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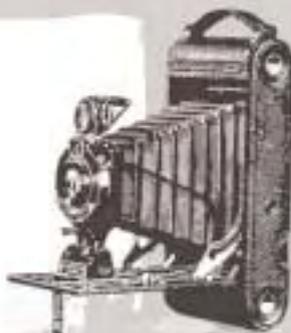


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Volunteers for Habitat For Humanity prepare to form and pour concrete for a sidewalk.



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Nick Johnston  
Political science  
Clearwater senior



"I'm not celebrating."

Kanako Matsuda  
International studies  
Japan sophomore



"I'm getting dressed up and drunk."

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Criminal justice  
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by Jrd

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# News

## Time and talent for community

**Matt Ringen**  
Staff Writer

Numerous UNK students chose to wipe the sleep from their eyes early Saturday morning to get their hands dirty and assist with the Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity.

The group of over 25 students from different campus groups, such as the First Year Program, Mortar Board and professor Jake Jacobsen's speech class, dedicated their entire morning on Oct. 29 to help paint, landscape and insulate a home at 1618 Ave. C for Victor and Orva Alvarado.

Jake Jacobsen helps with the First Year Program and encourages high student involvement in her speech classes. She brings a large crew to events such as Habitat for Humanity. "Students should give their time and efforts to the community they live in," Jacobsen said. "My students are not required to be here, but they are helping in giving their time and talent to

Photo Courtesy of  
Jake Jacobsen

Jacobsen's speech class supports the First Year Program.

assist in service projects. It says a lot about these students."

Carrie Spresser is serving in her second year as a First Year Program Student Peer Leader.

"Events like Habitat for Humanity help the community, and it is good to give back," Spresser said. "The First Year Program helps students to learn more about the campus and encourages community involvement in becoming introduced to a variety of opportunities with service projects."

Spresser encourages students not familiar with the community and campus involvement to join the First Year Program and other campus organizations. "Students that get involved have a complete college experience that allows them to participate in many events, meet new people and have fun in the process," she said.

Student Peer Leaders such as Spresser are individuals in the First Year Program that work with their faculty mentors in preparation and presentation of opportunities to become familiar with the UNK campus activities, as well as the Kearney community projects. The First Year Program, which began in 2002, has more than quadrupled in size. Over 400 students



Photo by Matt Ringen

Jessie Fritz, left, and Ashley Whittington, right, help with construction work for a Habitat for Humanity house.

now participate in the program.

Amy Jacobson is a student in Jake Jacobson's class. She participated in

a project for the community and helping for a good cause," Amy Jacobson said.

Another organization that offered a helping hand was Mortar Board. Mortar Board is an organization exclusively for seniors in college. The organization assists with service events throughout the year.

Lindsay Vivian, a member the Mortar Board group, said, "I have helped Habitat for Humanity before, and I love doing these service projects, getting to know people and having fun in serving the community."

Habitat for Humanity works to build and renovate houses and is funded completely by donations.

To become involved in the First Year Program and the organization's service projects, contact Kathryn Benzel at [benzelk@unk.edu](mailto:benzelk@unk.edu).

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Carrie Spresser  
First Year Program  
Student Peer Leader

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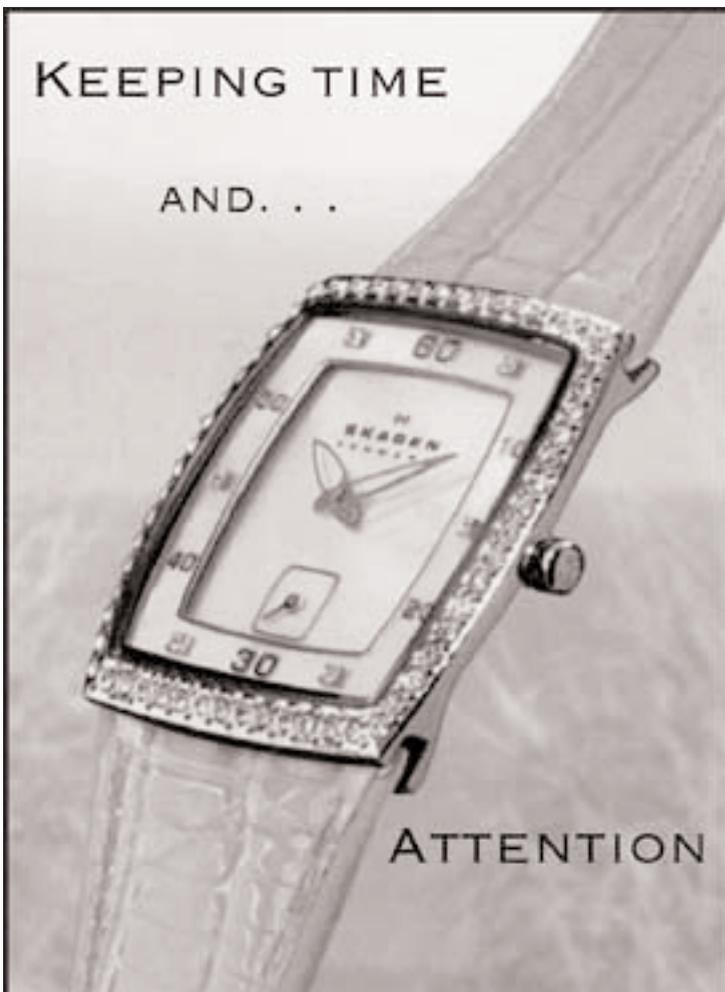
her first community service effort as a college student with the Habitat for Humanity project. "This is my first event and it felt really nice to help with

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# Randall Hall Fall Ball aids victims of natural disasters

Chelsie Flanagan  
Staff Writer

Halloween at UNK was about more than candy, costumes and trick-or-treat fun this year. It was about giving back to those in need.

This year, Randall Hall's annual "Fall Ball" provided students an opportunity to donate to local and national charities.

Last Thursday night, Randall Hall opened its lounge to the campus for a Halloween costume and dance party from 9 p.m. till midnight. Students were asked to donate a can of food or \$1 as admission into the party. In all, Randall Hall collected more than \$100 and a large amount of food to be donated to charity.

