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Nov. 13 Suits and Boots Tour sold out

KORI HIXSON
Antelope Staff

CMT on Tour with Brett Eldredge & Thomas Rhett will rock a sold-out crowd at the Viaero Event Center on Nov. 13

With their Suits and Boots Tour, these two performers will combine their high-energy sets that keep fans on the edge of their seats, starting with a coin toss to determine who performs first.

Reps of the Viaero Event Center are very excited to host these outstanding performing artists, some of whom have taken the stage in previous years. Monte Dakan, president of the Viaero Event Center says, "We are excited to have Thomas Rhett back in the building, this will be his third time at the Viaero Event Center. It is always nice to see artists come here as an opening act and return here as a headliner at the top of the charts."

The Viaero will also be hosting "So You Think You Can Dance" Season 12

Tour on Dec. 5, which should be a very exciting show for those in attendance. More information can be found on their website <http://www.kenneyevents.com/> or by calling 308.338.8144.

Meet the Artists:

Just 19 years old, Danielle Bradbery has earned her way into the national spotlight with a mix of iTunes Country Chart-topping hits following her time on Season 4 of "The Voice," when she became the youngest and highest-selling artist in the show's history. Bradbery will be the opener for the show this Friday.

Rhett's career steady since 2010

Thomas Rhett, Georgia native and son of award-winning country artist Rhett



Courtesy

Brett Eldredge and Thomas Rhett will play Nov. 13 at the Viaero Event Center, following opener Danielle Bradbery.

Akins, landed his first publishing deal with EMI just two years into his college career. He landed the song "I Ain't Ready to Quit" on fellow country star Jason Aldean's 2010 release, "My Kind of Party."

Rhett's style of music is a

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PLAY IT FORWARD

Donate your Loper gear

MARIA PICKERING
Antelope Staff

Come support UNK Student Government's Second Annual Play it Forward event on Friday, Nov. 13 during the UNK volleyball game against Southwest Baptist at 7 p.m.

Donate your Loper gear for a good cause – this year the Student Government is donating Loper gear to the Arc of Buffalo County.

Student Government representative Landon Killion said, "Play it Forward is all about giving back to such a vital support system for the Lopers. The purpose of the event is to say thank you to those individuals from the Arc of Buffalo County on behalf of the Student Government and the UNK Athletic Department. Donating the Loper gear is just another way that anyone can help #gearuptheArc."

If interested, bring Loper gear donations to the UNK volleyball game where there will be donation bins at the gym door entrances.

Cheer on your favorite teams from Student Government's volleyball tournament held Nov. 10 between the second and third sets of the game. There will be a champion round to decide the winner.

If unable to attend the event, there will be donation bins located at the Student Union welcome desk all week.

For more information and questions about Loper gear donations and Play it Forward, contact Landon Killion at killionlg@lopers.unk.edu or (402)-366-1604.

New West Sports Medicine, UNK extend partnership

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New West Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Surgery has extended its partnership with the University of Nebraska at Kearney Department of Intercollegiate Athletics as part of a new five-year agreement valued at more than \$1 million in financial support and service to Loper student-athletes.

"We are very excited to continue our long-time partnerships," said Dr. Heber Crockett of New West.

The deal, which runs from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2020, provides increased support to Loper Athletics through a sponsorship agreement and funds given to the

University of Nebraska Foundation, which will help fund student-athlete scholarships, support facility enhancements and assist with positions in the department.



DAN SLAWSKI

"We are so thankful to the entire staff at New West, especially Dr. Daniel Slawski. He initiated this partnership and we have tremendous gratitude to him for being a great supporter of Loper Athletics," UNK Director of Athletics Paul Plinske said.

Slawski, founder and longtime president of New West, was the 2015 recipient of the Cope Cornerstone of Excellence for his contributions to UNK and the Kearney



NOLAN MAY

community. Slawski is retiring at the end of the year, and Dr. Nolan May is replacing him as UNK's team physician.

"We are honored that Dr. Crockett and the New West staff have agreed to continue on this path with us," Plinske added. "Their support will help us continue to serve our student-athletes at a high level, but also stay the course in our progression with scholarship and facility growth."

New West, whose physicians serve

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Cope Leadership Program nurtures student leaders

UNK COMMUNICATIONS

The new Cope Student Leadership Program at the University of Nebraska at Kearney aims to develop new leaders in business, public policy and non-profit organizations.



RON COPE

“The focus of this program is on identifying and nurturing student leaders, and upon their graduation we expect they’ll have a significant impact as leaders in their field,” said Timothy Burkink, dean of the Department of Business and Technology.

The goal of the program, created to honor the memory of the leadership and generosity of Ron and Carol Cope, is to recruit and develop future business and community leaders. Ron and Carol Cope were longtime Kearney residents and philanthropists who donated millions of dollars to UNK and other community organizations.

“It’s a testament to the great legacy of Ron and Carol Cope. They targeted this support to students in the College of Business and Technology and other departments at UNK who are high academic achievers but also have potential to develop into leaders,” Burkink said.

Each year, four new students will be admitted to the program – two as Cope Business Leaders and two as Cope Community Leaders. They will receive an annual award of \$4,000 that will be applied to their tuition, fees and books. Students will live in the Honors Program learning community at least for their first year. This will surround them with high-ability students and immerse them in an active environment.

Students in the Cope Student Leadership Program are required to take a three credit hour course in leadership during their first two years. They also are required to complete an internship – Business Leader students will work through the College of Business and Technology internship office to identify

a qualifying internship, and Community Leader students will complete internships either in government, political or non-profit organization offices.

Students are expected to be active volunteers, including participation in the annual Walk in the Copes’ Shoes event honoring the legacy of the Copes. Students will be encouraged to consider a study abroad experience.

To be eligible, students must be admitted to UNK as first-time freshmen, have an ACT of 27 or higher, rank in the top 20 percent of their class and declare a major in the College of Business and Technology or declare a major in sociology, political science or communication. Students apply in the spring to be admitted into the program in the fall.

