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"This school situated as it is, is bound to be a great school. It cannot escape it."
A. O. Thomas, November 13, 1905

In 1903, the state legislature appropriated $50,000 for the construction of a new school. Kearney was chosen for the site of that state school and one year later, construction began on the Mickey Building, now the Administration Building. Over the years, many additions have been made to KSC's campus, including the newest addition, the art wing of the Fine Arts Building.
A. O. Thomas, KSC's first president, was the cornerstone on which the first faculty was built. He remained at KSC for eight years and then relinquished his position to become superintendent of public instruction in Nebraska. Brendan J. McDonald became KSC's sixth president in 1972. Before his installation, KSC had a declining enrollment and a large vacancy rate in the residence halls. By 1975, McDonald had reversed these trends. Residence hall occupancy reached 95 percent and enrollment 100 percent in 1977.
With almost 89 organizations on campus, KSC students have many opportunities to become involved.

From religious groups to fraternities and sororities, there is an organization to meet almost every interest of the students at KSC.

The first social organization on campus, the Juanita Girls, who later became the Chi Omega sorority, was formed in 1910. Throughout the past 65 years, many groups have been formed and have played a vital part in KSC’s growth.
Athletics in the early years of the Normal School were not as organized and intricate as they are today. Many of the Normal’s first teams were victorious, but there were also many seasons where victories were few and far between. Although it can be said that KSC has had a winning tradition in the recent past, the Normal School’s athletics in the early years were not as successful. The first football team started its first season in 1905 — without a win and without scoring a single point. Since then, KSC’s football team has enjoyed a majority of successful seasons. The last losing season for a KSC football team was in 1960 when it had a 4 won and 5 lost record.
Although women's athletics enjoyed as much prominence as men's athletics in the early years, they faded as an interscholastic activity after the first decade and did not reappear until the 1960's. Since then KSC's women have made a great showing in the seven collegiate sports now available to them.

Baseball was the most successful of all sports in the early years at the Normal School, but was suspended in 1914 due to lack of funds. Through the years KSC athletes have given the college many reasons for pride.
Rules and regulations concerning student conduct have changed drastically over the years. In the past, any student who missed three classes without an excuse was dropped from the class roll. Today, class attendance is left to the students and the instructors.

Entertainment for the student at the Normal School consisted mainly of chaperoned picnics and dances. Today's student can enjoy a movie or a night at the local bar—unchaperoned. There is no curfew at KSC as there was at the State Normal School, and the students' conduct is not as strictly supervised as it was in the past.
A Past of Distinction, A Future of Promise —

For seventy-five years, Kearney State College has been a living experience for students, faculty and friends of the college. As an institution of people, the significant goal since 1903 has been "a personalized education." Though the scope and character of Kearney State has changed over those years, the mission of providing the best education possible continues to be an institutional priority. Thus, our Diamond Jubilee theme, "A past of distinction, a future of promise" incorporates the many outstanding qualities that have originated and developed over the years and which promise to continue for years to come.

The many events which were planned to mark the anniversary of the college were designed not only to offer enjoyment, but to provide an opportunity to pay respects for those who have contributed much to the development of Kearney State; to reflect on the college's history, and to renew our responsibility to continue with dedicated purpose those qualities that denote the "greatness" of Kearney State College.

The Class of 1907 referred to Kearney State as "this flourishing educational giant of the West." Where "all are kept at work, all times are advanced, the same spirit pervades the whole movement. What of the future? Let him who dares, prophesy." We dare prophesy...this educational giant has flourished.

It has been a stimulating experience to observe the blending of the past with the present through the contacts of our alumni and current students as they jointly celebrate the anniversary of the college. Through such meetings all of us involved in the activities of this significant event have concluded that Kearney State has the future of promise.

Happy Birthday KSC!

Brendan J. McDonald
President, KSC

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Campus Life
A Past of Distinction
...A Future of Promise
Registration and Fees

Lottery system reduces some problems in registration

Pondering her schedule, a student pauses between registration tables.

Students line up to hear the bad news at fee payment.

Students wait for a final schedule check.
Registered students numbered 395 at the State Normal School at Kearney in 1905. In 1980, 6,948 students registered for classes at KSC, including 2,890 men and 4,058 women.

Resident students paid $19 per credit hour in 1980; the cost for non-resident students was $34. Students also paid an activity fee, health fee, and facilities fee, as well as special fees for parking and late registration. Approximately 85 percent of the student population received some form of financial assistance, either through scholarships or governmental aid, according to Sharon Pelc, Director of Financial Aid.

As in other years, long lines and closed classes typified a day at the Nebraskan for registering students. Registration for juniors, seniors and graduate students opened on the same day, which resulted in long waits and crowded conditions for many.

Freshman and sophomore registration proceeded more smoothly on the following days with the implementation of a lottery system based on student social security numbers.

—Adele Thompson

The check a student writes for tuition and fees is just one of many. Books, housing and food must also be paid for.

College personnel assist students at registration.
Student Housing

Choices of housing reflect personalities, tastes

House mothers, strict rules of conduct and "early" curfews were the main characteristics of residence hall life in the early years of KSC.

The house mothers, or "preceptrresses," of the early years were surrogate mothers who regulated both the dormitory and dining hall conduct of their students, inspected the quality and preparation of the food at the dining hall and required those taking care of halls, closets and dormitory grounds to maintain sanitary conditions.

During the 1970's the "house mother" system was gradually replaced by the initiation of married couples as residence hall supervisors. These supervisors, along with a staff of resident assistants and staff assistants and the Residence Hall Association make up the backbone of the dormitory structure as it is today.

Residence hall directors, or "dorm parents," are selected each year from between 25-30 applicants by Dan Duffy, housing director. The married, or in some cases single, directors are required to attend a five-day workshop outlining their roles and responsibilities prior to their placement in the residence halls.

RAs and SAs, too, are required to attend various workshops and seminars before school begins and throughout the year. A three-day retreat was held in August for RAs and SAs at Camp Comeca at Cozad this year. The staff also spent several days with student personnel in order to gain a fuller understanding of their job.

As part of their training, RAs and SAs learn techniques for effective listening and for coping with problems in the dorms, such as roommates, homesickness and "after hours" problems. In addition, RAs must learn about the physical aspects of the dorm itself in case an emergency should arise.

—Connie Custer

During the Leadership Conference sponsored by RHA, Cheri Schleeman, Culbertson, and Tommy Gannon, Grand Island, work at a registration table in the Nebraska.

Elgene Koepke, Blue Hill, outlines psychology notes while studying in her off-campus apartment.
With a membership consisting of two elected students from each dormitory, plus any interested student-at-large, the RHA serves as the link between the Housing Office and the residence halls, encouraging better communication between the two.

During the past year, RHA members helped to sponsor the Leadership Conference, the campus-wide carnival and several sessions of the "Un Pub." RHA also prepared pamphlets and handouts for such programs as rape prevention and winter driving. In addition, RHA worked with ARA Food Services to prepare a mock election, Las Vegas Night and other special dinners during the year at the Nebraskan.

RHA subsidized each residence hall $150 for campus events like the Martin Hall Sadie Hawkin's Dance and the Ludden Hall Christmas Dance.

By working together, the dorm directors, RHA, and the staff of RAs and SAs strive to establish within the residence halls an environment which is conducive to academic and social growth, as well as to the personal adjustment of students living in the dorms.

—Connie Custer

Two pairs of hands are better than one when it comes to moving in, as demonstrated by this mother-daughter dual.

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION —
Grenoble apartment dwellers Tom Brezel, Glen Pfister and Kevin Naylor all pitch in to clean up the kitchen.

Besides providing necessary shelter, the dorm rooms also serve as a meeting place for studying, talking and snacking.

In 1905, female students were required to live at Green Terrace Hall, the only dormitory at the college during the first 25 years of its existence. Men's Hall, which opened in 1939, was the first campus housing available for men.

In 1980, only freshmen who were under 21, unmarried, or not living with parents were required to live in a residence hall. Approximately 1,921 students lived in the ten campus residence halls during the past year, while the other portion of the student body either lived off campus or commuted.

Students cited many reasons for moving off campus, the most frequent involving greater privacy and more personal freedom. Off-campus students could choose from a wide variety of housing options, including trailers, apartment complexes and older, rented houses.

