancellor Kristensen also noted that Carlson’s retirement presents a unique opportunity to restructure and enhance UNK’s future positioning. Presently, UNK will begin a search for a new position, director of Community Relations. The position will bear responsibility for institutional communication and for engaging external constituents across the region, state and nation.

“In addition, effective immediately, the Office of Creative Services and Printing will report to the Division of Business and Finance,” Chancellor Kristensen said.

Sudoku Answer:
Upside down, from page 3

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Duane's World: the road to homecoming

Pride of the Plains marching band family is ready to rock

BY ADRIANNA TARIN
Antelope Staff

Following the “Pride of the Plains” marching band’s first performance at halftime of the UNK vs. Emporia State University football game, excitement is growing for a big homecoming week and the homecoming parade.

The band will march in the homecoming parade at 10 a.m. Saturday Sept. 22 and during the homecoming football game that afternoon. Dr. Duane Bierman, UNK director of bands/percussion, and Dr. Brian Alber, assistant director of bands/teacher education co-direct the band.

“I am really very excited about how the band is doing this year,” Dr. Bierman said. He continued to say that the band is excited for the homecoming activities. “Our student leadership team is doing fantastic work. We are looking forward to marching the Band Day and homecoming parade and playing in front of what will surely be a huge crowd for the game that afternoon.”

The Pride of the Plains will be playing old band favorites along with an Aerosmith and Latin set this year.

Jessica Sousek, senior communication disorders major, and Mark Messner, senior music major from Ogalalla, are the drum majors.

“My favorite piece we play is Mercy, Mercy, Mercy. We’re doing it for the alumni game, but we’ve been playing that song since before I came to UNK,” Sousek said. “The song is so full of energy, and we have fun playing it. It’s definitely a classic favorite.”

Sousek, a fourth year band member, said, “I have always loved music and making something wonderful come together.” However, her favorite part about being in the band is the people she meets.

“We have an amazing band family,” Sousek said. “We are a close family who all work hard, and you can learn a lot more than music from being a member. Band has taught me so much about working together and it’s given me a chance to do what I enjoy while in college.”

With the new year, came a new addition of the interim assistant director of bands, Dr. Alber.

“Being an alumnus of UNK, I’m excited to be back,” Dr. Alber said. “This will be such a great opportunity.”

“Dr. Alber is doing a wonderful job! During camp he worked really closely with the leadership team, and he relates very well to the entire band as a whole,” Sousek said.

Upcoming Events

IN THE FINE ARTS AND HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT

- Sept. 24 UNK Chamber Orchestra Recital, featuring the Tri-City Youth Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Fine Arts Recital Hall
- Oct. 2 Kearney Symphony Orchestra Concert, “Music of the Heavens,” directed by Dr. Deborah Freedman, featuring music by Schubert, Cosma, & Connie Moon, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Recital Hall, admission $10, for tickets or more information call 308-865-8417
- Oct. 3-7 University Theatre presents: “A Bright New Boise,” student directed by Kyle Kuypers, Wed-Sat 7:30 p.m., Sun 2:00 p.m., Fine Arts Studio Theatre, adults $8, UNK faculty/staff, non-UNK students & seniors $6, groups of 10+ $5, for tickets or more information call 308-865-8417
Soccer coach fulfills dream: coaching at college level

BY MAGGIE SOWL
Antelope Staff

Today, John Maessner is right where he wants to be, “living the dream” in the sport of soccer.

“This has truly been a dream come true— for me to be able to raise my children here and coach at the collegiate level. I’m in heaven and I love it,” he said.

John Maessner insisted at the young age of 12-years-old, he was going to be a professional European soccer player. While most children’s dreams change as they grow, Maessner’s never did. The dream simply expanded into coaching in the field he loved. Today, all of Maessner’s dreams have officially come true, as he is UNK’s new interim head women’s soccer coach.

Maessner developed his love of soccer at the tender age of seven. “My father signed me up for soccer when I was 7 years old. I scored 22 goals my first year of playing, and we won the championship. I have loved the game ever since,” Massener said. “I scored the game winning goal in the state championship when I was 12 years old. That kind of really solidified the fact, that this was a sport that I had a passion for.”