Ron and Carol Cope provided support to the University of Nebraska for more than 50 years. Their many contributions include support for construction of the Ron and Carol Cope Nebraska Safety Center at UNK and an endowment to provide it annual support. They also established an endowment for the UNK Alumni Association for support of alumni programs and established student scholarship funds, including ones that annually benefit music students at UNK and University of Nebraska-Lincoln. They were longtime supporters of UNK’s athletics programs and provided major support for renovation and expansion of Cope Stadium in 2005.

Carol Cope earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Nebraska. She taught music in North Platte and Lincoln before moving to California where she was a professional accompanist while completing a master’s degree from UCLA. She died on her 103rd birthday on Sept. 13, 2012.

The Copes operated Claussens Shoes and Famous Shoe Stores for 30 years. They made their fortune by investing in farmland and early Berkshire-Hathaway stock. Ron Cope was elected to the Nebraska Legislature in 1974. He died in 1992.



CAROL COPE

Songs of strife in wartime

Haberman to present Civil War historical recital Nov. 14

LAURIE VENTEICHER

Assistant Editor/Copy Editor

The year is 1850. The tension between the North and South is steadily rising. Soon, there will be war, lives will be lost and consequences will be felt.

In reality, the year is 2015. However, fifth-year undergraduate Gabriel Haberman hopes to take audience members back in time to the American Civil War era during his senior vocal lecture recital Saturday, Nov. 14 at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building recital hall.

Following preparations beginning in spring 2015, the Wahoo music education major will perform 12 choral songs relating to the Civil War. The composition dates span from 1850-1870, giving the audience a taste of both before and after the terrible battles.

“Dr. Foradori introduced the idea of a Civil War lecture recital to me last semester,” Haberman said. “I was immediately 100 percent on board with her idea. I love everything about that era.”

Haberman said, “And besides, every music student that comes to college here learns about the music of Europe, so why not teach the music of America?”

Along with seven other singers, Haberman will perform one prelude, two songs of patriotism, four songs from the

battlefield, two songs from the home front, two songs of nostalgia and one postlude. Each song will feature a different soloist, as the rest of the octet becomes the chorus.

After spending months rehearsing, Haberman’s favorite piece is “Poor Kitty Popcorn” by Henry Clay Work. He feels it is a brilliant song of nostalgia telling a story that appeals to the humanity of United States citizens. The singers also have the chance “to be a little melodramatic in the piece,” Haberman said.

“But ‘Bonnie Blue Flag’ is also fun because it has dancing,” Haberman said. “That was definitely an impulse moment. Since this song is based on an Irish song, I wanted to make it more than just having the singers stand there. Plus, it was always fitting during the war that a group of singers – and dancers – would perform for the troops.”

Dr. Marilyn Musick, a piano and organ professor at the University of Nebraska at Kearney and accompanist for this recital, said working with Haberman and his singers has been very enjoyable.

“There has been a spirit of comradery amidst the group, and I believe everyone has taken some ownership in the success of the project. Gabriel has been a joy to work with. He has clearly done his homework in studying the background of each of the pieces, and in placing them in the context of

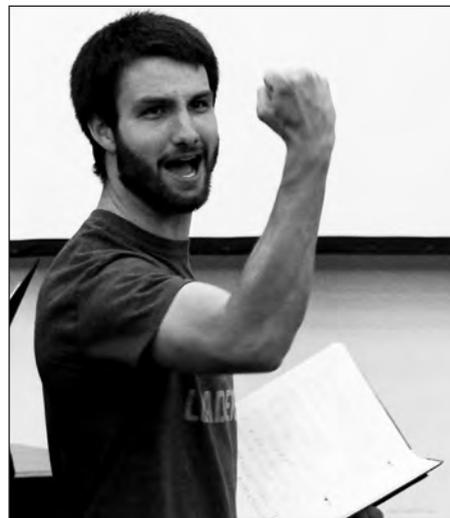


Photo by Laurie Venteicher

Wahoo fifth-year music education major Gabriel Haberman will present his historical Civil War lecture recital on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building recital hall. Everyone is welcome.

the era from which they came. In addition, he has done a good job in choosing singers for the group who create a nicely blended ensemble,” she said.

With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, “The Vacant Chair” seems especially meaningful, Dr. Musick said. “My father fought for America in World War II, and he talked about his experiences frequently. Yet, the sacrifices he made have become more meaningful to me in the past month or so as we have been preparing this

music. My hope is that each person in the audience will experience a new awakening of what America’s soldiers have done for them,” she said.

Haberman said he is grateful for the time Dr. Musick and the other singers have spent preparing for his recital.

“Dr. Musick has been nothing short of fantastic as far as her playing, understanding and flexibility. The other singers are doing everything I ask of them and seek help with their solos from Dr. Foradori. They all have invested more time than I would have anticipated, and I appreciate that very much,” he said.

Choosing UNK as a high school senior, Haberman feels he has developed musically since then.

“I have been under the instruction of three different teachers for trumpet and voice, and they have pushed me to become the best musician that I could possibly be. My music career does not end here, and they have definitely set me up for success.”

Both Haberman and Dr. Musick hope the audience develops a deeper appreciation for the military and how the Civil War in particular influenced aspects of American life.

“I am very excited for this recital and hope that many people can attend. I would also like to give a special thanks to UNK’s undergraduate research program for helping fund part of the research that made this recital possible,” he said.

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Amateur drag show draws animated crowd

Queer Straight Alliance hosts music bumping, audience cheering amateur drag show Nov. 5

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The Queer Straight Alliance (QSA) impressed the UNK community once again with an entertaining amateur drag show. The lights, makeup, dancing, lip-syncing

and humorous remarks from the emcee kept the crowd engaged.

Students and community members extended dollar bills, clapped loudly, raised their hands in the air and cheered for performers who took the stage.

Anyone who sat outside the Ponderosa

Room in the Nebraskan Student Union could hear the music bumping and the audience cheering.

Ashton M. Principle returned to emcee for the second time. He has won titles such as Mr. Fire and Brimstone and Mr. Gay Southern Elegance United States. Principle's hometown is Kearney, and he said he was very excited to be back.