—Connie Custer

Mrs. Chrystal VonRentzel prepares breakfast for her husband, Gordon, in their College Heights apartment.

Several Martin Hall residents find unloading in August is much easier with a parent's help.
On and Off Campus Eating

Students discover many ways of satisfying hunger pains

KSC's present food service program, provided by ARA Food Services and housed in the Nebraskan, has been in operation for 19 years. Commonly known as "Slater's" to the student body, the dining service serves approximately 2,000 students by contract and many more through the Snack Bar and the vending machines located throughout the campus.

Prior to the installation of ARA Food Service, the college itself provided food service for the student body. As the college grew, the task became too large for KSC to handle alone, and ARA was hired to do the job. Richard Williams, food services director, feels ARA plays a major role in the lives of KSC students, since the average student living in the dorm has neither the time nor the facilities to cook for himself and cannot afford to eat off-campus often.

Despite the economical advantages of eating at the Nebraskan, few students with contracts eat each meal there. The popularity of the many pizza places, fast food chains and family restaurants in Kearney is evident, as many students enjoy "getting away" from the monotony of campus eating to enjoy a night on the town.

For off-campus students without an ARA contract, eating involves much more than a quick trip to Slater's. These students must plan a food budget, set up some type of meal plan and prepare to spend hours each week shopping for groceries, cooking meals and cleaning up.

— Deb Geier

Early risers can take advantage of the hot breakfasts served 6:30-8:30 daily at the Nebraskan.

Snacks and weekday specials are two of the foods most frequently purchased by students at the union's Snack Bar.
Drive-through window services at many of Kuearney's quick-food restaurants provide students with a way to eat on the run.

Approximately 3,200 students are served daily at the dining hall of the Nebraskan.

Julie Harmon, Wahoo, and Carey Lutz, Benkelman, take a study break at Taco Villa.
Memorial Student Union

Union grows from basement gathering to strong social center

Originally located in the basement of Men’s Hall, the Memorial Student Union has been a part of the KSC community since the 1940’s.

The present union building, built in 1958, houses the Snack Bar, Student Recreational Center and a formal lounge, as well as offices for CAC, The Antelope, Student Senate and other student service organizations.

Since its beginning, the union has served as a meeting place for visiting with friends, watching TV, getting snacks or playing pinball. A gallery displays the latest art projects of KSC students and the many bulletin boards and display cases keep students informed about campus and community events.

The union employs approximately 60 students in all facets of its operation, and, in the words of union director Dave Laubesheimer, it is “a unifying force in the daily life of the campus community...a social center that also meets the daily needs of the student.”

—Deb Geier

Duane Miner, Red Cloud, reviews his notes intently before a test.

KSC accounting students work on assignments between classes at the union ballroom.

Morgan Meier, Elm Creek, plays one of the many pinball machines in the union’s Recreation Center.
Student art works are on display throughout the year at the Blue and Gold Lounge.

Located in the center of the KSC campus, the union serves as a meeting place for friends and organizations.

—Bertie Graham

Kathy Jo Stitt, Chadron, takes advantage of the warm September weather to chat with friends on the union’s steps.
Leroy Peterson, Kearney, is oblivious to his surroundings as he takes a nap in one of the union's stereo chairs.

A student cashes a check at the Memorial Union Mercantile, one of the two check-cashing centers on campus.
Air Force recruiters visit the union each semester to discuss programs and give interviews to interested students.

Jay Yantis works at the front desk of the union as part of his work-study job.

Jeff O'Conner, North Platte, relaxes in the lounge while reading the latest edition of the Antelope.
Night Life

*KSC offers wide range of night-time activity*

Whether as part of a league or an occasional evening with friends, bowling provides entertainment for many students.

Through the year, organizations and residence halls sponsor discos on campus for the students' enjoyment.

Students gather at the Unpub on Thursday nights even though no alcoholic beverages are served.
College is a place to learn much more than what is written in the textbooks. Some of the students' favorite places to learn new skills included Backlot, Buffalo Chips and Dicky Dugan's Dance Hall and Saloon.

Another popular spot, the Fireside Inn, provided live entertainment. Mule Deer Saloon was fire-bombed over Christmas Vacation, providing another kind of entertainment.

Movies were also popular with students. They saw "Caddy Shack," "Any Which Way You Can," "The Blues Brothers," "Nine to Five," "Private Benjamin," "Smokey and the Bandit II," and others.

The Unpub, sponsored by various campus organizations, opened at the Thirsty Earl on Thursdays. No drinking was allowed, but it offered students a place close to campus to meet and get to know each other.

Night life for some consisted of jobs. On-campus jobs kept some students busy. Others worked for local businesses, including clothing stores, grocery stores and eating establishments. Others spent their evenings at home, watching TV or studying.

—Adele Thompson

Halloween night at Dugan's draws a wide range of spooks in a variety of costumes.

For Ron Faltin, Dodge, and Miguel Maza, Miami, Flo., watching the action on the dance floor is almost as fun as participating in it.
During an evening spent in the library, Keith Buresh, Fremont sophomore, gathers information from microfilm for an assignment.

For those who find themselves on campus in the evenings, the TV lounge in the Student Union provides a place to relax.
Egor and the Mad Scientist, alias Chris Keith and Rollie Lux, are but two of those wearing costumes on Halloween Night at Dugan's.

Lines of students before both of Kearney's downtown theatres are a common sight any day of the week.

One of the most widely-used buildings on campus, Cushing Coliseum is the headquarters for night-time intramural activity. Here members of the Biff's Bombers coed basketball team await their turn on the court.
Serving the students and faculty is the main concern of the Calvin T. Ryan Library.

The library subscribed to over 2,000 magazines and periodicals in 1980-81, including most of the newspapers printed in Nebraska and major national magazines.

The reserve section was also used for class work. Reserve material was held on request from an instructor. Included in the reserve section were books, articles, tapes, magazines, kits, records and microfilm.

Seven copy machines were in use. Some were used for reproduction of printed material and others for microfilm.

Another widely-used service was the Learning Materials Center, where students checked out equipment, had tapes duplicated and had transparencies made at a low cost.

—Jody Lee Novacek

Calvin T. Ryan Library is expanding to provide students with more study space for the many times during the year that the books begin to pile up.

Meeting and making friends is all part of the atmosphere at the library, as Kim Fischer, Emerson, and Jill Stone, Omaha, discover as they take time out to chat.
Students use the library for many things, most notably to study. Sleeping is also done as Mary Fine, O'Neill senior, takes a nap between classes.

Steve McVay, Kearney, makes himself comfortable while studying at the library.

—Mark Wing

Searching for books is one of the tedious tasks required at the library, as Kim Bails, Loup City, finds out while hunting for a volume for her lit class.
Student Health

Medical personnel alleviate student illnesses

For approximately 45 years, student health has been treating students for colds and flu, according to Frances Scott, director of student health.

"At first they did not have a doctor on campus. The nurse would send students downtown if they needed to see the doctor," Mrs. Scott said. Now a doctor from Kearney Clinic is on campus every weekday.

"When student health was first on campus, there were probably more chances of communicable diseases," Mrs. Scott said. "With the advancement of immunization, the health of students has greatly improved. Also, our nutrition has been improving."

Mrs. Scott said that the incidence of accidents is greater now than it used to be. Student health sees more people from chemistry and glass blowing classes who have accidents.

Student health also distributes non-prescription medicines to students with colds and flu, and counsel students with health problems.

—Adele Thompson

Francis Scott, R.N., measures the dosage carefully when giving shots to students.

Secretary Dene Raleigh looks through the files for a student's health record.
With a thermometer and an otoscope, Vi Green, R.N., checks Kathy Fry, Ralston, for signs of illness.

Getting a shot now may save Bobbi Heiss, North Platte, from getting sick later.

Dr. L. D. Lane examines Melanie Mills' throat for evidence of a virus.
Campus Activities Council

CAC adds culture to KSC through educational, social programs

Team member Julie Lindgren of the Ludden Hall Lounge Lizards answers incorrectly during second-round College Bowl action against the Sig Eps.

A CAC-sponsored backgammon tournament drew interest from many students, including Dru Delaet, Lewellen, and Dan Bronham, Grand Forks, N.D.