As a child, Maessner played his way into the big leagues. He made the New Jersey state teams, and at age 14 became the youngest player to join the Under-16 state team. Maessner scored the game winning point in that match.

“I knew early on in life that I wanted to be a professional soccer player, and did everything I could as a youngster to make that happen. I trained by myself and with friends and team mates for thousands of hours, broke fences, windows, garage doors, lamps, vases and everything else that my ball would wind up hitting, while trying to get comfortable with the soccer ball,” Maessner said.

In 1987, playing for his high school team, Maessner scored his way onto Parade magazine’s All-American team.

In college, at the University of Virginia, he led his team to a 1989 national championship. In 1991, Maessner went pro playing for the Major League Soccer team, District of Columbia United, which he helped lead to three MLS championships.

In 2001, Maessner returned home in 1996 to play for the Major League Soccer team, District of Columbia United, which he helped lead to three MLS championships.

According to Maessner, that’s not all that’s good in Nebraska. The UNK women’s soccer team is great as well. “Coach Munch told me that there was plenty of talent, and that it was a good group of players to work with. He has been right on both counts,” Maessner said.

Maessner is definitely optimistic. He has high hopes for his team. “We expect to win most of our games if we are organized and play with passion and heart,” he said.

Maessner has a plan to help the team get there. “I believe in creating a competitive, challenging, enjoyable atmosphere where players are pushed to their best on and off the field. I want our team to be a close-knit team, play with lots of energy, be organized defensively,” he said.

Maessner’s coaching philosophy was inspired by his many mentors. “I have been blessed to have been coached by the best people in the business. They instilled a work ethic and mentality that is at the core of everything I now do as a coach,” Maessner said.

His current position is only temporary, but Maessner plans on earning the title of UNK’s Women’s Head Soccer Coach permanently. “I will do everything in my power to earn the position full time when that time comes,” Maessner said. “I’d love to be at UNK for many years if that is what is meant to be.”

Today, Maessner is right where he wants to be. “This has truly been a dream come true— for me to be able to raise my children here and coach at the collegiate level. I’m in heaven and I love it,” he said.
LOPER VOLLEYBALL: No. 1 in nation at last

Sokolowski gives credit to competitive team, talent, goals, leadership, positive attitude

BY AARON URBANSKI
Antelope Staff

After sweeping the competition away in Hawaii, the top ranked Loper netters continued to showcase their dominance on the court this past weekend during the New Victorian Inn and Suites/Runza Fall Classic. The Lopers (7-0) set the tone early in the tournament with victories in just three sets over Maryville University and St. Cloud State and rounded out the weekend with impressive 3-1 victories over Northern State University and Minnesota State University respectively.

Senior setter Jenna Rouzee registered 161 assists and 37 digs while middle blocker Katie Sokolowski paced the Lopers with 40 kills while connecting on nearly half of her swings.

Following the last week's action, The Antelope caught up with Sokolowski for a questions and answer session to discuss the team’s recent success.

Q AND A WITH KATIE SOKOLOWSKI

Antelope: Without using any statistics, describe what Jenna Rouzee brings to the Lopers on the floor. What kind of player is she?

Sokolowski: "I think there are a lot of things that have accounted for our success so far this season. First off, we have a lot of talented girls on the team, which has helped us stay extremely competitive during practices. Also, we all have the same goals and it's kept us on the same page throughout the season. Finally, we all have a lot of fun together and team chemistry is important to success."

Antelope: What keeps the team going throughout the season?

Sokolowski: "I think the first word that comes to mind when I think of Jenna is a leader. Being a setter is a commanding position but on top of all that, the team looks to her while playing and especially when we start playing a little rocky. She is always positive, and gets respect because she respects everyone."

Antelope: You had a pretty good weekend during the New Victorian Inn and Suites/Runza Fall Classic. Despite your success, what areas of your game do you still need to improve on?

Sokolowski: "There is always stuff you can improve on but an area I would like to personally get better at is my blocking. Getting good blocks and touches on the ball is an important aspect of the game and that’s an area I would like to improve on especially."

Antelope: With team now #1 in the polls, how does that make you feel? Is it extra motivation for the team to get better? Or is it something the team doesn’t really think about?