Other performers invited by the QSA were Anastacia Storm and Anita Lotacox.

Anastacia Storm is the current Miss Fresh Fish Sioux City and was a former Miss Drag Suicide. She also is the reigning Mr. Great Plains Unlimited when she performs as male entertainer, Skylar Storm. Storm graduated from Kearney High School and was also a member of QSA.

Anita Lotacox has two years of experience doing drag shows and won her first title as Drag Suicide 2013. She also won Miss Fire and Brimstone 2014.

Grant Pearce, a member of QSA, an organization part of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, has taken charge of the amateur drag show for the past three years.

"The amateur show is very easy to do compared to the professional one, which will be in April. What we do is we find students and other members who want to perform. After that, we host a pre-drag night where the performers can practice their makeup, dancing and talk about outfits. Then we book the room and DJ," Pearce said.

He said he enjoys seeing posts and hearing people talk about the event for the next week. To him it means that QSA put on a fantastic show.

Pearce said he wants people to leave with a positive view of LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer) culture. He wants the general public to know that they are friendly and like to have a good time and just to be accepted. "We are just normal people. Drag is just a small portion of the LGBTQ culture," Pearce said.

The amateur drag show was a great time for members of the organization and others to perform. Sophomore nursing



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Photos by Keyli Aldana

1. Ashton M. Principle pumped up the crowd as a MC during the amateur drag show. His humorous behavior created a fun environment for the audience.

2. Anita Lotacox collects dollar bills that spectators were eager to give her during her time on stage.

major Bella Garcia from Lexington was one of the many students who attended the drag show. "I've been to a drag show before and enjoyed it, so I went again and took a couple friends along," she said.

The atmosphere of the show reminded others they can be free-spirited and not care about what anyone thinks. "It was a place where you could be open minded and just have a good time with friends," Garcia said. She added that she would recommend anyone who hasn't gone to a drag show to at least get the experience of attending one.

The Queer Straight Alliance will host a professional drag show in April.



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Other Daily Specials

Locks of love

One giving student donates 10 inches of hair

KIRSTY DUNBAR
Antelope Staff

The first annual Locks of Love “cut-a-thon” was held at the UNK Health and Sports Center on Wednesday Nov. 4. Junior Kylee Placke, a business management major from Johnstown, Colorado, and senior Miranda Ward, a business management major from Superior, organized the event. They presented the idea to the UNK intramurals staff, who agreed to help host.

Locks of Love is a national, public non-profit organization that provides wigs for children under the age of 21 who suffer from long-term medical hair loss. In order to create wigs, the organization needs around six to eight ponytails of hair for each one. Each donation must meet a minimum requirement of 10 inches.

“A teacher at my high school in Colorado would host the event every other year,” Placke said. She was inspired by her teacher’s involvement with the organization and wanted to start it at her work and college.

Sheila Riener from Bang Salon donated her time to cut donors’ hair. Those who donated received a free haircut and T-shirt in return.

Although the turnout this year was not what Placke had hoped for, she hopes to bring in more people willing to donate and inspire more students and community members to become involved in diversity activities.

“It is an event that speaks to people. Having them come is half the battle,” Placke said.



Photos by Ru Meng

1. Miranda Ward, a senior business management major from Superior, and local hair stylist Sheila Riener from Bang Salon use the ruler to measure Ortiz’s hair in order to get 10-inches hair to meet the requirement of Locks of Love on Wednesday, Nov. 4 on the upper level of the south side of the basketball court.

2. Kylee Placke, a junior business management major from Johnstown, Colorado, helps Vanessa Ortiz complete the waiver and release of liability for the UNK Intramurals Locks of Love Event before she is able to cut her hair and donate it to the Locks of Love on Wednesday, Nov. 4.

3. The hair stylist Sheila Riener from Bang Salon styles Vanessa Ortiz’s hair after her hair is cut.

4. Vanessa Ortiz has her hair cut, while her friends take pictures of her to remember the moment that she shared her love to people who suffer from long-term medical hair loss.



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One last shot for Bolling

Heartbreaking defeat fresh in memory, senior wrestler determined to finish strong

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Antelope Sports

Temperatures are dropping and leaves are falling. For most people this marks the beginning of the holiday season, but for some this marks the beginning of something much better: wrestling season.

For senior wrestler Connor Bolling, this season marks his last opportunity to competitively step out on a mat and achieve the same goal he's had since stepping on UNK campus in the fall of 2012 —individual and team national championships.

Wrestling has been an important part of Bolling's life since he could walk. He said, "I got involved when I was three because my dad was a wrestling coach. I always grew up with it in my life."

He says he played other sports as a kid, but always knew wrestling was his true passion.

"I did every sport you could think of until middle school and high school. My favorite thing about wrestling is when you lose, it's only your fault. You can't blame anyone else but yourself."

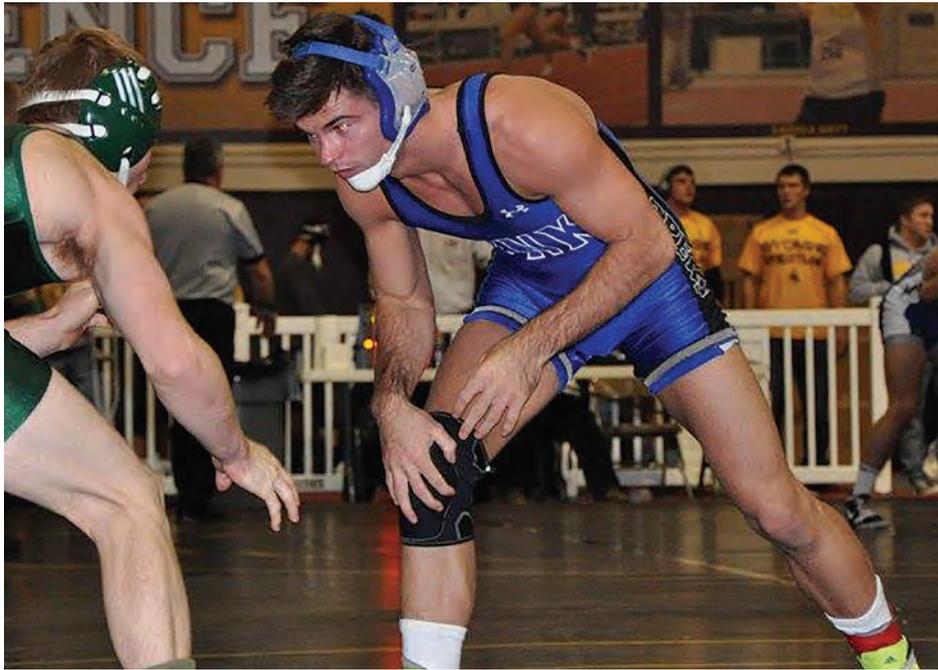
At last year's NCAA Wrestling Tournament, after winning his first match Bolling was poised to achieve his goal. However, with a lead and about eight seconds left in the match, Bolling was taken down, put on his back and defeated — a heartbreaking defeat.