"The monetary donations will go to the Red Cross to aid the recent hurricane victims, and the food donations will go to the local Jubilee Center here in Kearney," Amy Grenier, Randall Hall Director, said.

The costume contest was held toward the end of the night and was decided by those in attendance using an applause vote. The categories for best costumes were Best Male, Best Female, Best Couple, Best Group and

Most Original. Taking top prize for the Best Male category was a man dressed as a kissing booth. A ladybug costume won the prize for Best Female. The Best Couple prize went to a couple dressed as Wal-Mart workers. Best Group went to a trio of Heinz Ketchup and McDonald's French fries. Most Original prize was awarded to a couple dressed as the Phantom of the Opera and his muse, Christine.

Grenier, who has helped host a number of "Fall Ball" events, felt attendance was especially good this year.

"Attendance this year was right on par with what we've seen in past years. This year we definitely saw the largest attendance within the first hour since I can remember," she said.

According to Grenier, the entire event was organized and implemented by the Randall Hall Council Executive Board. These students worked on publicizing the event, organizing door prizes as well as prizes for a costume contest and decorating the Randall Hall lounge like a spooky haunted house. Door and costume contest prizes were donated by local businesses.

"The Kearney area businesses were extremely generous this year with donations of pizza, food, hair care



Photo by Amy Grenier

Mantor Hall Director Toby Toland, left, poses with CTW Hall Director Luke Morrill, right, at Randall Hall's Fall Ball.

products, bowling, . . . the list goes on," Grenier said.

Aside from "Fall Ball," Randall Hall will also host the "Blood Wars," a blood-donation competition between the residence halls, coming next spring. Grenier said Randall Hall's

members are also trying to bring back National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, which was kicked off for the first time last year and became a campus-wide event.

## Creatures haunt UNK for Masked Mayhem

Katherine Thomas  
Staff Writer

Witches, angels, gypsies and fairies arrived to haunt campus for Masked Mayhem, held on Saturday for the second time at UNK.

The costume party, which took place in the studio theater in the Fine Arts Building from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., was hosted by the theater honorary, Alpha Psi Omega.

Between 35 and 40 people attended this year's event, a 200 percent

increase from last year.

Shauna Warren, president of Alpha Psi Omega, said, "We are so excited with the turn out and that so many people came to support Alpha Psi and Masked Mayhem. We hope it keeps growing every year."

The studio theater was decorated with colored lights, cobwebs and spooky masks. Music ranged from rap to classics, like the "Grease" soundtrack.

"We decided last year that what better people to put on a costume ball for Halloween than theatre people," Katie Miller, a member of Alpha Psi Omega, said. "We all enjoy dressing up."

At the end of the night, awards

were given for the best costumes throughout the evening. Best female was Jenna, the pirate wench, best male was Jake, the Purple Pimp and the best group/couple was the cast of "Star Wars."

The event was open to all UNK students, not just theater majors. Marissa Nyffeler, a junior majoring in radiography, attended the costume party dressed as an astronaut's wife. Nyffeler said, "It was a blast. More people should come next year. My favorite part was dancing with all the theater people."

Masked Mayhem served as a fundraiser for the theater honorary. Admission fees for the event will be used throughout the year to help the

theater honorary pay for activities, such as the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival and master workshops.

The Theatre Festival is an annual event where theater students from UNK and around the region gather to compete in acting and technical theater. It gives actors a chance to see what other actors are doing and to represent UNK. It also gives them the opportunity to meet people such as Jeff Calhoun, the director of the musical "Brooklyn," and Michelle Pawk, who has starred in "Cabaret," "Seussical" and "Mama Mia."



Photo by Takashi Morimoto  
Jakob Enzminger, left, and Andrew Nelson, right, pose in costumes at Alpha Psi Omega's Masked Mayhem Halloween celebration on Saturday.



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The Star Wars family wins best group costume at Masked Mayhem.

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# Energy crisis concerns farmers

Julia Stumkat  
News Editor

Farmers already struggled with increased fuel prices before the hurricane disaster. Now, with the aftermath's shortages and price increases, they are in an even more critical situation.

Hurricane Katrina hit in the middle of the harvest season, the time of the year when farmers need the most fuel, said Debbie Bridges, the chair of the department of economics at UNK.

Bridges said farmers will spend less money in the Kearney community, which will have a negative impact on local businesses.

"They will tighten their belts where they can, just like every other household," she said. "For instance, they will put off purchases of new equipment."

Most farmers plan their budgets a year in advance. The unexpected jump in fuel prices resulted in a negative development regarding their profits.

"Everything uses fuel, and all that fuel is going to be higher price than it was at the time they planted and at the time they looked at their budget to see if it was worth planting," said Jack Loudermilk, an agent at the Yadkin Cooperative Extension, in an interview with the Winston-Salem Journal.

"Go back and look at what the fuel prices were in January, February and March, when they made the

decision to plant, and look what the fuel prices are now. It's a major hit to the profit margin."

According to the Associated Press, farmers across Nebraska and beyond are weighing their options, which include using less fertilizer through planting more soybeans and wheat instead of corn.

With farmers choosing not to plant fertilizer-hungry corn, the country might see a

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**"Predicting commodity price trends has been compared to tossing a coin."**

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Lance Hehner  
Financial Officer  
Farm Credit Services

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drop in corn production next year, which would lead to higher prices at grocery stores months from now, said Bob Young, the chief economist of the American Farm Bureau.

Consumers should expect higher costs for food because of the overall rise in energy costs and fuel, which affects agriculture including planting, harvesting and crop drying, Young said.

U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel, quoted in "Farm & Ranch," said the United States has to make energy independence a national



Photo by Rebecca Bunger

Many farmers will experience profit losses this year due to the dramatic increase in the cost of fuel and energy.

security priority.

"The ethanol industry will see a boost in activity due to the renewable fuel standards invaded in the recently passed energy security bill," Hagel said. "If we are to achieve true energy independence our energy policy must include exploring ideas and innovation on alternative sources of fuels and not depend solely on exploring and exploiting fossil fuel deposits. We need to do more and do better when it comes to

our energy security."