John Leininger, Aurora, concentrates on returning the serve during the ping pong tourney held in the union ballroom.
The Campus Activities Council was known from the mid-60's to 1973 as the Student Union Activities Council. Its programming was mainly union-oriented. In 1973, it was restructured and renamed to involve activities throughout the campus, and some off campus.

Open to any interested student, CAC is constantly looking for new members. "This year we have a lot of new blood in the organization," said Shari Hofmann, CAC president.

CAC's purpose is to provide educational, recreational and cultural social programs for the students. Members try to provide diversified programs for every type of student.

Movies brought to campus included a "Women in Film" series, an "Alfred Hitchcock" series and a "Star Trek" series. Some other movies sponsored by CAC were "All That Jazz," "The Electric Horseman" and "Lady and the Tramp."

Tournaments were sponsored in backgammon, chess, ping pong and pinball. College Bowl was also sponsored by CAC. Five people were picked to go to the regional tournaments.

CAC also sponsored the homecoming parade, Bike Bowl and various artists and speakers.

Funding for CAC programs comes from student activity fees.

—Adele Thompson

At the CAC office located in the union, CAC members Dave Hastak, Omaha, and Don Cook, Kearney, discuss some planned activities.

Artists and Speakers

Students profit through experiences, talents of speakers

KSC students saw a variety of artists and speakers during the 1980-81 school year. The majority were sponsored by Campus Activities Council and paid for through the Student Activity Fee. Others were sponsored by different academic departments and organizations.

Speakers that CAC brought to campus included Star Wars’ Darth Vader, David Prowse, and hypnotist Tom Deluca. Cartoonist Steve Gibson, transsexual Deborah Hartin and mime artists Vivian Belmont and Mark Stolzenberg also drew students to the Recital Hall.

In addition, other artists and speakers brought to KSC included Norman Krivosha, Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court; Frank Abignale, a well-known con artist; and Jim Turner, a unique musician, just to name a few.

First semester CAC brought Timberline to KSC for a one-time reunion concert at homecoming. The outdoor concert was a success with the audience as well as with CAC. There were none of the major problems associated with past concerts, so the go-ahead was given for more concerts in the spring.

At the beginning of the spring semester, Michael Johnson gave two performances. Concerts by Kurt Van Sickle and the Undergrass Boys during Bike Bowl weekend served as the final concerts of the 1980-81 school year.

—Adele Thompson

Cartoonist Steve Gibson presents a 60-minute noontime satire on everyone from Miss Piggy to Richard Nixon.

Con Artist Frank Abignale discusses his past as a con artist at two different lectures in September. He has portrayed an airline pilot and doctor, and currently works as an advisor for a bank.

Sexism in advertising is discussed by Dr. Jean Kilbourne in "The Naked Truth.”
Tom DeLuca demonstrates how people allow others to influence their actions by hypnotizing a group of students.

In one of the two performances he gave at KSC in 1981, recording artist Michael Johnson develops rapport with the audience by sitting at the front of the stage.

Star Wars' David Prowse presents slides and talks about his career during a lecture at the Recital Hall.
Rehearsing their roles as mismatched honeymooners are performers in the Long Wharf Theatre on Tour production of "Private Lives," presented at KSC during the fall semester.

The sporting life runs amok in "Football Halftime," a comic-satirical sketch presented at KSC by Dudley Riggs' Theatres.

After his show, which combined both comedy and cartoons, Steve Gipson gets KSC students into the act by drawing free caricatures.
"Heroic Villains and Villainous Heroes" is the lecture topic of ABC Sports Commentator Dick Schaap, who relates a collection of anecdotes about sports figures.

One of the many artists who performed at KSC during 1980-81, musician Jim Turner plays brandy sniffers, wrenches, hand saws and a glass harp consisting of 35 glasses.

Keyboardist Bill Howland is one of the five members of Timberline who reunited for a night concert on Foster Field during homecoming.

In her combination of lecture and discussion, transsexual Deborah Hurin describes her life before and after her sex change operation.
Theater

*KSC student rendition of Romeo and Juliet highlights drama season*

The ballroom dance at Juliet's house finds KSC drama students on stage with a swing.

Attentively listening to Mercutio's speech, student actors take a minute on stage to pause, reflect and collect their thoughts.
Rob Wilson

et al. developed and implemented the current theater arts curriculum, which includes a broad range of courses ranging from acting to stage design to technical theater. The department offers a variety of performance opportunities, including productions, readings, and workshops. Students have the opportunity to work with professional actors and directors, and many have gone on to successful careers in the theater. The department also provides an active student organization, the KSC Drama Club, which produces a variety of performances each year.
Old-fashioned but never out-dated, Juliet's marriage to Romeo provided KSC students with a reflection of modern-day life.

Engaging a duel, the Tybalt-Benvolio swordfight scene provided the audience with a fencing show with fancy.
With a chance for using old English, the balcony scene provided thous, shalt, and wheretofore in lieu of modern prose.

Living by the sword, Tybalt nears a final clash against an ill-fated, modern day Mercutio.
Marching Band

Musicians combine hard work with fun, school spirit

Members of the Flag Squad added color and excitement to the band's performances. The squad has 16 members that keep in step to the music.

Band director Ron Crocker gives the band instructions during a practice session. Crocker uses a "perch" and microphone during the sessions to perfect the band's performance.
Musicians combine hard work with fun, school spirit

Songs, school spirit and fun are all part of the KSC marching band. The band performed during each of the halftime shows at the Antelope football games.

Ron Crocker, in his 14th year at KSC, directed the 88-member band and the 16-member flag squad.

A highlight this year was a special homecoming performance. The band presented the college with a color song. The song, composed by Crocker and entitled "Blue and Gold", was played by the band as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebration.

A preseason camp and retreat was held three days before classes started in the fall. The camp gave the band members a chance to get to know each other and a start on the marching season.

After the football season was finished the band was divided into two smaller bands. The "Blue Band" and the "Gold Band" played during the basketball season, supported the teams as pep bands and accompanied the Spirit Squad. The two bands were of equal strength and numbers.

The marching band is open to anyone who played an instrument in high school and is interested in marching and pep style songs. There is no selection process to be a member.

—Jody Lee Novacek

Straight lines and tubas are but part of the action when the KSC marching band performs during halftime of the Loper football games.

Bill Reed, Kearney sophomore, leads the marching band during one of its halftime performances.
With right leg forward and left leg planted, the KSC band works on the march as well as the music.

The KSC marching band proves every day in the fall that practice makes perfect.

On or off the football field, the KSC marching band works in step to the music.
The day of the game made all practice worthwhile, win or lose.

Cushing Coliseum provides a backdrop for leadership, something no band can survive without.

With ladder already climbed, success with the sound of music is now only whistles, arm waves and gestures away.
Performing with choreography and chorals, the Nebraskats wind into a circular motion with song.

Although the Nebraskats find occasion to play before a home crowd, most of their performances were played on the road throughout Nebraska.
Under a curtain of stage movement, the Nebraskats were never afraid to gesture for show at the close of a popular number.

With stools serving as props, the Nebraskats relied on voice harmonies and melodies to gain a total audience response.
Religion

Spiritual needs filled by variety of campus ministries

Religious organizations have been an integral part of KSC since its opening in 1905. Almost immediately the YWCA was formed, followed by the YMCA in 1906. Both of these organizations were open to students of all Christian faiths and hosted both devotional and social meetings each month.

As with all student organizations, religious groups suffered in membership during WWII. In the years following the war, a number of denominational-oriented groups, such as the Lutheran Student Association and the Roger Williams Fellowship, along with non-denominational organizations like the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and Campus Crusades for Christ, sprang up.

With meeting places and centers on or near campus, religious organizations at KSC continued to serve a wide variety of student needs in 1980. Whether through worship services, retreats, Bible studies, support groups, fellowship meetings, community service projects, or other programs, KSC religious organizations offered students a chance for involvement and spiritual growth.

—Connie Custer

As part of the Cooperative Campus Ministries program at KSC, campus pastors Warren Smith, David Felty, David Bronstad and Ed Cortney and lay minister Nan Cunningham meet each week to discuss program ideas.

Vocalists Steve George, Judy Bronstad, Kris Porter, Rod Pederson, Steve Schulte, and Pam Schuler lead the popular folk/rock worship service at Campus Lutheran.