However, this could be the best thing to happen, Bolling says. He has kept a positive attitude and learned from it. "I learned a lesson I will never forget, and that is to finish a match!"

And for Bolling this feeling of defeat is fresh in his memory.

Last year's NCAA tournament added fuel to the fire. "I've always been very motivated, but with this being my last season, it definitely is extra motivation as well as how last season ended."

Bolling is not shy about the big goals



UNK Wrestling Facebook

Senior Connor Bolling sizes up his opponent last Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Wyoming Cowboy Open. The Loper wrestling squad is back in action on Sunday at the Harold Nichols Cyclone open.

he has set for himself this season.

"I have very big goals, and I want to accomplish them. My goals are to win a national title as a team and individually."

These goals are very big, but not unrealistic. He is currently ranked seventh at 125 pounds in the 2015-2016 preseason Wrestling Coaches Association Division II poll.

"My expectations are the same as Connor's," said associate head wrestling coach Dalton Jensen. "He has high expectations of being a national champion this year, and I think he has proven that he is capable of doing that. It's just a matter of continuing to do what he's doing and taking care of himself, and it can definitely happen for him at the end of the year."

Bolling's goal of winning a team national title is very realistic as well. The Loper wrestling team won a national title his freshman year, but had to settle as runner-up his during the following two years.

The team is now right back where they left off at the end of last season. They are currently ranked second in the nation in the

2015-2016 preseason Wrestling Coaches Association Division II Top 20 poll, behind only Maryville University from St. Louis.

By second semester, UNK's starting lineup could include two-time national champions: Romero Cotton (197 pounds) and Daniel DeShazer (133 pounds).

The lineup could also consist of: 2015 All-Americans Devin Aguirre (165 pounds), Destin McCauley (149 pounds) and Keith Surber (141 pounds), 2013 All American Chase White (157 pounds) and 2012 All-American Kevin Barrett (285 pounds).

So now, as the temperature drops and leaves fall, Bolling is completely focused on his goals and what it will take to achieve them.

"I'm excited about this season. Everything I have worked for comes down to this year," he said.

Coach Jensen believes Bolling is doing what it takes to be a national champion.

"Connor is very mature and driven in his training. He has high expectations for himself; therefore, he set high standards in his training."

Whether or not Bolling achieves his goals come March, wrestling will always be a major part of his life. He plans on being a PE teacher and a wrestling coach after he graduates.

That job that will fit him perfectly, says Coach Jensen.

"Connor has very much become a leader by example in our room. Our younger guys definitely look up to him and try to aspire to what he's trying to do. He works well talking with younger guys individually on what it takes to be successful at this level because he's figured it out himself."

For now Bolling wants nothing more than to finish his wrestling career at UNK with a team national championship, and to take full advantage of his one last shot to get a national title of his own.

Q&A with Connor

Q: Favorite food?

A: Crab Legs

Q: Favorite movie?

A: "Never Back Down"

Q: Favorite musical Artist?

A: Justin Bieber

Q: What do you normally do in your free time?

A: Hang out with friends and play PlayStation

Q: What is your favorite sport to watch other than wrestling?

A: Basketball

Q: Do you have a favorite wrestling memory?

A: Winning nationals my freshman year

Q: Favorite part about being on the UNK wrestling team?

A: Being able to hangout with my brothers everyday



Photo By Mackenzie Crowder

About Danyell:

Age: 22

Class: Senior

Major: Sports administration

Minor: Advertising and public relations

Hometown: Elm Creek

Indoor Statistics

Weight Throw: 17.53 meters

Shot Put: 12.43 meters

Outdoor Statistics

Hammer Throw:

58.53 meters

Discus: 44.48 meters

"I have never regretted or second guessed my decision to attend UNK."

— Danyell Coons

"If you rest, you rust, and you fall behind," says Coons.

Coons *aims* for records

MACKENZIE CROWDER

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She steps into the ring, the implement is heavy but she pays no attention. Focusing on her first movements, she swings the hammer around her head one, two, three and the fourth wind projects her into a spin. Hit, hit, hit and hit, with explosion she releases and the hammer flies farther than it ever has before.

Danyell Coons is a senior on the UNK Track and Field team and for four years she has worked toward one goal: to be the best thrower she can possibly be and to break records in the process.

K. Dane Tobey, the UNK Throwing Coach says, "She has grown so much. She is very confident, she is competitive and she is fierce. Dani is a leader, she has a vision and she does her part for that



Courtesy photo by Katie Bower Photography

Danyell Coons has passion for what she does and she does her best to bring it all at every practice and track meet. The UNK throwing coach, K. Dane Tobey said, "You can't replace a girl like her. Our younger throwers are going to develop and throw far as well, but she is a special teammate as well as an extraordinary athlete."



My dad really motivated me and kept the passion for sports alive in me, even when I wanted to quit track my freshman year of high school.



— Danyell Coons

to happen."

Coons has moved her way up through the rankings on the UNK Top Ten Indoor and Outdoor lists. She is currently No. 2 in both the weight throw and the hammer throw. In the weight and hammer throw, she is about two feet and four inches away from breaking both of the records.