Sokolowski: "It’s a great honor to receive a #1 ranking, but in all honesty, it doesn’t change anything. It all comes down to the end of the year and how well we are playing as a team. We still have to do the same things whether we are #1 or not. Yes we can enjoy the accomplishment but being #1 in the polls doesn’t make us #1. Hard work and dedication as a team does."

ABOVE: The College of Natural and Social Sciences “HERDS” the Volleyball Team and coach Rick Squiers for their successes both this weekend and last on Sept. 10. The team not only won their tournaments, but dominated and earned the NCAA Division II No. 1 position in a poll released Sept. 10. The CNSS began the Herding this fall to honor important college, department and university events.

Photo by John LaDuke, CNSS Dean

Urbanski outlines new college football rule changes

BY AARON URBANSKI
Antelope Staff

With college football now in full swing and the political conventions coming to an end, a lot of people have fixated their conversations on changes regardless of whether you want to hear it or not. Hence for the sake of sports, we'll stick to sports and leave the elephant or donkey talk for November.

So what's new? Besides Taylor Martinez's throwing mechanics, college football is set to deal with a few other game-changing aspects for the 2012 season starting with a few noticeable changes to the rules:

**Kickoffs, Punts, and Field goals**

If you watched a college football game last weekend this one should be obvious. Beginning this season, kickoffs will be booted from the kicking team's 35-yard line, and a touchback will allow the receiving team to start it's offensive possession from the 25-yard line rather than the 20. In addition, the receiving team will also be able to call for a fair catch as long as the ball does not bounce on the ground more than once.

For punts and field goals, defenders will not be allowed to jump over the line a scrimmage or any player in an attempt to block a kick without being assessed a 15-yard penalty.

**Helmets and Equipment**

While incorporating some of the same principles already in place for an injured player, the NCAA has also tightened up its regulation for helmet safety. If I player loses his helmet at any point during a play, he must immediately remove himself from the play and return to the sideline until the next play is over. Likewise, all plays in which the ball carrier loses his helmet will immediately be blown dead.

**Cut blocks**

Blocks below the waist will no longer be allowed unless a lineman is within seven yards of the center or while the running back is within the tackle box. Ultimately this rule will eliminate a wide receiver's ability to undercut a defender while blocking downfield. Consequently, if any player fails to adhere to the new rules they will be flagged for a personal foul.

Safety is clearly the underlining issue for all the new rule changes, and to be honest it's about time. With the size and speed of players continuing to increase over time, many of these plays have become extremely dangerous. For example, in 2010 former Rutgers Defensive Tackle Eric LeGrand was paralyzed from the neck down while covering a kick for the Scarlet Knights. His injury was solely attributed to the high-speed collision he received that nearly killed him.
'There's no place like homecoming'

Festivities include two new events

BY YIFEI ZHAO  
JMC 215

No matter how far you go in your life, there is always a place like home that welcomes you back. “There is no place like home,” LPAC decided when the committee selected that theme to convey that emotional tie to the university when UNK celebrates homecoming on campus with energy, competition and entertainment Sept. 17 to Sept. 22.

Teamwork will be stressed. “One of the main things is different resident halls and Greek organizations pair up to make teams and compete with each other at a lot of different activities throughout the homecoming week,” said Heather Wolf, the coordinator of student activities.

This year’s homecoming week will be a little bit different than in past years with two new events, a concert to open the festivities and an adventure race.

The “opening ceremony,” outdoor concert Monday night at 7 p.m. with one of season eight’s Top 24 American Idol singers, Jackie Tohn, should be fun and entertaining. Tohn’s reviews call her vocals captivating. “Smart, insightful, and in your face, Tohn is utterly compelling. Her command of her guitar is striking, and is as expressive as her voice. Tohn’s vocals are some of the most enchanting you’re likely to hear. She totally captivates the crowd.”

The audience can expect quite a show from a performer who is wired to entertain says another critic who compared Tohn’s performances to music greats in Improper magazine. “Jackie isn’t your ordinary girl with a guitar. …If Jackie lived on a park bench, she would put on shows for the pigeons. She can’t help it. Some people believe there is no such thing as a natural, but Tohn is wired to entertain. On stage, she’s a cross between Bette Midler and Lauryn Hill.”