Students wait for the first rays of sun to begin the sunrise service at the Newman Center’s fall retreat at Camp Comeca.
Guitarist Scott Dahlbeck, Deshler, performs at one of the weekly FCA meetings, which are open to all high school or collegiate athletes attending KSC.

Lois Hornig, Ogallala, takes part in a meeting of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, one of several non-denominational groups on campus.

—Sue Slater

Students of all faiths take part in the weekly singing and fellowship meetings sponsored by the Campus Crusades for Christ.
Homecoming

Diamond Jubilee celebration honors 75 years of achievement

After nearly two years of preparation, the Diamond Jubilee celebration came to a climax during Homecoming Week, 1980.

In addition to the ordinary festivities, numerous building dedications, open houses and departmental presentations were scheduled for the event. Several organizations also sold items such as Diamond Jubilee t-shirts and mugs during the week in the union breezeway.

Receiving new names during building dedication ceremonies were the Leland Copeland Gym, Miriam Drake Theater and Edith Smilley Registrar’s Office. Also receiving honors were ten past and present KSC coaches and athletes who were inducted into the Kearney State Athletic Hall of Fame.

—Connie Custer

1979 queen Iva Thayer embraces newly-crowned Kelly Johnson, Alliance. Johnson was sponsored by the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils.

Pres. Brendan J. McDonald serves the 75th anniversary cake to students. The cake was prepared by ARA Food Services.
Past KSC royalty have another chance to wave at the crowd and relive old memories during the parade.

A Fort Hays State runner gets caught in a tangle of defensive players. The Homecoming game ended in a 21-21 tie.

Directed by Ron Crocker, the marching band provides halftime entertainment for football fans.
Kearney native Jim Salesstrom leads his band in the old favorites they are known for.

Present and past are contrasted in the parade theme, “Time was…”
Smiling at the crowd, flag squad members Pam Hodges and Linda Sjuts step in time to the music. The flag squad performs at halftime with the marching band.

Homecoming is a time to greet old friends, as former president Milton Hasel and current director of financial affairs R. J. Ebly discover at the alumni banquet.

Gov. Charles Thone served as the Grand Marshall for the annual Homecoming parade, which featured almost 20 floats, 27 area bands, the ten queen finalists and nearly 20 former KSC homecoming queens.

The spirit sweeps competition between campus organizations was won by the Chi Omega sorority. CTW placed second and CTE came in third in the event.

Loper fans had to settle for a 21-21 tie when KSC went against the Ft. Hays State Tigers in the Homecoming football game. Kelly Johnson, Alliance, was crowned queen during halftime of the contest.

The reunion of the Kearney-based band Timberline highlighted the Homecoming weekend for some. After a three-year separation, Timberline brought the Diamond Jubilee celebrations to an end with a concert under the stars at Foster Field.

———Connie Custer

Together again for one night only, Timberline reunites to celebrate KSC's 75th birthday.
Martin Hall's Kazoo Band marches in loose formation along the parade route.

Representing Student Senate, Jeff Reiss gets up to his nose in the pie-eating contest.

Boosting spirit in the parade and at Loper games, Val Cline Bertrand, portrays the Antelope mascot.
A. O. Thomas' home was purchased by the Association at the beginning of the school year.

Gov. Charles Thone turns the first shovel of dirt at the dedication of the Nebraska Safety Center. Sen. Richard Marvel and Mayor Justus Dobesh also participate in the ceremony.

A capacity crowd expresses its appreciation of the Timberline concert.
Dance-a-thon

Fewer dancers raise more money

"Love in Action" was the theme of the fourth annual Muscular Dystrophy Superdance sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity.

Fifty-one couples, eight less than last year, lasted the 30 hours of dancing February 27-28 to raise $18,741 in donations, a $549 increase over last year’s proceeds.

Duane Karmazin, Superior, second-time Superdance chairman, awarded prizes to the top money raisers: first-place couple LaDonna Hill, Seward, and Mark Gillan, Auburn, who raised $1,952; second-place couple Mark Bush, Kearney, and Kim Beck, Benkleman; and third-place couple Doug Long, North Platte, and Stacie Beckman, Grand Island.

The Alpha Phi sorority was this year's top money-raising organization, with the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity coming in second and the Phi Delta Theta fraternity taking third place. The most popular couple was Tim Hosier, Giltner, and Shari Hoffman, Norfolk, who were sponsored by Campus Activities Council.

Live band performances by Luk, Fable, Jolly Roger, Flirtin', and Footloose kept weary dancers entertained.

With V-91, the college radio station, providing full-time coverage of the entire Superdance, ARA Food Service and Burger King each providing a meal for the dancers, and Pizza Hut providing two meals and donating a $1,600 check to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, it was obvious that both the college and the Kearney community displayed their own “Love in Action” through the Muscular Dystrophy Superdance.

—Sarah Donohoe

One of five live bands to entertain dancers is Footloose of Lincoln.

Dancing to "King Tut" adds a bit of variety to what could have been thirty monotonous hours.

Dancing for Muscular Dystrophy is true "Love in Action".
Fewer dancers raise more money

Observers pay to enjoy live entertainment and to dance along with the money-raisers.

Pizza Hut donates two meals to hungry dancers.

"Shout a little bit louder now" are words from the song adopted as the theme to keep the dancers energetic.
Bike Bowl

Sunny skies lend perfect setting to 15th Bike Bowl

With sunny skies and temperatures in the 90's, the weekend of April 24-25 was a perfect setting for Bike Bowl '81, a 15-year tradition at KSC. The annual festivities began early in the week with displays in the union. During the week students could vote for Peddlin' Pete and Petunia, buy raffle tickets and participate in a treasure hunt.

On April 23, Valentino's sponsored a pizza eating contest. April 24 was prelim day for the Mini RACE, held at the senior high track. The movie "Breaking Away" was shown in the Recital Hall that afternoon, and V91 sponsored a dance in the ballroom later that evening.

Saturday was race day. The Mini Race finals were held in the morning, with the Sigma Tau Gamma team coming away with the victory. A barbeque lunch sponsored by ARA followed at noon, along with a concert by Kurt Van Sickel.

In the afternoon the bike race started with 20 teams entered, including five women's teams-first at KSC. Taking the traveling trophy for the race were the Alpha Phi Omega "Bombshell Babies," captained by Chuck Reed. Other team members included Randy Van Gent, Dan Berth, Craig Anton, Tom Warsocki and Scott Spehls.

Coming in second were Noel Timmons, Geoff Hall, John Schneider, Jari Paulansen, Jeff Wacker, Cory Hohman and Terry Jensen of the Man- tor Hall "Your Mom" team. Peddlers for the Alpha Phi sorority took home the women's plaque. Riders included Kay Gilbow, Betsy Campbell, Deb Elsasser, Lois Hornig, Laurie Pederson, Jill McDonald and Nancy Pontine.

—Jody Lee Novacek

Never too old for a replay of yesterday's fun, college kids turned the clock back into pre-teen times at the Bike Bowl trike races.

—Mark Wetz

There were near collisions and then there were collisions during the Mini Race for Bike Bowl '81. The finals were run prior to the 25-mile Bike Race.
Pit stops can make or break a bike bowl team. Precision and timing are needed as the bikes come in and new riders jump on. Each team was allowed two pit crew members to assist with the race.

With crew members to talk to, the pit stop was a sign of morale boosters for competing bikers.

While onlookers got some sun rays, bikers got some fun in the sun during KSC's major spring bash.
Acting on the track during the 15th annual Bike Bowl became a time for helmets, sportshirts and sweatsocks.

The Bike Bowl provided bikers with an equal match of spectators off the track to watch and participate in the KSC spring event.

No penalties were given in 1981 for the few racers that spilled over and hit the dust of the bowl.
The 24-mile bike race had to toll on many riders. 
Friends were there to watch. However, and give 
assistance when needed.

A team demonstrates the fine art of a pit stop.
With the first or second member pushing the rider 
off the bike as it comes into the pit, and the sec-
dond member assisting the new rider into position.
Graduation

Jubilee graduation class one of largest-ever at KSC

—Judy Lee Novacek

—Judy Lee Novacek
It was diploma day on May 15 for one of the largest graduating classes in the history of KSC. Several special honors were also noted at the 10 a.m. ceremony in Cushing Coliseum before a standing-room-only crowd.

Three retiring members of the KSC staff were recognized by President McDonald for their contributions to the college. They were Dr. Paul Gaer, Dr. Warren Messman and Robert Nye.