"Staying active and in shape in the off season is one of the best things a thrower can do, because if

you rest, you rust, and you fall behind," is Coons' game plan for the season.

Coons also hopes to return to the MIAA National Championships this year in Tampa, Florida, to finish what she started last year and move up in the rankings.

While building up her competitiveness and drive, Coons holds a key quality in being a teammate and leader. Her coach, K. Dane Tobey said, "Dani leads by example as well as passionately. She holds her teammates accountable, so there is no room for slacking herself."

Coons says she prides herself on how she can use her own experiences to inspire her teammates and keep them motivated, "I know my teammates trust me and that is a huge part of getting the team to be one unit."

Coons doesn't only focus on bringing the throwers together. She believes everyone within the track and field team should be one big family, and she does her best to motivate and bring all the athletes together.

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Catch a Track Meet

Charlie Foster Pre-Holiday Classic

• December 12, 2015

Leading by example

Meaghan Pasbrig shines as a collegiate athlete 'team leader'

“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”

— Meaghan Pasbrig

DAVID MUELLER
Antelope Staff

Seventeen years is a long time to devote time and effort to one specific activity.

For UNK’s senior Meaghan Pasbrig, soccer has inspired that much commitment. Pasbrig, a native of Chandler, Arizona, transferred to UNK after her freshman season at the University of Nevada - Las Vegas to pursue her hunger for soccer.

Her parents moved to York when she was a senior in high school, so staying close to her family played a pivotal role in her transition to UNK.

“I came from a bigger city. So I was unsure how it was going to be living in a smaller town. I always thought of Nebraska being pretty boring and corn everywhere, but it’s been great so far.”

Upon her arrival, it didn’t take long for her to mold into a vital role on the squad. She says a positive environment made it easy for her to fit right in with the team.

“Our coach does everything he can for us. He makes coffee for us before games to make sure we’re awake. Teammates – we all get along really well,” Pasbrig said. “Before games, in the locker room we dance, and we’re singing. We go kind of crazy. It’s a really good coach-player atmosphere.”

Women’s soccer coach John Maessner praised Pasbrig for her passion toward the game.

“It has been a pleasure coaching and getting to know Meaghan. She is a passionate player that is very serious about

the game, and that passion is contagious and sets a great example for all of our players,” he said.

With Pasbrig’s first year at UNK came a lot of action. The political science major saw eight starts and appeared in a total of 16 games. The Lopers qualified for the MIAA tournament that year, and faced off against Washburn University, a game that required a shootout to crown a victor.

Although UNK fell to the Ichabods in a tight first-round battle, Pasbrig said making the tournament has been her most memorable moment with the Lopers.

Pasbrig’s presence has been influential to the Lopers’ soccer program. Along with her athleticism on the field, Pasbrig’s ability to lead is what makes her stand out according to Maessner.

“She knows the game very well and has a very high soccer IQ. Meaghan has a lethal right foot and the ability to score goals and create scoring opportunities for her teammates from anywhere in the attacking half of the field,” he said. “She is a person that her teammates want to be around and helps keep the group focused and motivated. In the classroom, she is also focused and motivated to be successful.”

As a forward, she has been a key component in UNK’s offensive attack. With 969 total minutes through 19 games this season, Pasbrig has spent a large amount of time on the field. She recorded seven goals, giving her a collegiate-season personal best.

Off the field, she also is putting in hard work.

Time management was an obstacle Pasbrig had to overcome after her first year

in college. She said it can be challenging to keep up with academics, especially with traveling for road games.

With the demanding schedule of a student-athlete, she said she likes to spend her free time relaxing, or lately, watching “Friends” on Netflix.

“Meaghan has put her stamp on our program and has led by example on and off the field. She is always looking to get better as a player, as a person and as a student,” Maessner said. “She has been a great influence on all the players that have been her teammates over the last three years.”

Upon graduation in the spring, Pasbrig plans to attend law school in Kansas City to further her education.



Photos by Ellen Laird

Showing in November

NOVEMBER 5-12-19	THE BLACKLIST viewing party	6:45 PM
NOVEMBER 13-15	ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST	7:30 PM
NOVEMBER 20-22	DEAD POETS SOCIETY	7:30 PM
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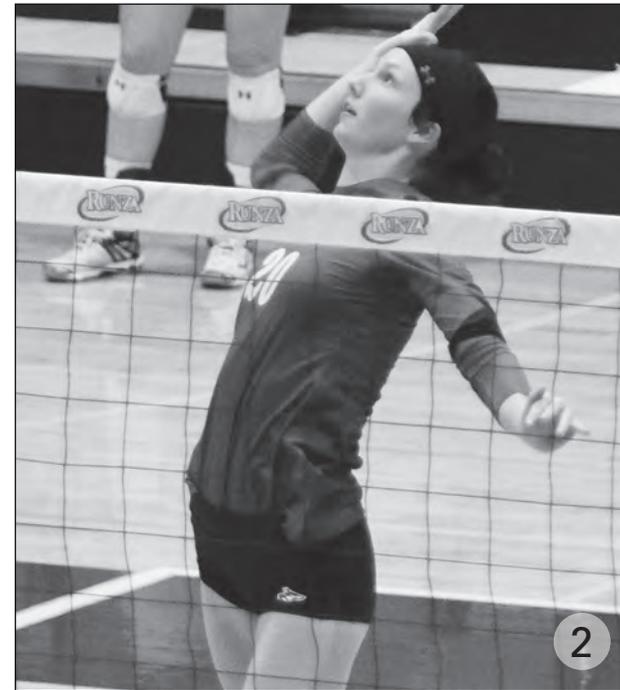
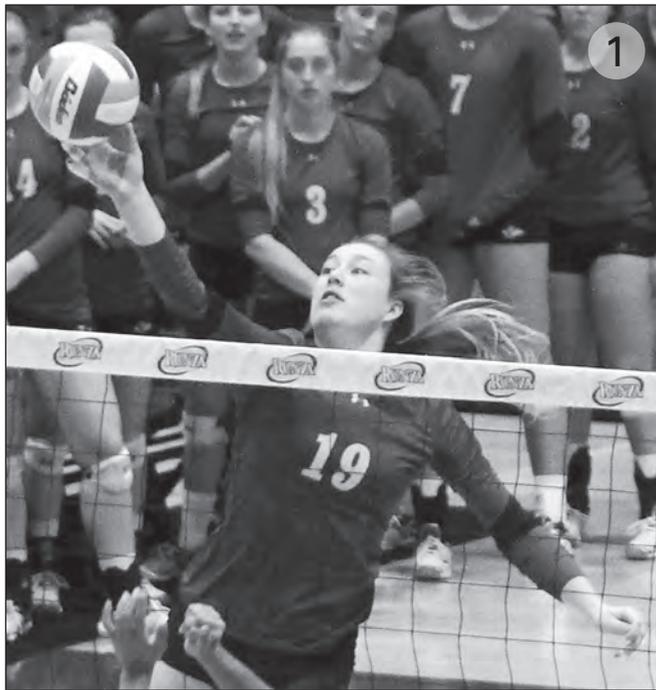
SHOWTIMES: Friday & Saturday at 7:30PM and Sundays at 2PM
doors open 1 hour before showtime