“She does comedy with her music,” Wolf said. “She plays cover songs a lot of students would know and like. We are really excited for that,” Wolf said.

An adventure race Friday is another new event this year. The race requires each team to run through the campus and figure out mystery locations based on different clues. Team members also have to complete different tasks after they find each location. Wolf said there are a whole bunch of different kinds of clues to put together the puzzle.

“LPAC put a lot of time to create that event and making a big deal for students, so it should be fun,” Wolf said.

In addition to the two new events, there will also be some events similar with past years, including the Canned Food Drive and Battle of the Brains, Spirit competition, the homecoming volleyball game against Hastings College, Lip Sync Competition, the Homecoming and Band Day Parade and more.

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HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

MONDAY, SEPT 17
Homecoming Concert featuring Jackie Tohn, 7 p.m., Campus Green

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18
Canned Food Build & Battle of the Brains, 7 p.m., Campus Green

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 19
Spirit Competition, 5 p.m., HSC
UNK volleyball game vs. Hastings College, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY SEPT 20
Lip Sync Competition, 7 p.m., HSC (Royalty Crowning)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21
Adventure Race, 7 p.m., Bell Tower Plaza

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22
Band Day, Family Day, Homecoming and Band Day Parade 10 a.m., Downtown Kearney,
Homecoming Football Game 4 p.m., Foster Field.
Fall enrollment at 16-year high

This number represents the ninth consecutive year of increases, and a 1.4 percent increase over 2011. The number of first-time, full-time freshman students increased by 6 percent.

UNK NEWS RELEASE

University of Nebraska at Kearney Chancellor Doug Kristensen today announced that enrollment at the University of Nebraska at Kearney is the highest in 16 years.

“Not only is the upward trend continuing this year, our students are increasingly international, diverse and academically prepared,” he said.

In all, 7,199 students are enrolled at UNK this semester. This number represents the ninth consecutive year of increases, and a 1.4 percent increase over 2011. The number of first-time, full-time freshman students increased by 6 percent.

“This increase is significant considering the number of high school graduates in Nebraska is relatively stable,” said Dusty Newton, UNK director of Admissions.

Of the students enrolled this fall, 79 percent are Nebraska residents. UNK students also come from 48 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands (only Maine and Vermont are not represented). There is notable growth in the numbers of students from California, Illinois, Missouri, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming.

Further, 544 international students are enrolled at UNK, which is a 13.1 percent increase. International students now make up 10 percent of the incoming class. Those enrolled represent 58 separate countries. The Republic of South Korea has the largest delegation (175) followed by China (142) and Japan (129). Three additional countries, represented for the first time, include Austria, Guyana and Mongolia.

Chancellor Kristensen said, “Momentum continues as a result of UNK’s ongoing commitment to quality of teaching and student success.” The chancellor also credits the Enrollment Management Committee and Admissions team for continuing positive trends.

The Enrollment Management Committee has provided a strategic framework for achieving sustainable growth, and the Admissions team and recruiters have capitalized on every available means to communicate our message to prospective students and parents,” he said, adding, “I believe 22.86, is the highest in the institution’s history.

While the total number of undergraduates increased 3.8 percent to 5,648, graduate numbers decreased by 6.5 percent to 1,551. This interrupts a seven-year unbroken trend of rapid and significant increases in graduate student enrollment.

According to Dr. Bicak, the entering class is also well prepared academically. In addition to other factors, the average ACT score of entering students, 22.86, is the highest in the institution’s history.

“Not only is the upward trend continuing this year, our students are increasingly international, diverse and academically prepared,” he said.

“The regional, national and indeed, international reputation of UNK continues to grow. This figure is the best measure of actual teaching at UNK and is the highest in at least a decade.”

Dr. Charles Bicak

UNK is securing its position among the top public regional universities in the nation.”

UNK’s student body is increasingly diverse, a continuing trend, with minority students comprising 12.9 percent of first-time freshmen. The total number of both Hispanic students and African-American students at UNK has increased 19.6 percent over last year.

Dr. Charles Bicak, senior vice chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs reflected on the positive trends.