Chief Justice Norman Krivosha of the Nebraska Supreme Court addressed the graduates and crowd, stressing the importance of a positive attitude. Using examples and stories, Krivosha outlined his concern for the need to change public attitudes.

After the address, President McDonald presented the Distinguished Service Award to Kearney physician Dr. L. R. Smith.

Dayle G. Fitzke, associate professor of mathematics, was honored with the first Outstanding Faculty Award and was given a standing ovation.

Music for the ceremony was provided by the Choraleers and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble under the direction of Ronald J. Crocker.

—Jody Lee Novacek

Standing ovations are given to many of those honored during commencement activities.

The bathroom mirrors are a busy place before graduation exercises begins.

A little help adjusting the cap is one last moment shared between two graduating seniors at commencement.

—Jody Lee Novacek
A broken leg didn’t prevent at least one KSC graduate from receiving her diploma.
Denise Harrington, Jean Patterson, Mary Halpeny and Dan Spears look over the commencement program before graduation.

The first of one of the largest graduating classes in KSC history march to their front row seats.
Athletics

A Past of Distinction

...A Future of Promise
Football

Lopers visit Carolina, Oklahoma, in quest for a national title

KSC’s football team opened and closed its season on disappointing notes, but everything in between — except a tie with Fort Hays in the fourth game — was perfect.

After losing to Moorhead 17-6 in their opening game, the Lopers went 8-0-1 in the regular season, outscoring their opponents 241-82 on their way to the top of the Central States Intercollegiate Conference. 1980 was the fifth consecutive year KSC has held or shared the title. But the season wasn’t over yet as the Lopers went on to the NAIA playoffs.

In round one of the playoffs freshman Mark Pilkington kicked a field goal in overtime to give KSC their first post-season victory, 9-7, over Mars Hill, N.C. In the semi-finals KSC faced Northeastern Oklahoma and were shut out 14-0 for the first time since 1973, thus killing their motto “All the way to Christmas Day” a week early. The Lopers finished rated fifth in the final NAIA poll, despite being one of the final four teams in the playoffs with a 9-2-1 record.

“This team probably came further as far as maturing and developing than some teams we’ve had the last few years,” said Coach Claire Boroff.

For the second straight year Boroff was named CSIC Coach of the Year. Also for the second straight year center Jerry Scott was chosen to the CSIC first team.

Other players named to the first team were quarterback Dean Carstens, lineman Jeff Stenslokkken, linebacker John Herz and defensive back Dave Welch. Pilkington was named first-team kicker. KSC also placed five players on the second team.

As a team the Lopers averaged 346 total yards per game, compared to their opponents 274. Luke VanMatte was the leading rusher with 800 yards and five TD’s. Carstens threw for 1,281 yards, which, when added to his statistics for the three previous years, made him the all-time passing yardage leader in Kearney State history.

—Rich Watson
For Holdrege senior Mark Lundeen yards came tough at Chadron.


Freshman placekicker Mark Pilkinson, Eikhorn, kicks one of his four field goals against Pittsburg State.
Luke VanMatre, Gibbon sophomore, breaks into the open against Chadron State.

Sweeping to the outside, senior Jay Bergmeier gains yardage against Chadron State.
Norfolk senior Dave Welch runs into a tangle of defenders during the Homecoming game against Fort Hays.

Junior defensive end John Horz and an unidentified Loper team up to sandwich a Pittsburg State tailback.

Senior quarterback Dean Carstens, Lincoln, takes a final look over the Fort Hays defense before calling out the starting signals.

KSC's defense was rough on opposing quarterbacks all year.
Holdrege senior Mark Lundeen snags a Dean Corson pass in front of a Pittsburg State opponent.

Being CSC Coach of the Year wasn't all roses for Claire Boroff as he cheers his offensive unit on against Central State's runner-up, Pittsburg State. Next, Boroff looks down his bench for a replacement, then reacts as his offense turns the ball over.

Defensive standouts Terry Lovey, Dave Welch and Ron Groteleuchen make running up the middle hard for opposing ball carriers.
Cheyenne, Wyo., standout Dan Boomhower breaks up the middle against Fort Hays State.

Volleyball

Loperettes finish third in nationals

Women's volleyball teams at KSC have been very successful since volleyball began as a varsity sport in 1967. The 1980 team was no exception. The Loperettes ended the 1980 season with an impressive 30-7-2 record and a seat in the National Volleyball Championships. Anita Glatter, Amherst, and Sue Retzlaff, Palmer, made the National All-Tournament second team which qualified them as All-Americans.

Coach Rosella Meier commented that the defense was "the best we've ever had. The team was well-balanced and was an all-around good team."

The team defeated Bellevue, Midland, Doane, and Valley City to win districts and earn a trip to the NAIA National tourney held in Pittsburg, Kan. East Texas State University defeated the Loperettes in the semifinals, giving KSC a third-place finish. It marked the first year that the volleyball team competed at the NAIA level.

Players named to the All-Conference teams were Jill Breen, first team; Anita Glatter and Sue Retzlaff, second team; and Lisa Schnitker, honorable mention. Members of the District II teams were Glatter and Retzlaff, first team; and Breen and Schnitker, second team.

In addition to team honors, Coach Meier was named NAIA District Coach of the Year. Meier's career coaching record, all at KSC, stands at 269-69. The mark includes state titles in seven of the past eight years, plus three of four Central States Conference crowns.

—Diane Houdek

Sue Retzlaff, a junior from Palmer, prepares to block the opponents' return.

Lisa Schnitker, Omaha, reaches for a spike, while Jill Breen, North Platte, awaits the return.
Sue Reclaff concentrates on passing the ball to one of her teammates, as Anita Glitter and Lisa Schmitr eagerly await the pass.

Coach Meier watches intently as her team executes the plays.

—Mark Wink

Diane Davidson, Kearney, uses her jumping abilities to block a return.

Team standout Lisa Schniiker pauses a moment between Loperette serves. Schniiker was named to both the All-American and District 11 teams.
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"KSC Loperettes take time at the end of the game to congratulate their adversaries from Doane for a fine job."

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"Coach Meier and the team plot their next moves to earn a victory."
Men’s Cross Country

All-American leads team to nationals

An All-American team member and a trip to the NAIA National Cross Country Meet were but two of the highlights of the 1980 men’s cross country season.

Shane Fruit, Gothenburg, senior, finished 24th in Nationals which qualified him as the first All-American in the team’s 53-year history.

"I was very pleased that we had an All-American," commented Coach Bob Hauver. "Shane certainly deserved it, as he’s been a hard worker during his career at Kearney State. In addition to his winning, he’s been a great leader and next year’s team should do as well because of the drive and ambition he passed on."

The Lopers captured four first-place finishes and four second-place wins during the season. They won the NAIA District 11 competition in Chadron for the second straight year which qualified them for the national meet in Salina, Kan.

Twelve team members received letters at the annual cross country banquet in November.

—Connie Custer

Leading the field in men’s cross country is Gothenburg senior Shane Fruit. Fruit is the first All-American in the sport’s history at KSC.

Making their way uphill at the Kearney Invite are Derry Trampe, Geoff Hall and Bob Volkmer.
SEASON RECORD

- Chadron State Invitational: 2nd
- Doane Dual: 1st
- Doane Invitational: 1st
- Fort Hays Dual: 2nd
- Marymount Invitational: 2nd
- KSC Invitational: 1st
- Central States Conference: 2nd
- NAIA Districts: 1st
- NAIA National: 18th

Omaha junior Dan Effrein takes several minutes to rest after completing a run.

—Mark Witz

Women's Cross Country

Young team continues tradition of success

A tradition of success, including two All-Americans and a berth in the nationals, was continued by the 1980 women's cross country team.

"We had a young team this year," said Coach Mary Iten, "but these women really improved during the season."

The Loperettes finished seventh at the NAIA National Cross Country Meet in Salina, Kan. It marked the first year the team competed at the NAIA level after participating in the all-women AIAW in previous years.

Shari Meyer, Shelton senior, and Kathy Harders, Wood River, sophomore, earned All-American honors by finishing 21st and 23rd, respectively, in nationals.

"Meyer and Harders were the only upperclassmen on the team this season," Iten said. "The young team members gained valuable experience by running the course, which is the best way to learn."