Lance Hehner, a financial officer at the Farm Credit Services of America in Kearney, said farmers switched from natural gas to diesel last year, not knowing that diesel would be that expensive.

Hehner, who is a farmer himself, said one cannot predict regarding the farming business – a business that is influenced by various factors, such as the international market and the weather.

"The hurricane is

what I would call a random shock economically. Once they recover from that, something else will come up," he said. "Predicting commodity price trends has been compared to tossing a coin."

According to the Associated Press, Gov. Dave Heineman wants to hear from those involved in agriculture in Nebraska about agricultural-related topics at several listening sessions during the next couple of weeks.

Agriculture Department Director Greg Ibach will join Heineman at the sessions.

Kearney's listening session will be held on Nov. 14.

# Farmers struggle to preserve crop

Kathlene Jordan  
Photo Editor

Local farmers are finding that grain storage is in short supply as a result of recent hurricanes displacing transportation of agricultural products.

The hurricanes have damaged barges operating on the Missouri River. According to Lance Hehner, financial officer at Farm Credit Services of America in Kearney, about 65 to 75 percent of grain from the Eastern Corn Belt is shipped down the Missouri River.

"There's not enough storage capacity," Hehner said. "There are not enough rail cars. Barges are backed up."

Farmers are forced to store mounds of corn and other products, such as soybeans and grain, in the external environment, leaving the products prone to the effects of weather damage.

Deborah Bridges, UNK Economics

Department chair and professor, said. "They have no other place to put it, so they're putting it on the ground until they can start to get things moving again."

"The ports themselves were not damaged severely. The problem is that there's no workforce, because

there was that mass evacuation," Bridges said. "And, a lot of the living space in New Orleans was destroyed, so there's not any place for the workers to come back to. Right now, it's actually getting the people back in so that they can do the work."

There's still a lot of last year's corn stored in elevators and farm bins, according to Darrell Mark, a University of

Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) marketing specialist.

Because supply is on the upside, demand is becoming stagnant. "Corn is half the price of what it was a couple years ago, \$1.41 from \$3," Hehner said.

Where to put grain from this fall's harvest is a major question, because movement of last year's grain is slowed, rerouted or backlogged. The tight storage situation "might force some farmers to take lower prices" for this fall's harvest, Mark said.

"A lower quality means they sell it for a lower price," Bridges said. "It

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Deborah Bridges  
UNK Economics Professor

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Photo by Kathlene Jordan



Photo by Rebecca Bunger

affects the income of farmers."

The hurricanes have also affected freight costs to harvest and transport grain. "All energy prices increased," Bridges said.

Because most farm equipment runs on diesel fuel, which currently ranges over \$1 per gallon more than gasoline, farmers are searching for ways to save money.

According to Bridges, some farmers are abstaining from the use of electric or propane driers to remove moisture from corn. They are waiting to see what will happen to energy prices. Some farmers are abstaining from buying new equipment as well.

"Rather than harvesting the grain

and then putting it in a dryer to remove excess moisture, farmers decided to leave it stand in the field until it reached the appropriate moisture content," Bridges said. "That was one way they reduced fuel usage." She said that farmers are postponing field work, such as cutting down corn stubble or disking cropland after harvest.

# Animal ID system an option

## NAVE system urges livestock owners in Nebraska to register livestock info

Kett Lutt  
Managing Editor

Nebraska's livestock owners now have the option of registering the locations and status of their cattle, poultry and other animals with the Nebraska Animal Verification Enhancement system, or NAVE.

The three-step system requires that each NAVE participant records his or her premises registration, animal identification and animal tracking information ([www.beef-mag.com](http://www.beef-mag.com)).

According to the article, "Hagel Applauds Nebraska's Animal ID Certification," published on Sept. 10, 2004 at [www.swnebr.net](http://www.swnebr.net), United States Senator Chuck Hagel praised the system. "This is an important first step in implementing a national animal identification system," Hagel said. "A national animal 'ID' program will help consumers in the U.S. and around the world have increased confidence in our food supply" ([www.swnebr.net](http://www.swnebr.net)).

Developed by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, NAVE began during the creation of the National Animal Identification System, or NAIS. According to the National Agriculture Law Center, the idea for an animal identification system originated in 2002 when 30 United States stakeholders proposed a "National Identification Work Plan."

Even more importance was placed on an identification system when bovine spongiform encephalopathy, also known as "BSE" or "mad cow disease," was found present in a cow in Moses Lake, Wash. on Dec. 9, 2003 ([www.nationalaglawcenter.com](http://www.nationalaglawcenter.com)).

The possible threat of livestock disease has urged many Nebraskans to identify their

livestock with the NAVE system.

"One of the biggest concerns for livestock owners in Nebraska is the spread of contagious diseases," Lori Potter, staff writer for the Kearney Hub and an agricultural beat reporter, said. "Mad cow disease, foot and mouth disease and the avian influenza can all infect livestock, to name a few." Potter added that careful handling of such diseases is important not only for the well-being of cattle, but also for human health and safety.

Some legal authorities and livestock owners believe the NAIS will face future problems. Confidentiality of livestock information is important to many owners of cattle and other animals. Allowing premises registration, animal identification and animal tracking to enter into a national system could allow opposing businesses to see an owner's information ([www.nationalaglawcenter.com](http://www.nationalaglawcenter.com)).

Government agencies and animal rights groups could also have access to such information if an identification system were fully integrated into the economy. The article, "The Mad Cow Cover-Up," on [goveg.com](http://goveg.com), a partner Web site of the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals organization, states: "... Instead of taking a firm stance to stop the spread of [mad cow disease], the government continues to put industry interests above public health concerns."

Another issue concerning the identification system is the country of origin labeling on beef. Potter said that many are questioning the labeling of all pieces of beef before import or export. "It's all a marketing issue," she said. "The demand for protein charts the emergence of an economy."

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# Plan spells danger for prairie dogs

Molly Albrecht  
Guest Writer

Despite court appeals over a U.S. Forest Service plan to manage prairie dogs, the state intends to move ahead with its own plan to poison the animals on private property, South Dakota Agriculture Secretary Larry Gabriel said in an article released by the Associated Press, or AP.