“The regional, national and indeed, international reputation of UNK continues to grow,” he said. “This is consistent with our mission as a public residential university. We have a strong commitment to intellectual and cultural diversity. This is reflected in our increasing international student population, and our growing study abroad program for Nebraska and other domestic students.”

According to Dr. Bicak, the entering class is also well prepared academically. In addition to other factors, the average ACT score of entering students, 22.86, is the highest in the institution’s history.

While the total number of undergraduates increased 3.8 percent to 5,648, graduate numbers decreased by 6.5 percent to 1,551. This interrupts a seven-year unbroken trend of rapid and significant increases in graduate student enrollment.

However, reflecting the increased headcount numbers, actual credit hour enrollment numbers are up by 3 percent to 83,132.

“This figure is the best measure of actual teaching at UNK and is the highest in at least a decade,” Dr. Bicak said.

CAMPUS CRIME LOG

9/6: Patrick Bruner reported the theft of a class issued iPad. Case Open.
9/6: Kevin Romero was issued a written warning for a stop light violation.
9/7: A female reported a suspicious man running beside her as she ran along campus. The man ran until the female stopped and he continued.
9/8: Luke Fisher was issued a written warning for speeding through Lot 6.
9/8: Nicole Lorimer was issued a citation for speeding on University Drive.
9/8: A female subject was found passed out in one of the dorm restrooms. The female was evaluated and released.
9/8: James Eshleman reported that someone had scratched his vehicle. Campus police is still unsure where the damage came from.
9/8: UNK police was contacted about a liquor violation on campus. A subject was found in lot 6 and issued a MIP.
9/9: A male subject was cited for urinating on a vehicle in Lot 14.
9/9: Cole Wellnitz reported his car was broken into in Lot 12. Wellnitz had his wallet and checkbook stolen.

August Of The Month awards

Each month, the National Residence Hall Honorary accepts nominations to recognize outstanding leaders among UNK’s students, faculty and staff in a variety of categories. Here are the winners for August:

Advisor: Kyle Brandyberry, nominated by Libby Manfull
Executive Board Member: Eleanor (Ellie) Health, nominated by Nicole Dyas
First Year Student: Nolan Pribnow, nominated by Austin Fletcher
Organization: RHA (Brody, Nicole, Laura, Ellie), nominated by Justin Vogel
Residence Life Faculty/Staff: Mantor Hall RA Staff, nominated by Nathan Arehart
Resident Assistant: Jordan Hughett, nominated by Alie Brabec and Andrew Limbach, nominated by Nathan Arehart
Residential Community: University Heights, nominated by Kyle Brandyberry
Social Program: Progressive Sundae’s by URS RA Staff, nominated by Barbara Varon
Spotlight: Blair Youngs, nominated by Whitney Nelson
Student: Andrea La Rosa, nominated by Alyx Lingenfelter
FIJI CHAPTER EARN AWARDS, NATIONAL RECOGNITION

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The Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, also known as FIJI, at the University of Nebraska at Kearney received national awards for the 2011-12 school year at the fraternity’s national convention in New Orleans.

The UNK chapter has 48 members and competes for these awards with 124 chapters internationally.

For the third consecutive year, the chapter received a Certificate of Academic Achievement for earning a chapter grade point average above the all-men’s average, along with a John Templeton McCarty Chapter Proficiency Award recognizing excellence in overall chapter operations for the fourth year.

Fraternity-wide, the UNK chapter was recognized with honorable mentions for the Zerman Trophy and the Jordan Bowl. The Zerman Trophy is awarded for involvement in student government, the campus newspaper and other extra-curricular activities.

The UNK Phi Gamma Delta President Brandon Drozd of Genoa said, “We have been competitive in this area, and we are looking to continue to improve our campus relations, so that we can start placing higher in this competition.”

The Jordan Bowl is presented to the chapter having the highest comparative scholarship among the undergraduate chapters. Fifty-five percent of the members in the UNK chapter earned a 3.5 or above, which was a 6.6 percent increase over from the previous semester.

“This past spring semester our chapter cumulative GPA was a 3.37,” Drozd said.