—Connie Custer

Shelton senior Shari Meyer displays the determination and stamina which helped make her an All-American.

—Diane Houdek

A KSC runner keeps her eye on a competitor from Emporia State as she draws near the finish line.
SEASON RECORD

Doane Invitational: 2nd
Fort Hays State Invitational: No Team Score
UN-Omaha Invitational: No Team Score
Marymount Invitational: 5th
Fort Hays Dual: 2nd
Central States Intercollegiate Conference: 3rd
NAIA National: 7th.

Coaches Mary Iten and Charlie Foster time a group of runners during an early-season practice.

Men's Basketball

Lopers make 'KayCee' reality for fourth straight year

KSC played a different tune for its opponents throughout most of the 1980-81 men's basketball season, but when the first week of March rolled around, the popular song, 'Kansas City Here We Come' yielded positive results as the Antelopes went to the national tournament for the fourth consecutive year.

Returning only one full-time starter, Lexington junior Doug Holtmeier, the Jerry Hueser-coached Antelopes earned an unprecedented fourth trip to "KayCee" employing a different strategy: stingy defense.

KSC held opponents to under 70 points in 12 games. In one of the games, Kearney State defeated preseason district favorite Hastings College 84-65 in a regionally-televisioned game deciding Nebraska's national tournament representative.

At the national tournament, Kearney State raced to a first round 108-96 win over Campbellsville of Kentucky before elimination by Augsburg, Minn., 81-77. Holtmeier finished with the third highest scoring average for the NAIA tourney with 22.5.

In all, the Antelopes took the four-game series from Hastings' Broncos 3-1, losing 97-79 at Hastings, one of six road losses for the 25-7 Antelopes.

"We knew from the start of the season winning on the road would be tough," Hueser said. "But we only got blown out twice." One of the "blowouts" was at the hands of Hastings; the other occurred at Bellevue College, 85-71.

—Jim Campbell

At Loper home games Coach Jerry Hueser cleared the bench in search of bright young prospects like freshman reserve center Brian Johnson.

Eyes wide open, Doug Holtmeier flexes his muscles while he looks for the open man and the open pass.

Shooting from the peak of his jump, Pete Andersen added height and depth to a rejuvenated Loper lineup.
The long arms of KSC tall man Curt Retzlaff prove invaluable when the fight for the basketball is on.

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New field general and starting guard Jeff VeerHusen found early in the season that the only way to look was up.

Driving in for a three-point play, Rick Johnson fights off a foul by a UN-O defender in an early-season KSC win over the Mavericks from Omaha.

Executing the time-out, KSC head basketball coach Jerry Husen holds a strategy session on the bench for starters and reserves alike.
One thing missing from the season, which saw KSC take its 11th Nebraska College Conference crown, was a national ranking through most of the year. Although the Antelopes received votes in five of the eight NAIA ratings, they only squeaked into the top 20 once, in the final regular season poll—tied for 20th rank.

Another title missing from the Antelope trophy case in 1980-81 was a Central States Intercollegiate Conference championship trophy. The Antelopes had won or shared the title three of the previous four years since the conference's birth in 1976. In the fifth year of CSIC competition, the Antelopes managed to keep the race in question until the final night of the season. A 85-83 loss at Fort Hays State settled the decision, giving KSC a second place tie with Fort Hays.

However, many titles which escaped the Antelopes as a team were claimed by leading scorer Holtmeier. Averaging 16 points a game from his wing position, Holtmeier received All-American Honorable Mention and SCIC Player-of-the-Year honors for his efforts.

Also the Antelope's top rebounder, Holtmeier followed in the footsteps of Tim Higgins as KSC's representative on the NAIA All-American roster and CSIC Player-of-the-Year listing. Holtmeier's CSIC honor marks the third consecutive year a Kearney State player has won the award.

At the playmaking guard spot, Hueser inserted Jeff Veerhusen for Joe Ernst. The Adams senior responded by averaging 14 points a game and breaking the season steals record once owned by Tom Kropf by claiming 79 thefts in the 1980-81 season.

—Jim Campbell

Stuck in the middle of traffic without the ball, Loper backup guard Kevin Bartlett fulfills a vital reserve role for KSC head coach Jerry Hueser.
Agile and able, KSC's Mike Lynch stretches his arms for the loose ball.

—Marc Haysman

Defying the simple idea of a pass, outstretched Loper senior Pat Lynch shows why defense was often the name of the game at Kearney State.

—Mark Wise

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Against arch-rival Hastings College, Loper Pete Andersen lunges for either ball or man in a key win at Cushing Coliseum.

Acrobatics aside, Loper southpaw Rick Johnson had a stellar senior year and helped the team to a fourth consecutive NAIA playoff appearance at Kansas City's Kemper Arena.

KSC always seemed to have depth with tall men, like lanky Gilbert Killion, to get the rebound.

—Mark Wine
Women's Basketball

Young team places in top half in first-ever NAIA playoff

Connie Hansen couldn't have forecasted a women's basketball season more accurately than she did for her team's 1980-81, 14-12 campaign.

"We'll be young and inexperienced early," Hansen said before the season. "But by the time we get into the Central States Conference play, we think we should be ready to challenge for a spot in the top half of the standings."

With only three seniors and one junior to supply leadership, Hansen's squad slumped early in the season, recording a 2-5 record during first semester play.

One reason for the slump was the absence of leading scorer Cathy Weir, due to an injury in the season's second game. The other Hansen explained as a lack of team cohesion.

The Lady Lopers closed the regular season with a 13-11 record and entered the first-ever NAIA District 11 basketball playoffs for women.

In the first contest, KSC defeated Wayne 56-51, earning a chance to play Midland in the District final. Midland had never lost to KSC in post-season play.

Playing on a neutral court in Seward, Neb., KSC played hard but, with Weir missing from the line-up, the Lady Lopers couldn't defeat Midland, losing 77-72.

"We got a lot of the younger players some good playing experience, so whether we lost to Midland this year or not, the outcome will be different next year," Hansen predicted.

Hansen won't be around, at least not on the court, if KSC beats Midland next year. Hansen resigned at the end of the school year, leaving the coaching ranks with a 147-125 record to return to full-time classroom duties at KSC.

"I have wanted to return to the classroom for six years," Hansen said. "It finally came about and I have no regrets."

—Jim Campbell

On-the-court floor leader Shari Holmeier crosses halfcourt on a left-hand dribble before setting up the KSC offense for a play.

One of the few seniors on Connie Hansen's final KSC Loper basketball team, Orchard's Leah Hill finds the bank shot is no easy task for a goal.

An exhibition with a touring national team from Taiwan gave Connie Hansen's crew a different look to start the season.
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Tied up for the jump ball, Kris Rohren gets a sure grip on the ball in a match of strength with PSU.

Loper backcourt ace Shari Holtmeier drives the baseline for a two-point try in head coach Connie Hansen’s final women’s basketball season at the Lady Loper helm.

Wrestling

Team boasts All-American, trip to nationals

"This team put out good effort all year," said Coach Jack Ramey of the 1980-81 wrestling team. "We never had a let down all year and the hard work really paid off for them.

"Highlights of the year came when we defeated Huron College 19-18 at the University of Nebraska-Omaha Dual Tournament when they were rated second and we were rated fifth and when we won the NAIA Area III championship for the second straight year."

KSC again placed first among Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and South Dakota colleges in winning the four-state NAIA Area III championship. They also claimed the championship of District 11, compiled a 9-2 dual record and placed 17th in the national tournament. One team member, Jerry Prusha, of Omaha, gained All-American honors by placing sixth in the national tournament.

"We would have finished in the top five at the national tournament if Lane Kinnan wouldn't have been hurt before the meet," said Ramey. "It's tough to finish much higher than we did when you lose one of your All-Americans."

Ramey cited seniors Kinnan, Ted Dobberstein and Walt Maslin with providing the team with leadership necessary to propel the team to its number four rating at the end of the year.

—Randy Spulak

Free from the madburned knees of referee's position, KSC's Morgan Meier begins his one-man plan of attack on an opponent.

Standing quietly on the sidelines, Loper mat coach Jack Ramey turns his attention to the main event with a watchful eye.