According to the article, six counties in South Dakota and Nebraska and several grazing groups are appealing a U.S. Forest Service proposal to manage the stocky, burrowing ground squirrels. They claim the proposal would not kill enough prairie dogs on federal land.

The South Dakota counties appealing are Custer, Fall River, Jackson and Pennington. The Nebraska counties are Dawes and Sioux.

The AP article said another appeal filed by seven wildlife conservation groups claims the Forest Service plan would kill too many prairie dogs and could

threaten endangered black-footed ferrets in Conata Basin. Prairie dogs are a main food source for the ferrets.

A regional forester in Denver is reviewing the appeals, and a decision is not expected until Nov. 15.

While the Forest Service has agreed to try and

## Photo by Rebecca Bunger

Recent decisions have been made by the U.S. Forest Service to control the population of prairie dogs on South Dakota farmland.



stop prairie dogs on national grasslands from moving out onto adjoining private land, its proposal does not include buffer zones that are as wide as the zones proposed by the state, Gabriel said in the AP article.

The state wants to poison prairie dogs in one-mile buffer zones on private land that is located next to federal property in an effort to stop prairie dog encroachment.

The Forest Service management plan calls for poisoning prairie dogs in half-mile buffer zones on federal land.

"But they did agree... that if the half-mile is not successful, it does not stop encroachment, they will do a special environmental assessment and then poison them back a mile in those cases where a half-mile was not successful," Gabriel told the AP. "We intend to hold them to that deal. It's paramount that we stop encroachment."

According to Gabriel, the appeals could delay poison-

ing on federal land for years.

"That concerns me. We want to get it done as soon as possible. Adjoining landowners need to have that control done," he said.

Plans are for the state to start poisoning this fall on private land that is next to public land where there is encroachment, Gabriel revealed in an article in South Dakota's Rapid City Journal.

"Prairie dogs are very social and intelligent creatures, and I hate to see them poisoned," Aaron Grow, a former UNK staff member and current South Dakota resident, said. "However, I can also see the ranchers' points of view. Prairie dogs can cause problems for cattle. Cattle sometimes step in the prairie dogs' holes and get hurt."

Gabriel called the issue complex. "Ranchers don't want prairie dog colonies on their property," he said in the Rapid City Journal article. "But some people think there ought to be more in part because they are a food-source for the endangered black-footed ferrets," he said.

Grow feels that prairie dogs are also part of the appeal of some

South Dakota attractions, such as Wind Cave National Park. "The prairie dogs are cute and smart, and near Wind Cave people will pull off the highway to take a closer look at them and try to photograph them," Grow said. "My girlfriend and I stopped once to do just that," he said.

However, Grow admitted that he has shot at the prairie dogs himself when they were becoming a nuisance on a neighboring rancher's land. Even so, Grow said he can see how people would want to protect the prairie dogs.

"They are part of an ecosystem that requires a delicate equilibrium. I think a balance needs to be struck between the interests of those who want to protect the prairie dogs and the interests of the ranchers," Grow said.

Gabriel said in the Rapid City Journal that balancing issues related to the prairie dogs and creating policies pertaining to them are extremely difficult. "I have said publicly and continue to say that this is probably one of the hardest issues that I have dealt with in my years of public service, because of those dynamically opposed views," he said.

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Aaron Grow  
South Dakota resident

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Matt Fisher  
Staff Writer

On Thursday October 27 2005, the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity hosted its annual haunted house at UNK. A night of, not only thrills and chills followed, but giving and charity as well.

Charging either \$2 or two cans of food for admission, all of the proceeds from the event went to the Kearney Jubilee Center. When the totals were counted up, the fraternity ended up earning \$315 and 350 cans of food, according to Chairman of the Halloween event, Trey Botts.

"The event went really great.

Everything was exciting, and went above and beyond what we had expected," said Botts. "We had a great turnout, and had more people show up than in the past two years."

The event, which ran from 6:30-10 p.m., was located at the University Residence North house and was decked out in holiday decorations and frights for horror lovers of all ages.

In attendance was UNK freshman majoring in finance, Caprice Miner. "The event was a lot of fun, and it was easy to see that everyone had put a lot of work into it. It made it even better that all of the proceeds went to charity," she said.

The fraternity, no strangers to vol-

unteering, have taken a part in a variety of on-campus events for charity, in addition to their haunted house.

"Some of our upcoming events are working with the Salvation Army doing bell ringing this November through Christmas, and we also have our Honey Sunday coming up as

well," Botts added.

Other contributions have included the Dr. Kent Estes Memorial Golf Tournament held this past April, which included 140 golfers, and helped raise \$8,000 for two scholarships in honor of Dr. Kent Estes.

## Do you believe?

Heather Berney  
Entertainment Editor/Layout Design

Two thousand years ago, the Celts celebrated their new year on Nov. 1. Celts believed that on the night before the New Year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred.

The Celts celebrated the holiday by burning crops and animals for sacrifice to those passed and dressed in costumes, usually made from animal heads and skins. They believed that on this day, the presence of spirits made it easier for the Druids, or Celtic priests, to predict the future. They looked to the spirits to guide them through the long, cold winter ahead, a time that usually marked many deaths.

In 2005, on Oct. 31, you hear this information as you watch "The Haunted History of Halloween," presented by the History Channel. Your little brother is dressed as a dragon and carefully preparing his pillowcase so it will hold more candy than his big sister's. You are dressing as a witch or a warlock, and getting ready for a Halloween party.

Expression of Halloween has seem-

ingly changed, but how much of the original ideology has remained intact? Some treat the holiday as a chance to simply dress as someone else and bob for apples. Others light candles and gather around a Ouija board, hoping to render something more than the costumes, fake blood and candy.

How seriously should the countless ghost stories be taken? Are we smarter than the Celts 2,000 years ago, or did they know something that we don't?

Roger Davis, faculty adviser for Phi Alpha Theta, said Halloween is a spiritual holiday, and the idea of considering life that has passed is an essential part.

"Certainly, conversation with the spirit world takes on different expressions. One spirit might be that of your beloved grandfather, but what if the uncle you didn't like shows up. Some spirits are good, some not so good. That's why some dress as angels, some as devils," Davis said.