#12 Lopers sweep Bearcats, MWS on a roll to MIAA

Photos by Ellen Laird

1. Loper sophomore from Lincoln Tara Ziegler had six kills and one block from the middle of the net Friday night. Outitting Northwest, the Lopers brought down the Bearcats for a 15-9 season.

2. Freshman Kendall Schroer aided in the sweep with multiple kills along with eight kills from Skyler Erickson of Greeley and Kaitlynn Thomas of Yutan. Lopers dug up 12 more balls than the Bearcats.



Stepping out of the shadows

The vital roles of student-athletic trainers

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Antelope Staff

Their names aren't in the line-ups, and you won't hear them announced over the intercom; however, they are a very important part of the team. Student-athletic trainers dedicate as much time as the players to the sport that they are assigned to. They wake up early for workouts, attend their classes, participate in all practices, and even get to go on the road when for an away game.

Student-athletic trainers put in time just as players do, including practices, rehab sessions, and games.

Micah Stall, a junior from Gibbon, said athletic trainers spend on average 20-25 hours a week, without including the

time spent at home games with the sport they are assigned.

Stall is a level II athletic trainer, which means she is assigned to a specific sports team, hers is football. Her athletic training duties began when the season started, meaning she spent time in the summer at the team camp and two-a-day practices.

She is the only student-athletic trainer that works with football all the time, so she has her hands full.

Stall said that many level I athletic trainers are assigned to sports on a week by week basis, or they can volunteer their time. She says, "It takes about 10 students to run practice every day from an athletic training standpoint."

So many student athletic trainers

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Photos by Kate Baker

3. Stall stretches a player, John Masker, a freshman undecided in his major from Kearney, before football practice. Even with about 115 players on the team, Stall knows all the players and is aware of all the injuries on the team.

Stall says that athletic II trainers are allowed to go on the road for at least one away game. She says, "We ride the bus with the team, eat with the team, stay in the hotel and get to be there for the game." She adds, "It is a lot of fun traveling with the team because we get the whole experience."

Passion for 'unsung' history evident

Starita speaks about importance of history, Nebraska stories

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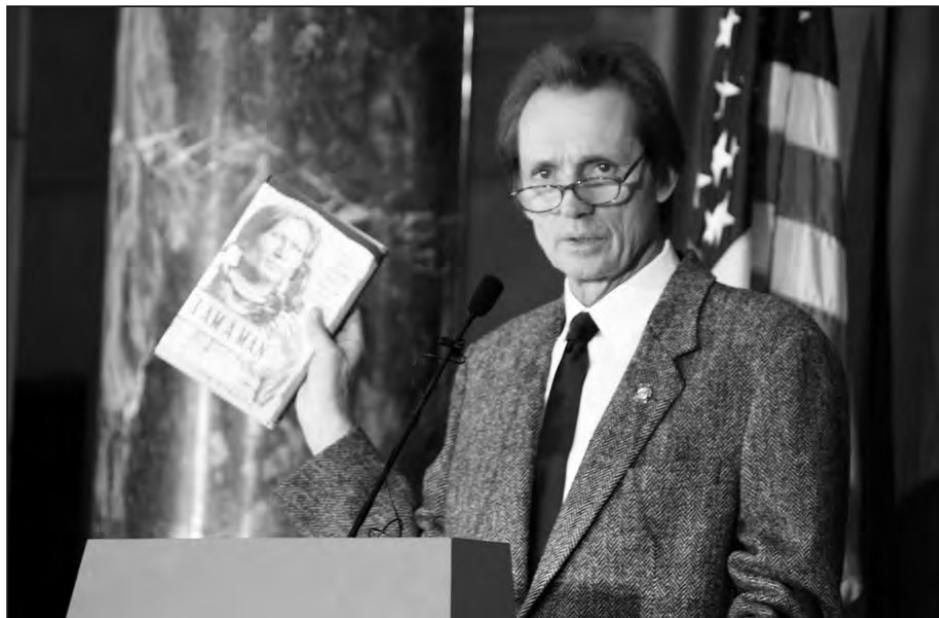
Lincoln author Joe Starita got the crowd thinking and engaged in the very human but little-known Nebraska story of Ponca Indian Chief Standing Bear last Thursday night with his lecture about his 2012 book "I Am a Man."

Starita's passion for stories is evident in the book, but his passion as a speaker brought to life the plight of the peaceful, agrarian Nebraska Poncas as he focused on Standing Bear, as a man who deserves a place at the table of great Americans.

The audience in Copeland Hall 142 grew very still, listening intently as Starita read from his book Standing Bear's very legally unorthodox plea near the end of the trial to be recognized as a person with rights in legal system.

Raising his right hand, Standing Bear spoke. The chief's words, the words that inspired the title of the Starita book were: "That hand is not the color of yours, but if I prick it, the blood will flow, and I shall feel pain," said Standing Bear. "The blood is of the same color as yours. God made me, and I am a man."