The towel already thrown in, KSC's Jerry Prusha begins to release the opponent after the pin has more Loper points on the scoreboard.
SEASON RECORD

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No team score Cowboy Open
10 UN-Lincoln Dual
No team score Fort Hays State Open
No team score KSC Open
45 UN-Omaha "B"
19 Huron
11 UN-Omaha "A"
27 Fort Hays State Dual
22 Northern State Dual
29 Claytion State Dual
27 Black Hills State Dual
33 Northwest Missouri Dual
29 Midland College Dual
58 Nebraska Wesleyan Dual

UN-Omaha dual Tournament 2nd
Dana Invitational 1st
NAIA Invitational 1st
NAIA District 11 1st
NAIA National 17th

Muscling his man with every ounce of strength, KSC’s Jerry Prusha shows what All-American wrestlers are made of.

—Mark Winz

While mind over matter may last only a split second in a wrestling match, Tim Puehrer holds his own weight against the odds and his opposition in an early season dual encounter.

With arms and legs entangled to no end, Kearney State's Jerry Prusha hopes to put a quick end to his opponent's upside down proposition.

Twisting his opponent into a little pain, Antelope junior Tim Vogel nears a pin against his western rival from Chadron State.
Scoring a headlock and withstanding another matburn, KSC 134-pounder Walt Maslen grapples his way to another grueling Loper win.

Muscling in for more, Kearney State’s Greg Rojas turns an opponent into a victim with a sure leg-and-arm hold.

Scoring a takedown and early dual points, Loper captain Dominic Reicks sends his opponent floor-bound.

One of three 142-pounders wrestling for Jack Ramey’s matmen, Mel Kotalik reaches for a pinhold en route to victory.
Swimming

Piranhas put out strong performance in first NAIA season

"We got stronger as the year went on and put out a super performance at nationals," said Coach Joan Bailey of the 1980-81 women's swim team.

KSC's swim team sent nine women to the NAIA National Swimming and Diving championships and came home with six All-Americans and 23 All-American awards.

Marcia Konat, Elwood, became KSC's first national swimming champion when she won the 100-yard backstroke. She also received All-American awards in the 200-yard backstroke with a third-place finish and in the 200-and 400-yard medley relay teams which finished fourth and fifth respectively.

Grand Island native Julie Pulliam was a member of the 200-and 400-yard medley teams and also competed with the 400- and 800-yard freestyle relay teams, which placed sixth and fourth, respectively. Pulliam also finished fifth in the 100-yard backstroke for another All-American honor.

Ann Harkreader, North Platte, was a member of the All-American 200-and 400-yard medley relay teams and gained All-American honors for her sixth-place finish in the 200-yard breaststroke.

Kim Hoey, Kearney, and Sue Barry, Hastings, received All-American recognition as members of the 400- and 800-yard freestyle relay teams. Barry was also a member of the 400-yard medley relay team.

In diving, Mona Lighthart, Omaha, won All-American honors with third-place finishes in both the one- and three-meter dives.

—Randy Spulak

Giving a textbook demonstration of swimming is no easy task, not even for Anne Harkreader, who bobs for air and gets more water during a race for victory.

Engulfed in a land alone, it was woman versus the elements for KSC Piranha Sue Barry in her quest for excellence and victory.

After the gun has sounded, the water race is on, and more often than not, won by Piranha speedster Denise Wright.

—Mark Winz

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Reaching for a splashdown, Marcia Konat leaps for an early lead in KSC's Cushing Coliseum.

Off the blocks in perfect form dives Annie Harkreader, a strong team member for the Lopers' first-time entry into NAIA women's swimming competition.

Men’s Track

Tracksters finish first in districts, net All-American honors

Highlighting the season with a first-place finish in NAIA District 11 track meet, KSC’s men’s track team turned in three first place finishes in Invitationals during the 1981 season.

Ty Martin topped the list of individual performances by gaining All-American honors in the NAIA Indoor Nationals, finishing 5th in the 800 meters.

The big turn-around in the season occurred in the District 11 meets. Inside, KSC’s men finished second to Doane College while outdoors KSC took top district team honors.

—Jim Campbell

One thought in mind, Loper trackster Tony Little takes the final step before making the leap.

With every ounce of muscle behind the toss, Loper field specialist Darryl Volgardsen throws the shot put for distance and victory.

—Mark Wing

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Extending himself to the physical limit, Loper leaper Mitch Martin made action speak for words at the long jump event.

Charting one event after another, KSC track and field coach Bob Hauver turned sportsman on meet days at Foster Field.

Heading for the home stretch, KSC's Al Miller leads the pack in quest of another Loper distance win.

The long jump provided KSC's Mitch Martin with a long run, a long leap and a sandy finish in the pit.
Passing the baton, Mike Chambers and Ty Martin give the Loper’s relay team a lap-to-lap handoff consistency.

With a confident eye on the high bar, Loper pole vaulter Kelly Leopold anticipates the leap and the fall.

Over the hurdle in fine fashion leaps Loper trackster Bob Volkmer while running the steeple chase.

The finish line holds a tapeful of victory for Loper runner Ty Martin.

The KSC Invitational track meet provided hurdler Joel Agena with a time to spread his wings and fly, hurdle after hurdle.
Women's Track

Team scores points in first-ever NAIA national tourney

With its season highlighted by Susie Anderson's fifth place finish in the NAIA National's high jump event, the 1981 women's track team closed its first year in the NAIA under the guidance of Coach Mary Iten, scoring points in national competition for the third straight year.

Anderson, in her first year of high jumping on the collegiate level, jumped 5-6 in the meet at Houston, Texas.

Other stellar performers for Iten's track and field team include hurdlers Jayne Brummer, Kearney, and Delni McKibbin, Gering; long distance runners Shari Meyer, Shelton, and Kathy Harders, Wood River; and long jumper-sprinter Julie Faris, Tecumseh.

The women captured the Central States Conference and District 11 titles, winning both the indoor and outdoor titles of the District 11 meet.

—Jim Campbell

Kicking high in the air for every possible inch, Julie Faris leaps long for the Lady Lopers.

Springing from an earthy and dirty surface, Lady Loper Donna Kuhlengel kicks high to clear the bar during field event competition at the high jump pit.

—Mark Wies
Relaxation and track talk followed the final track and field events of the day after each Foster Field meet.

Lady Loper hurdler Delni McKibbin finds the surface of the earth a humble reward following the clearance of the first hurdle.

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Spearing the javelin throw, Katie McGuire puts strength and stamina into action for the Lady Lopers.

Twirling and hurling in a roundabout fashion, KSC's Lisa Tatum completes a discus toss in an effort for distance, placement, and points.

Getting a piece of advice from two coaches at the same time, Sue Anderson talks with Mary Iten and Charlie Foster following the event.
Preparing to land in the soft-cushioned pit, Lady Loper Nancy Wiseman catches the bar with the back of her foot in a futile attempt over the new height.

Finding Concordia and Hastings opponents bearing down the warpath to victory, KSC’s Kathy Hadders heads for the home stretch and Loper paydirt.

Crossing the finish line with winning fashion, Loper runner Dawn Winchell breaks out a smile and slows down for the victory lap.

In a photo finish at the wire, Lady Loper Janelle Hart nips her opponent at the tape for another KSC win.
Baseball

_Lopers’ diamond crew plays, wins most games ever_

A_fter dodging the bullet of inclement weather from one weekend to another for the duration of the regular season, the rain, the park and other things caught up with Loper baseball fortunes in late May.

Coach Guy Murray’s scheduling strategy of playing mid-week single games in place of weekend doubleheaders paid off in big dividends early in the season, and Murray’s 10th edition responded to the sunshine well by recording its best record ever, 35-24, including most games won and most games played.

But the weather finally turned against KSC at the NAIA Area 3 qualifying tournament for the NAIA World Series. After getting washed out on the first scheduled day of the tourney by rain, a foreign park at Emporia State University in Kansas and NAIA power Kansas Newman ended the Lopers’ championship bid, 14-13.

Still, Murray’s team was full of heroes and heroines. No less than 39 individual and team record were broken, including two new batting marks set by designated hitter Rich Piper and a new home run standard set by Mike Keehn. Piper, Duane Redford, and Dean Carstens were named to the All-Area 3 team following the Lopers’ final game of the season.