Others remain skeptical of the potential presence of spirits passed.

Adam Brady, a UNK senior and president of Phi Alpha Theta said, "Halloween is only popular in 2005 because the costumes keep getting better and better. Kids want to be the character from their favorite cartoon or movie. It's a tradition that will never get old."



Photo courtesy of Cody Sasek

The haunted house hosted by Pi Kappa Alpha acquired 350 cans of food and \$315 which will be donated to the Kearney Jubilee Center.

Brady insists that any ghost stories he has heard should just be for fun and that he does not believe in evil spirits. He went on to explain that Halloween used to be about the dead, but now it is simply an excuse for children to have fun.

What's changed? Are we dressing up to win a costume contest or are we trying to blend in with the evil spirits?

Are the horror movies only make-believe or a reflection of actual events? Did the Ouija board just spell your name or was it the person next to you?

The debate between the believers of otherworldly spirits and nonbelievers will most assuredly continue and the second-highest grossing holiday doesn't appear to be waning at all.

# UNK pays homage to icons

Sheena Rader  
Staff Writer

What do an 18th century poet and a popular singer of the 60s and 70s have in common? This sounds like a difficult connection to make, but it was made apparent Wednesday during "An Evening with Walt Whitman and Bob Dylan" in the Fine Arts building at UNK.

Kate Benzel, UNK English professor, discussed the similarities of the 1860s and 1960s and how the poetry of Whitman influenced many musicians, including Bob Dylan. Americans were at war during both of these time periods, and there were many civil and human rights issues confronted.

Whitman's poetry portrayed freedom of sexuality which Dylan

incorporated into his own music. In reference to a poem written by Whitman entitled, "One

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**"There are no answers; just listen to the music and lyrics, and it will explain itself."**

Mike Adams  
Performer

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Hour to Madness and Joy," Andrew White, UNK assistant voice professor, said, "This shows an extroverted taste of joy and freedom.

"There was this stereotype of a 19th century poet being flowery or feminine, but Whitman was actually very masculine," White added. The theme to Whitman's poetry is freedom of expression and many believe that is what attracted many musicians to his work.

Benzel said, "A significant point about Whitman is he was the first American poet. He used an American voice and put it into his poetry. Dylan was very similar to this."

Katie Miller, music student from Elgin, opened the event by singing "As Adam Early in the Morning" and "O You Whom I Often and Silently Come," both written by Whitman.

Anne Foradori, UNK associate voice and opera professor, was the pianist for the evening and sang "Youth, Old Age and Night" by



Photo by Mika Arai

Andrew White, Assistant UNK Voice Professor, performs a Walt Whitman poem.

Whitman. She discussed how music was a major inspiration to Whitman's poetry, especially Italian opera.

Foradori said, "He used a lot of music vocabulary and instruments in his writing. He used a poet's content and a musician's form." She also discussed Whitman and his idea of "art singing" versus "heart singing".

White sang "To What You Said," "A Clear Midnight," and "Joy, Shipmate, Joy." He explained Whitman's piano techniques and how he could make sounds such as bells ringing and boats rocking.

In "Whispers of Heavenly Death," he used a technique where he would strum a string of the piano while holding a key down to portray the sound of whispers. White said, "The way he describes death is actually an inspiration."

Mike Adams impressed the audience with his talents of singing Dylan's music. He also played guitar and harmonica. He spoke about how Dylan's music really influenced him, especially in the 60s. Adams said, "There are no answers. Just listen to the music and lyrics, and it will explain itself."

Adams began listening to Dylan's music when he was very young. Dylan wrote songs about the Union and was inspired by Woody Guthrie. One of his first songs was a commercial success which allowed him to keep making music.

In 1965, Dylan began playing electric guitar with a band playing behind him. People expected just him and his acoustic guitar and harmonica. This upset

the folk purists, and he was booed constantly.

He was known as the "protest singer" even though he didn't call himself by that name. After two years, Dylan came back but was soon in a motorcycle accident.

"Dylan just wanted to do something different," Adams said. "He went off on his own and wrote lyrics that were more poetic and more mysterious while going away from social protest," Adams added. This was similar to what Whitman had done a century earlier.

Adams sang several of Dylan's hits including, "Hobo's Lullaby," "Blowin' in the Wind," and "One Too Many Mornings."



Photo by Mika Arai

UNK music student Katie Miler sang two Walt Whitman pieces.

# "Tater Salad" comes to Kearney

Derek Wakefield  
Staff Writer

They call him, "Tater Salad." Ron White made an appearance at the Kearney Events Center last Thurs. at 7:30 p.m. to perform "Drunk in Public." Armed with a cigar, a glass of whiskey and the microphone, White had the audience roaring with laughter throughout the night.

The evening started off with Rock 101.5 introducing the opening act, Robert Hawkins, and telling a little bit about the night and promoting the return of Rodney Carrington in January.

White's material had some obscene jokes and language and consisted mostly of past experiences or past shows that he has done. In one of his jokes he talked about a show he did for the military. He talked awhile about the many states of awareness.

"I think there should only be two states of awareness. Go find a helmet and put on the [expletive] helmet," White said.

White told many stories throughout the night, taking short breaks to light a cigar or take a sip of whiskey.

"I've got this nasty little attention deficit disorder that I treat with

scotch," White joked.

During White's routine, he told the audience that he was married to Barbara, an interior designer he met through Jeff Foxworthy. White said that it is important to marry someone you enjoy talking to because you are going to be with them for a long time.

White said that a woman can get breast enhancements, a tummy tuck, facial treatments and many other body modifications, but "you can't fix stupid. Stupid is forever. It doesn't go away naturally."

Throughout the routine, White tends to work his material off of personal experiences and refers to jokes that he has already told throughout the night.

After he was through telling his jokes, he left the stage and said that he had a fantastic audience, and ended up coming back for an encore. The jokes he told during his encore consisted of older material he has told on tour.

Just before White was getting ready to leave stage for his second time, he called up a group of girls who were holding a sign that said, "Ron's Kearney

girls think he is a big SPUD." He told them that he thought it said stud and thanked them. White said that Kearney was one of the best audiences he has ever had.