Justice of a sort came to Standing Bear through the three-day trial that would finally legally return the Northern Ponca to their homeland near the two rivers and white chalk bluffs Starita brought to life in his talk. Though much was lost, Standing Bear secretly buried his son's bones and returned to life on the Northern Plains.



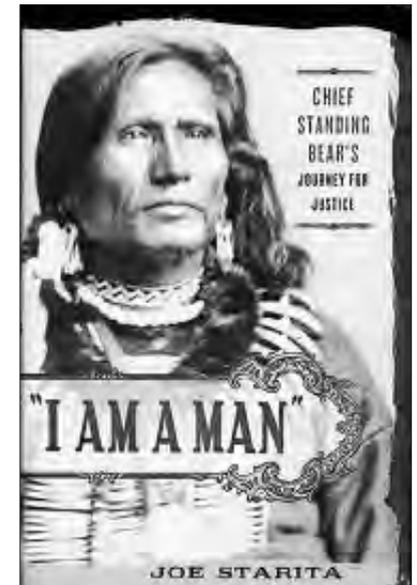
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Author Joe Starita introduced his lecture focusing on the power of stories and how we all need them to find a sense of place, know who we are and why.

As he neared the end of the lecture, Starita recounted the ways Standing Bear made others around him become better humans individually, at that moment in history: the town of Neligh that buried the baby White Buffalo girl, the first casualty of the Ponca "Trail of Tears," the newspaper man, the Omaha Jewish community, the attorneys, the Civil War and Indian campaigns general, Bright Eyes the poet and the trial judge not known to have liberal views on Native American rights all

worked to find justice for the tribe.

Near the end of the lecture when an audience member asked why the story of the legal battle and victory are not better known, Starita explained the government "PR" move. The government did not want to stir up other dissidence or sentiment regarding the plight of the Native Americans at a time when the vast majority of displaced Indians might also decide to go to court with the U.S. Government.



CAMPUS CRIME LOG

OCT 30: Student was contacted & information was obtained in reference to possible drug possession. Student was issued a conduct violation. Case closed.

OCT 31: Subject called & advised that a male subject was possibly drinking in his room. Contact was made & alcohol was discovered. Subject was issued citation for MIP.

OCT 31: Two female subjects were issued citations for MIP in the parking lot of URS.

OCT 31: MIP violation located in Lot 15 in front of the Phi Delta Theta house. Female was cited for MIP & released.

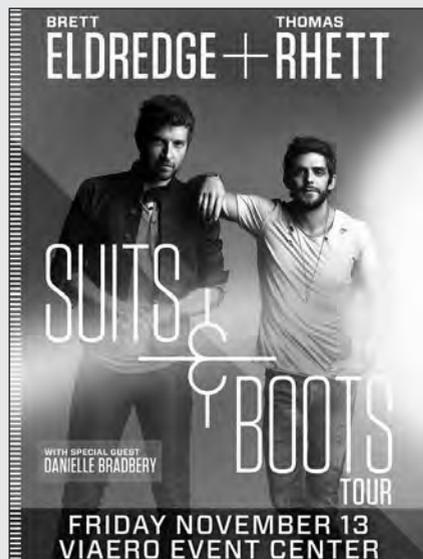
NOV 1: Four female subjects were issued MIP of east parking lot of URS.

NOV 5: International male student reported fraudulent purchases on Amazon by an unknown subject who used the victim's debit card to set up a separate account. Total loss approximately \$1,200. Case open.



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combination of contemporary country mixed with rowdy good-time rock and

roll. His EP, "Something to Do with My Hands", was released in 2011. Another EP, "Thomas Rhett," dropped in 2013.

His first full-length album, "It Goes Like This," reached No. six on the Billboard 200. "It Goes Like This," "Get Me Some of That" and "Make Me Wanna" all topped Billboard's Country airplay charts. The single "Crash and Burn," reached No. one on Billboard's Country airplay charts and No. two on the Hot Country chart.

Rhett's second album, "Tangled Up," dropped this past September.

Eldredge still putting down hits

An up-and-coming country music artist who combines soul with a hint of pop, Brett Eldredge grew up in Paris, Illinois, where he spent his childhood listening to singers such as Ray Charles and Frank Sinatra. Eventually he was introduced to

producer and publisher Byron Gallimore, who signed Eldredge to his publishing company and encouraged him to keep writing songs.

Eldredge began tracking some of the best of his compositions, later signing a recording offer from Atlantic Records. His first single, "Raymond," was released in September 2010. Eldredge's next single, 2011's "It Ain't Gotta Be Love," was followed up with 2012's "Don't Ya," which was a genuine hit, selling over a million units and peaking at No. five on the Country Singles chart.

In August 2013, Eldredge issued his first album, "Bring You Back," which included "Raymond" and "Don't Ya" as well as other hits, "Beat of the Music" and "Mean to Me."

In May 2015, he released yet another

country hit, "Lose My Mind," which rose to No. 12 on the Hot Country Songs chart, and "Just a Taste" followed in July 2015. Eldredge's second album, "Illinois," was released this September.

Charity Dance competition scheduled for Dec. 5

Viaero will also host "So You Think You Can Dance" Season 12 Tour on Dec. 5 at 8 p.m.

The Season 12 tour lineup includes the following Top 10 finalists: Team Stage's Gaby Diaz, Edson Juarez, Jim Nowakowski, Hailee Payne and Derek Piquette; and Team Street's Megan Alfonso, Eddie Eskridge, Virgil Gadson, Jessica Rabone and Jana Vankova.

More information can be found at <http://www.kearneyevents.com/> or by calling 308.338.8144.

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as team doctors for UNK Athletics, has worked with Loper student-athletes and staff for more than 20 years. They meet weekly with Bill Murphy, assistant athletic director for sports medicine, to evaluate student-athlete injuries and assist with recovery and rehabilitation efforts.