In addition, Blaine Drozd of Genoa was the first UNK student to receive an individual honorable mention for the Wilkinson Award, an award presented to the most outstanding senior nationwide.

Founded in 1848 at Jefferson College in Canonsburg, Penn, the fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta is represented on 144 campuses of leading colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada, and has a total living membership over 122,000. The UNK chapter was colonized in spring 2008 and chartered in spring 2009.

What's new in the video game world?

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Some of the most anticipated video games are hitting the shelves in the next few weeks. NHL 13 from EA Canada is among the list of games, and was released on Tuesday. IGN.com said, “EA Sports NHL 13 delivers an innovative new gameplay experience, accurately capturing the speed, creativity and strategy of today’s NHL action.” The developers claimed to have fixed many flaws in the physics of the game, making the players react and perform much more accurately and true-to-life than the previous NHL games. NHL 13 is rated E10+ for mild violence and can be purchased from Game Stop, Best Buy or other retailers for $59.99 for the Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3.

Hockey fans and gamers alike are excited for the improvements. In NHL 13, the developers incorporated something called True Performance Skating. This makes the players’ movements and actions much more realistic, as if the player was actually on ice. “You can’t make sharp turns like nobody’s business anymore,” said Kearney resident Aaron Scott. “They have added the true physics of actual skates. People who appreciate the challenges of skating will probably like the new changes to the game with the added dimensions of realism.”

In previous NHL games, it was as if the player wasn’t on ice at all. It was almost like a freeform travel and the player could immediately reach max speed right after pushing the joystick. Now things like momentum and actual human capabilities factor into the game.

Another improvement in NHL 13 pertains to the accuracy of goalies and other AI players. “The AI only paid attention to you, not the other players or any hypothetical path that the puck could take,” Scott said. Now gamers should notice that the AI is more aware of everybody on the ice as well as potential passes. “This is going to eliminate those easy quick-pass shots.” Aside from the attention capabilities of the AI players, they also have improved movements compared to previous games. “If you could aim for a certain spot on a goalie, it was nearly impossible for him to react fast enough because there were preset motions for blocking a shot. Now goalies have more movements and they can move to where the puck is for more impressive saves and overall performance,” Scott said.

In the real world of NHL, fans are still wondering if there will be a hockey season at all this year. If an agreement regarding revenue isn’t reached by Sept. 15, there will likely be a lockout for the season. If this happens, NHL 13 will serve as the main source of hockey entertainment for the year. “It’ll be a good way to pass the time while you’re not watching hockey,” Scott said.

Glass work takes first in national exhibition

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A handblown glass work by Chad Fonfara, University of Nebraska at Kearney assistant professor of art and art history, has been awarded first place in the 13th Annual Will’s Creek Survey.

The Will’s Creek Survey is a national juried exhibition of works of contemporary art. The exhibition will be on display in the Saville Gallery in downtown Cumberland, Md., now through Oct. 5. A public opening reception and awards ceremony took place Saturday.

Fonfara’s award-winning piece, titled “Colloquy,” received the Gloria Saville Award and $1,000. In all, $5,000 in artist awards were presented during the opening reception.

Jay Fisher, the senior curator of Prints, Drawings and Photographs and deputy director for Curatorial Affairs at the Baltimore Museum of Art (BMA), juried the show. As a curator, Fisher concentrates on 19th century and modern French prints and drawings.

The show is sponsored by the Allegany Arts Council.
Residents enjoy campus events

Aaron McCauley, freshman psychology and sociology major from North Platte; Nicole Dyas, junior education major from Tablerock; and Libby Manfull, senior business administration major from Gibbon, play roulette at RHA’s Casino Night on Sept. 8. The Residence Hall Association provides many fun events for on-campus students throughout the year.

Kaite Lawrence, political science and Spanish major from Columbus, enjoys mocktails at the Antelope/Nester Drunk Goggles Obstacle Course in The View on Sept. 3. Attendees enjoyed mocktails and the entertainment of watching fellow residents struggle through the obstacle course.

We want your photos here and online: Send campus events, campus or volunteer student activity photos to: antelope-news@unk.edu. Write ID info and a small caption please. Thanks to CNSS this week for the great No. 1 volleyball photo.