———Rob Wilson

_Southpaw Warren Healy gave KSC one portside hurler to blunt the power attack of all opposition._

_Preventing passed balls and wild pitches in the dirt, Loper backstop Duane Redford gloves all pitched balls with an odd-shaped catcher’s mitt._
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Settling a pitcher down to nothing more than throwing strikes, KSC baseball coach Guy Murray often had to call a meeting on the mound.

Reaching for the outside pitch and a punch single to the opposite field, Loper batsman Mark Schaefer swings through a strike.

The fastball was only one feature of Warren Healy’s arsenal of pitches from the Loper mound.

Hard-throwing righthander Mike Brandt kept Kearney State in the game from the start on many occasions.
Taking a safe lead off base, KSC's Larry Whalen hopes to draw the throw from the opposition's pitcher or catcher.

The third base coaching box was a familiar site for Loper mentor Guy Murray, who guided his KSC team to another winning season in 1981.

—Mark Wing

KSC's Scott Opfer lashes a single to left field in an early Loper victory over Chadron State.

Intensely waiting and watching, Loper players and coaches turn benchwarmers while sitting on the sideline.
Women’s Softball

‘Youth Movement’ results in winning season for Lady Lopers

KSC’s softball coach Hank Dicke relied on what could be called a ‘youth movement,’ reversing his softball program’s record from 18-23 in 1980 to 44-17 in 1981. All this was capped off by the Lady Lopers’ trip to Texas for the NAIA national tournament.

“It was quite a reversal, but this is how I have built our program,” Dicke said after the season. “Most of the people who played regularly for us this year were my recruits, and were only freshmen or sophomores.”

“In my opinion, we will be a major force in the NAIA next year.”
Freshman shortstop Brenda Gonneuman, Gresham, earned All-American honors, hitting at a .320 clip and bunting for a team record 23 sacrifices.

McCook pitcher Nancy Loescher, 14-5, paced the pitching staff, posting a 1.35 earned run average, while the Lady Lopers mound staff posted a team record 2.07 ERA.

—Jim Campbell

Humming it home, Char Benoist fires a strike for Hank Dicke’s successful Lady Lopers.

Inside or outside the cage, talking softball was only part of the game for the Lady Lopers.

—Mark Wise
Connecting for the long ball on the base hit, KSC’s Kris Gulden kept her eye on the ball for one hit after another.

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Golf

Toughest course of the year hinders golfers in national play

Paced by Steve Samuelson’s score of 231, KSC finished 21st in the NAIA National Golf Meet, the team’s lowest score in the meet in 10 years.

“It was the toughest course we played on all year,” coach Les Livingston said. Aside from needing an accurate shot selection on the par-71 course, the meet’s competitors had to battle rainstorms during the three-day event.

The lowest score carded by a KSC golfer was shared by Samuelson, Rick Smolczyk, and Bruce Bebout, each of whom shot 73s during the season.

Beebout was a medalist, the golfer with the lowest score, in three of KSC’s golf matches in 1980-81.

—Jim Campbell

Driving the tee shot down the middle of the fairway, Cal Berreckman watches his shot land on a warm spring day at the Kearney Country Club.

Keeping his eye on the ball from the beginning of swing to end, Loper iron ace Bruce Bebout hits a small iron shot for the flag.

—Mark Wise

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—Mark Wise
Finishing in upright form, Loper linker Rick Smolczyk works on his tee-to-green game in preparation for the district tournament. With an eye on the ball from tee to drive, Loper senior Steve Samuelson provided Les Livingston’s golfers with the long ball on the course and leadership off the 18th green.

Long-ball hitting was no surprise at any match when the Loper trio of Steve Samuelson, Rick Smolczyk, and Cal Berrecker were involved.

GOLF—Front Row: Mark Zalesky, Tom Jeffrey, Cal Berrecker, Dave Ogden, Steve Samuelson, Rick Smolczyk, Bruce Bebout and Coach Les Livingston.
Men’s Tennis

*Frederick sets record, leads netters to national tourney*

Led by Jeff Fredrick’s 21-7 singles record, KSC won its second consecutive District 11 tennis title and scored two points in national competition for the second year in a row.

Grand Island sophomore Fredrick, the only KSC player to win a match in the NAIA national tourney this year, became the first-ever KSC singles player to win 20 matches in a single season when he won the District 11 title at number two singles.

In district play, the Loper netters won each match they played and lost only one set in district title play.

—Jim Campbell

With an eye for winning tennis form, Loper freshman standout Bob Kirby looks his toss into a power serve.
Wrist stiffened for the backhand and follow through, KSC's Jeff Luke bends low for a deep volley from the baseline.

While ace serves came in small commodities, Jeff Luke scored point after point on good serves that put the tennis ball into play.

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Women's Tennis

*Top finishes in NAIA, CSIC tourneys lead to national play*

Spurred on by first-place finishes in NAIA and CSIC tournament play, KSC’s women’s tennis team won five matches and scored ten points in the first-ever NAIA national women's tennis meet to finish its 1980-81 year.

In singles play, Andra Purkalities, Kiki Seitzer and Jill Breen won their first round matches before losing in second round matchups.

KSC’s most dependable doubles tandem, freshman Connie Becker and Lisa Grossart, won its first round match but was eliminated in the second round. Ann Smalberger and Seitzer won in the first round, also, but defaulted in the second round with an injury.

To qualify for the national meet, KSC won its district by winning all but one of its 16 matches, the only loss coming in number one doubles play.

—Jim Campbell

*Handcuffed at the net, Kiki Seitzer turns her racket into a block shot position while doubles partner Ann Smalberger looks on.*

*Following through with a little strength and power on the serve, Ann Smalberger delivers a winner.*
Leaping with both feet off the court and racket back, Loper netter Andra Purlalitis prepares for the overhead smash with little sympathy for her opponent in mind.

A hard smash, a power overhead, or a simple serve from Jill Breen all served to doom the fate of KSC's 1981 tennis opponents and seal one victory after another for the Lady Lopers.

Intramurals

Student participation high in year-round activities

With student participation numbering in the thousands in some sports, the intramural program at KSC enjoyed another successful year in 1980-81. "Participation was very good and, for the most part, the response from the athletes about the different sports has been positive," said Hank Dicke, KSC intramural director.

Sports offered this year included flag football, beef pull, tennis and a horseshoe tournament, just to name a few. "We try to offer a wide variety of activities and sports, both individual and team," Dicke said. "The sports vary from year to year depending upon student interest, past numbers, available space and economic feasibility.

"Our intramural program isn't set from year to year. It changes and evolves. We are continually trying to upgrade the program and involve more students."

—Randy Spulak

Eye on the ball, an intramural softball participant follows through on her swing during an early spring game.

All attention is centered on the ball during one of the women's flag football games.

Field conditions aren't always the best for flag football, as Sandra Sorensen discovers in a chilly spill during a coed game.
Mary Halpenny sets the ball to fellow Omahan Bill Bucha in one of the Biff's Bombers coed volleyball games.

Nancy Carlson, Holdrege, is a quarterback for the CC's team which took third place in the women's division of flag football.

While not the cleanest sport around, the beef pull provides excitement for participants and spectators alike.

Water polo played on intertubes is a refreshing way for both men and women to enjoy sports at Cushing Coliseum's swimming pool.
Spirit Squad

Cheers, dance routines pep school spirit

Torey Nichols, Gothenburg sophomore, is worried during one of the grimmer moments of the basketball playoffs in Kemper Arena.

Leading the popular KSC fight song, the girls boost the crowd's spirit during basketball game time-outs.

Spirit Squad mascot Val Cline, Bertrand, entertains one of the Lopers' youngest fans.

Accompanied by the KSC pep band, squad members perform a pom-pom routine during a night-time football contest.
Highlights of the 1980-81 year for members of the Kearney State Spirit Squad were their trip to Oklahoma for the football playoffs and a return trip to Kansas City for the basketball playoffs.

Chosen last spring from more than 30 candidates, the ten-girl squad held a four-day retreat in the fall to practice and to get to know each other. They performed pom-pom and dance routines at all the home football and basketball games and also attended two wrestling, women’s volleyball and women’s basketball contests during the year.

Dee Scheer was the squad’s homecoming candidate. The group also planned the pep rally and marched in the parade at homecoming.

—Jody Lee Novacek

Squad members present a dance routine during half time of the homecoming football game.

—You Photo

Spirit Squad members lead a capacity crowd in a cheer during the men’s basketball playoffs in Kansas City.
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