Antonio Diaz, a junior from North Platte, won his tickets in a silent auction on campus.

"Ron White was hilarious. Hawkins was funny for an opening act. I'm glad that Ron had some new material that I haven't heard from his other shows."



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Ron White "drunk in public"

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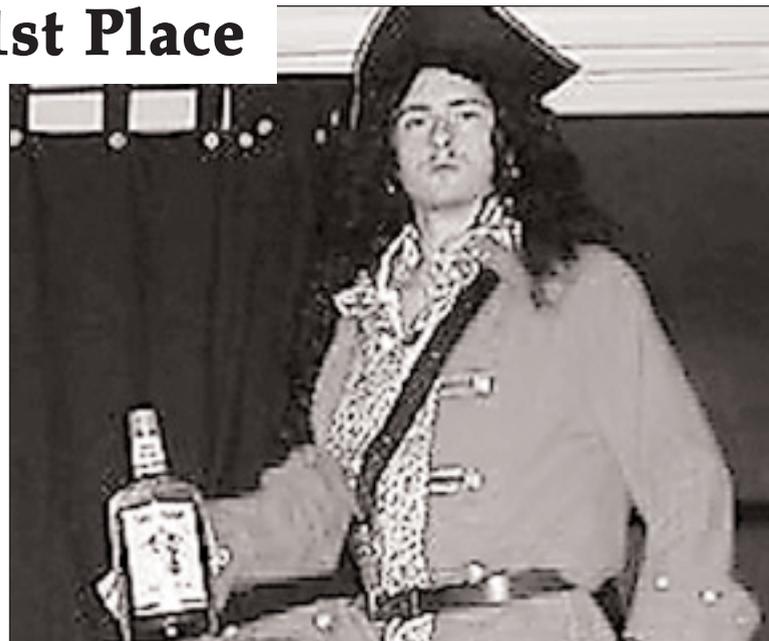
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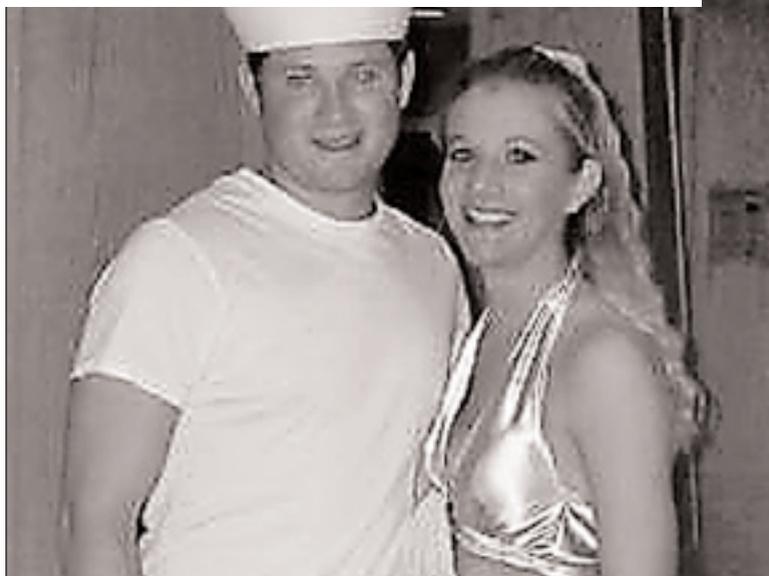
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# Sports

## No. 1 fans cheer on No. 1 team

Megan Kulhanek  
Staff Writer

In a hard-fought victory over UNO, the Loper volleyball team was cheered through the five-set-match by their loyal friends and fans.

The students of Section A17, Row 2 have been supporting the UNK volleyball team at every home game this season. The die-hards love to support their No. 1 team in Division II volleyball, and these fans will rearrange their schedules to make time for a home volleyball game.

Jason Gfeller, a freshman from Lincoln majoring in biology education, said he supports the team because he knows one of the players.

"I love the Lopers, and I want to see them go all the way this year," Gfeller said. "Sure, I'll be up until four in the morning doing my homework, but that's okay. It's worth it."

The victory over the Mavericks did not come easily. According to an athletic department news release, Erin Gudmundson had a match high of 18

Photo by Scott Anderson

Kelli Bunger, the No. 6 junior, outside hitter from Grand Island, helps pave another UNK victory.



kills, but a tough UNO team forced the Lopers to play a five-set match, something they had only done once before during this 2005 season.

The crowd on hand for the Loper victory was a season record 2,324 fans. Many UNK fans were in attendance, but the Mavericks' fans also came en masse to fill a section of the Health and Sports Center.

In the past, student support of Loper athletics dwindled.

Zach Ohlman, a sophomore from Wood River majoring in physical education, said, "I come because it's the place to be. We're trying to start a tradition. We need to get more student involvement, and it's nice to be a part of a loyal athletic support group."

Another "second row fan," Megan Rogers, a junior nursing student from Halsey, said, "I have always loved Loper athletics, especially volleyball. It's a nice way to relax and hang out with my friends."

Brandon Wright, a senior from Benedict majoring in secondary education, said, "This is the best program in Division II, and I want to support my friends and classmates."

Another group of loyal fans have also been present for every game this season. The wrestling team has supported the Loper volleyball team with cheers and costumes through every match.

"School spirit, baby!" Keenan McCurdy, a sophomore education major from Lincoln, yelled over the noise of the crowd.

Joe Ellenberger, a sophomore industrial distribution major from Omaha, said, "I'm in love with like half of [the team]. Also, they're all my friends, and UNK volleyball rocks!"



Photo by Scott Anderson

Lady Loper, No. 19 Erin Brosz, a senior, middle hitter from Grand Island, hits a ball in a Loper home match. The UNK Lopers are ranked No. 1 in DII.

McCurdy and Ellenberger attended the game in full volleyball attire - spandex shorts, kneepads and even long-haired wigs. McCurdy said he was dressed like his sister, senior defensive specialist Brett Haskell, and Ellenberger was cheering for the Lopers as junior, outside hitter Kelli Bunger.

Wrestling Coach Marc Bauer was also present to support the Lopers. Of the way his wrestlers were dressed, he said, "I know they get a little crazy sometimes, but it makes the atmosphere what it is. When they're not here, the crowd really misses them."