"We have a long-standing partnership with UNK and Loper Athletics, and we're excited to expand and extend that relationship," said New West surgeon and President Jim Mahalek. "UNK is dedicated to us, and we are committed to UNK. It's a mutually beneficial arrangement that continues to get stronger."

"We're excited about the direction of Loper Athletics and proud to be part of all the positive things happening at UNK."

New West employs seven board-certified orthopaedic surgeons, and one certified Sports Medicine physician. They include: Crockett, David Huebner, Bernard Keown, Mahalek, Nicholas Mansuetta, May, Slawski and Ian Weber.

"Our student-athletes, coaches and staff could not be more proud of our relationship with New West Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Surgery," said Plinske. "This partnership is founded on a genuine respect for one another and a strong commitment to support and care for our student-athletes. Together we are impacting lives and making a difference on the campus of UNK."

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needed because of the vast roles that student athletic trainers take part in to make sure the team is ready for their game every weekend.

Stall says, "Being in charge of football means I am the first one that the certified staff asks to help with an injury or the first student to evaluate an injury that may occur. I also am the communication between the certified staff and the other students on what needs to be done, what injuries are present on the team and how we will set up for practice or games."

A normal day in the life of a student-athletic trainer is very hectic. Stall says their days start at 8 a.m. where they meet in the athletic training room until they have classes. After classes, they are back

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Even though her coach, teammates, and friends have guided her this far in her career, the person to really motivate and encourage her to follow her athletic dreams has been her father, Perry Coons. Coons said, "My dad really motivated me and kept the passion for sports alive in me, even when I wanted to quit track my freshman year of high school."

Coons also looks up to a couple of female athletes as inspiration: Jennie Finch, a right-handed softball pitcher and Ronda Rousey, the current UFC Women's Bantamweight Champion.

in the athletic training room at 1. She is expected to be at every practice and early to help players get ready for practice and set up the field. Her day doesn't end when practice does. After practice, she must get ice for the players and perform treatment on players that require it.

When asked what roles she plays on the team, Stall said she must perform many activities every day. She says, "We prepare the players for practice, which includes taping, rehab and training sessions. Also, they must set up the field which includes, but is not limited to, setting up treatment tables, splints, a spine board and water coolers." During practices and the games, it is part of Stall's job as an athletic trainer to make sure the players stay hydrated and

to evaluate any injuries that take place. She says, "If any injuries occur, I takes care of them on the field and then reevaluate them after the practice or game." She must be aware of any injuries that any players are battling.

Although being a student-athletic trainer is a lot of time dedication, Stall says the players and coaches make her feel like part of the team. She says the players generally ask for her help first because being so far into the season they are comfortable with her and know that she will be able to help with their needs. Athletic trainers are a very critical role in any sport's team and put in a lot of time and energy to take care of athletes.

These women inspire Coons because of their achievements and refusal to give up. Of these two, Rousey has made the biggest impact on Coons, "Ronda is a dominant female athlete who doesn't conform to society and stays true to herself." A quote by Fred DeVito that Coons looks to for inspiration is, "If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you."

Coons always knew deep down that she would go to UNK, living twenty minutes away in Elm Creek. Toward the end of her high school throwing career, she started receiving offers from various colleges. A

couple of months before classes began, Scott Jorgensen, the UNK throwing coach at the time, called Coons on the phone and offered her a position on the team. "That was the deal seller, and I have never regretted or second guessed my decision," said Coons.

Aside from throwing, Dani enjoys the little things in life such as her favorite T.V. show, "Friday Night Lights." She also is a full supporter of all food that contains cheese. Oreos are also one of her favorite deserts. However, when she's not enjoying Oreos she sometimes indulges in an Angry Greek pizza from Thunderhead Brewery.

Crescent Classic 'Strikes' Back

Gamma Phi Beta bowling tournament makes comeback this fall

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During the fall 2014 semester, Gamma Phi Beta made the decision to switch up their philanthropy event. They replaced the Crescent Classic Bowling Tournament with G Phi Joe, an obstacle course event that took place at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds.

Due to many reasons, one being the potential for higher revenue, they brought the Classic back this semester. Senior Brooke Shoemaker was put in charge of the event.

"Due to the recent struggle of Girls On The Run in Kearney over the past few years, I think that the bowling tournament was the right choice because we were better able to raise more money, which is one of the bigger obstacles that needed overcoming," Shoemaker said.

Girls On The Run is an organization that is dedicated to the building of social resiliency in young girls (i.e. self esteem, positive body image) while incorporating running as a way to embody an overall

healthy lifestyle.

To compete in the Classic, students signed up with a partner for a time slot at 6, 8 or 10 p.m. The pair would then bowl, and the people with the highest overall partner score won first place. The individual with the single highest score won second place.

Although it sounds easy, taking on the return of an event is no easy task.

"It was more stressful planning and preparing for the event than anything," Shoemaker said. This included getting everything organized and delegating work to volunteers.

Hiccups did occur along the way, but Shoemaker handled them with ease.

"We would have liked to have gotten more advertising than we did but other, more important aspects took precedence," she said. "The actual event, though, went off very well from our point of view. We hope that everyone had a fun and enjoyable time."

The tournament, after being gone for a year, made its return with a bang as it brought in approximately \$3,000.

"This amount has exceeded our expectations. Originally we were expecting to raise around \$2,000, which has been pretty typical in the past," Shoemaker said.



“While we succeeded in many aspects, there were ones that we could have paid more attention to that would have cut down on worry and stress in the month prior to the event; but, all in all, we as a house were very satisfied with the event.”

— Brooke Shoemaker,
sports management

Photos by Jessica Nichols

1. Nursing major Aly Leger, secondary health education major Kassi Hinrichs and K-12 health and PE major Ashley Pietenpol are just a few of the Gamma Phis that helped during the tournament. Pietenpol's favorite part of the tournament was seeing all of the people supporting them and their philanthropy by participating.

2. Exercise science major Dylan Warford demonstrates good bowling form as he sends the ball down the lane. "My favorite part of the tournament was getting to support other Greeks and enjoying a couple games of bowling with all my friends," Warford said.



BROOKE SHOEMAKER