"It's all about school spirit. They support us, so we want to support them," Coach Bauer said. "When we go down to Fort Hays, half the crowd is students, and that's not always the case here."

The UNK volleyball team's No. 1 fans, both the wrestling team and the

students that make up Section A17, Row 2, have faithfully supported them here at home. The Lopers, in turn, have not lost a home game this season.

Last weekend the volleyball team traveled to Colorado to take on Metro State and Colorado Christian. With wins against both teams, the Lopers won the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference title.

During the game against Metro State, Gudmundson recorded her 2,000th career kill.

The Lopers are now 27-1 overall, and 17-0 in RMAC competition.

Tomorrow night, UNK will host Regis at 7 p.m. followed by a Saturday night match against Colorado Mines at 6 p.m. in the Health and Sports Center. On Monday, they will face Peru State at 7 p.m.

# America's new pastime?

## *Football grows in popularity in U.S.*

Chris Parks  
Staff Writer

The NFL gains popularity nearly every day. In fact, the NFL has gained so much of a following that many would be quick to call it America's new favorite pastime. Of course, baseball will always hold a special place in Americans' hearts, but the popularity of the NFL is hard to ignore.

Ratings were up this year for the World Series, but the best ratings of a World Series game are comparable to a regular season NFL game, and often times fall very short. This in itself is a pretty good measure of the NFL's popularity among the American public, but we'll leave the official ruling on America's current favorite pastime up to each individual.

Regardless of popularity, the NFL regular season is near the halfway point and plenty of interesting things have happened so far. From the undefeated record-breaking Indianapolis Colts to illicit sex cruises by some Minnesota Vikings, this NFL season has had it all. Some select Vikings took part in a sex cruise on Lake Minnetonka, and then followed that

impressive showing with another one in a 28-3 loss to the Chicago Bears.

Just as the Vikings seemed to save some grace with a win the next week over Green Bay, their season came tumbling down with a 38-13 loss to Carolina and the loss of quarterback Daunte Culpepper for the season and further due to a torn MCL, PCL and ACL.

Another team that has had many woes this season is the Houston Texans. They finally posted one in the "W" column this past weekend with a 19-16 win over the nearly-as-woeful Cleveland Browns.

The storybook team of this year so far is the Indianapolis Colts with their 7-0 record. Colts quarterback Peyton Manning and wide receiver Marvin Harrison have become the top combination for touchdowns in the history of the league, and they show no signs of slowing down soon.

Here is a look at who is leading each division at this point in the season:

NFC EAST: NY Giants: 5-2  
NFC NORTH: Chicago Bears: 4-3  
NFC SOUTH: Atlanta Falcons: 5-2  
NFC WEST: Seattle Seahawks: 5-2

AFC EAST:  
New England: 4-3

AFC NORTH:  
Cincinnati Bengals: 6-2

AFC SOUTH:  
Indianapolis Colts: 7-0

AFC WEST:  
Denver Broncos: 6-2

There is plenty of season left, so kept cheering away for your favorite team. There promises to be many more surprises.

# Hustler's Corner

Derek Miller  
Staff Columnists

After taking a week off, the Hustler is back. I'm ready to have a great week. Let's get to the action.

Last weekend was a quiet one for college football, but nonetheless the action was fast and furious. The biggest game of the weekend was played on Thursday night, as No. 3 Virginia Tech University continued to dominate and beat a good No. 13 Boston College team, 30-10.

Virginia Tech is still undefeated, but will need some help from the University of Texas or the University of Southern California. If Texas and USC run the table, Virginia Tech will be on the outside looking in.

The No. 16 University of Florida Gators beat their archrival the No. 4 University of Georgia Bulldogs, 14-10.

Florida scored two first-quarter touchdowns, which proved to be the difference in the World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party. USC and Texas continued to roll as they both stayed on track to meet in the Rose Bowl for the national championship.

In the NFL, the Denver Broncos continued their winning ways as they took the Philadelphia Eagles out behind the woodshed and rolled, 49-21.

The San Diego Chargers might be the best 4-4 team in NFL history as they got back into the race beating the Kansas City Chiefs, 28-20. Carolina continued to play well as

they clobbered the hapless Minnesota Vikings, and the Green Bay Packers fell to 1-6 with a loss at Cincinnati. Ouch!

Let's get to my predictions:

- In college football, the No. 3 Virginia Tech Hokies will beat a very tough No. 5 University of Miami squad, in Blacksburg, Va., 17-14.

- The No. 10 Penn State University Nittany Lions will continue their winning ways at home and beat the No. 14 University of Wisconsin Badgers, 31-30.

- No. 25 Colorado University will beat Missouri University in Boulder, 41-24.

- Finally in an upset special that hasn't happened in 35 years or so, I like Kansas University to knock off the mighty Nebraska Cornhuskers in Lawrence, 13-10. This game is going to have about 200 yards of offense total. Real exciting stuff.

In the NFL this week:

- I like the Washington Redskins to bounce back from a complete meltdown against the Giants and beat the Philadelphia Eagles in D.C., 27-21.

- I like the Carolina Panthers to go on the road and beat a banged up Tampa Bay team, 24-21.

- The Kansas City Chiefs are going to get by a hot Oakland club, taking this one, 34-24, in Kansas City.

- Finally, in the Monday Nighter, Peyton Manning will get over the hump and beat his arch nemesis, the New England Patriots, 30-21. If the Colts don't do it this time, they never will.

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# Race to the top boils down



Ben Goetz, Brandon Wright  
Guests Columnists

The days are growing shorter, the leaves are falling off the trees and everybody's favorite collegiate sports season is heating up. No, we're not talking about water polo.

The race for the national championship is down to only a few teams, but the battles for conference superiority are still raging. This week, we'll give you our thoughts on the conference races, as well as the Bowl Championship Series.

**Atlantic Coast Conference:** The two dominant teams all year in the ACC have been the University of Miami Hurricanes and the Frank

Beamer-led Hokies of Virginia Tech. Florida State University leads the Atlantic Division of the ACC, and is looking forward to a championship game showdown with whoever survives the Miami-Virginia Tech battle.

We're picking the Hokies to gobble up a win against the culturally insensitive Hurricanes, and gain the automatic BCS berth.

**Big East:** They're still a major conference? West Virginia University is the only team in the Top 25, and holds a slight edge over the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers, who lost to the Mountaineers, 27-14, earlier this year. Despite being the birthplace of college football, Rutgers doesn't have enough weapons to claim the conference crown. West Virginia is an easy pick here.

**Southeastern Conference:** Based on this conference's lack of offensive output this year, we're predicting the title game to be a 3-2 thriller. The teams involved, however, are harder to pick. A resurgent University of Alabama Crimson Tide is undefeated,

but must face Louisiana State University and go on the road against traditional rival Auburn University. The University of Georgia still leads the East Division, despite a loss to the University of Florida, and gets quarterback D.J. Shockley back next week. We're taking the Bulldogs over LSU in the Georgia Dome the first week of December.

**Big Ten:** The pivotal match up here is the University of Wisconsin at Penn State University this weekend. Ohio State University still has a shot, but will need to beat the University of Michigan and have some help from the Wisconsin Badgers, as Penn State owns the tiebreaker. The Michigan Wolverines are probably out of it, with two conference losses. We like Penn State, both at home in Happy Valley over Wisconsin, and to take the Big Ten's automatic berth.

**Big Twelve:** The University of Texas. Seriously, do you think anyone from the North is going to beat them?

**Pacific-10:** Despite the University of Southern California's match ups

with No. 21 University of California and No. 23 Fresno State University, this race will come down to the USC-University of California-Los Angeles game on Dec. 3. The USC Trojans are winners of 30 in a row and the last two national championships, but we're taking Drew Olson and the Bruins in the upset special of the year. Ballroom dancing won't help Matt Leinart here, as UCLA claims the final automatic BCS spot.

Stay tuned for our final BCS projections in the weeks ahead.

UNK athletics are active this weekend, with Harlon Hill Trophy finalist Richie Ross and the Loper football team facing the Mavericks of Mesa State in a game that could clinch both the RMAC title and a NCAA playoff berth.

Loper volleyball is also at home this weekend with matches against Regis and Colorado Mines, and a Monday night tune-up for conference play against the Bobcats of in-state rival Peru State. As always, see you at the game.

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## Lopers tame Tigers in final match up

Darnell Wood  
Staff Writer

The UNK Loper football team returned to dominance on offense beating Fort Hays State, 54-20, while gaining 533 yards of total offense.

The offense, which is ranked ninth in the nation, rebounded from back-to-back poor performances.

Quarterback Marcus Goldenstein of Gretna threw for 280 yards on 21 completions and four touchdowns, breaking Pat Korth's record for completions in a season of 208 and Justin Coleman's record for touchdown passes in a season at 29. His favorite two targets, wide receiver Richie Ross of Lincoln and Kyle Rupp of North Platte, combined for 13 catches for 206 yards and three touchdowns.

Ross caught six balls for 139 yards and two touchdowns. He is currently ranked second all-time in career

receiving yards at 4,616, fifth in touchdown receptions at 47 and eighth in receptions at 267.

The defensive side seemed a little more intense after the upset last week. Although the Tiger's had 306 yards of total offense, most of the damage came after the starters were out in the second half.

The defense forced three turnover's getting interceptions from Byrone Bell from Denver, Colo., and Russ Trujillo, also of Denver. Trujillo made due with his interception returning it 27 yards for a touchdown.

The win ties head coach Darrell Morris for fourth on the UNK coaches list. He recorded his 42nd victory on Saturday and would like to make it 43 against the visiting Mesa State Mavericks to end the regular season.

This is the last match between the Tigers and the Lopers in the RMAC because Hays is moving to the NIAA next year.

# One season down, one to go

**Brittany Johnson**  
Staff Writer

The men's and women's tennis teams at UNK completed the fall season and are getting ready to start practicing again the second week of January.

The team has not had much chance at competitions, but Head Coach Jesse Plote had the chance to evaluate his

team and consider what the spring season might be like.

"We are a very young team with a lot of potential for the spring season. We have a lot of really hard workers," Plote said regarding the women's team.

He said the women's team might have some new players in the spring, therefore it is hard to tell exactly how the team will perform, but the potential is there.

Regarding the men's team, Plote said, "The boys have a strong team, but they have a lot of work to do."

Winning the RMAC championship title for the first time ever last year, the team has high expectations to live up to. Though this could be seen as a challenge, many of the strong players remain on the team this season and can assist in leading the team to another title.

Mike Saniuk, a team manager and

former player, said, "After watching the guys team play in the fall and seeing how focused they were, it is very exciting to think of the potential they have for the spring season."

Only time will tell how the Lopers will end up when the spring season is here. As the time comes closer the teams just continue to train and practice to strive for another RMAC championship title.

## Golf ends

**Brittany Johnson**  
Staff Writer

### Women's Golf

Finishing in the top two four out of five times, the UNK women's golf team wraps up their 2005 season.

Head Coach Mark Brosamle said, "Overall, I'm pretty pleased with how well we did."

At the team's second tournament in Alamosa, Colo., the women took first place to gain the title of RMAC champions. Brosamle said this tournament was the highlight of the season, but not the only time that the women showed great skill.

On both a team and individual level, the women saw great success.

Kami Hehn, a sophomore from Clear Lake, S.D., performed well throughout the season. Brosamle said Hehn had the best average overall, and she was the low scorer at most of the competitions.

### Men's Golf

The men's golf team at UNK had less success this fall than the team would have liked.

The team was made up of seven individuals - Andy Bednar, Wes Bernt, Preston Foster, Chad Freudenburg, Mark Moller, Matt Jarosz and Blake Sloan.

The players placed seventh in the Northwest Regional Competition, fifth in the RMAC tournament, sixth at the Minnesota State-Mankato Invitational and eighth in the Air force Academy J.V. Invitational.

Head Coach Dick Beechner said, "We would have liked to have done better in the fall. We are going to have to do good in the spring if we want to make it to the Super Regional Golf Tournament."

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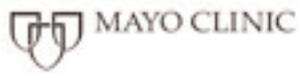
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