University of Nebraska at Kearney

Run With It

Bico's continues long tradition

Lucas Wright Staff Writer

Khim Lim, along with wife Hong Lo and son Boule, will reopen Bico's Cafe, located at 3012 Highway 30 W., on Jan 20.

The Lims purchased the building from Kearney State Bank in September. New owner Khim Lim had planned to reopen Bico's November. in However, construction and renovations to the building pushed that date back.

The structure retains the original look outside, but some changes have been made to the party rooms located on the north side of the facility.

"Bico's was the first to bring pizza to Kearney back in 1963."

Nita Halbert Former owner of Bico's

"We have made those rooms into banquet rooms and will be taking reservations for them," Boule Lim said."We already have some graduation parties booked."

Boule Lim also said there will be free t-shirts, key chains and other giveaways, along with free food samples and drink specials, for the reopening festivities.

DJ Action from New York will serve as the master of ceremonies for the evening events at 9 p.m. This will coincide with the new atmosphere that the Lims are hoping to create, which is a family restaurant and sports bar during the day with an emphasis on the bar at night. DJ Action will also be performing on Saturday night. The event will be free for the public.

Boule Lim said that he hopes to have live music and drink specials on Friday and Saturday nights, as well as karaoke on Tuesdays and Nights" "Ladies' Thursdays.

The menu will basically remain the same and feature homemade pizzas, said Boule Lim. Some new additions to the pizza menu are barbecue chicken and shrimp, but Bico's will still have American foods as well burgers, steaks, pastas, ribs and sea foods. The Lims, with 15 years of restaurant experience, contacted Nita and Brian Halbert, who owned Bico's from 1976 until 2001, to learn some of the old recipes and methods of cooking. Nita Halbert said that she was happy to come and show the Lims how they had done things for the 25 years they owned the busi-

ness. She added that she has a wonderful relationship with the new owners and wishes them the best of luck with their new endeavor.

Bico's closed in April after Gary Roubicek owned the business for nearly four years, following Halberts' quarter century of ownership.

"When they closed 30th Avenue we lost almost all of our business," Roubicek said."There just came a time to stop the bleeding," he added in reference to financial losses.

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But Roubicek is not bitter about how things happened.

"We had great relations with Kearney and UNK especially," he said. "We just needed to give it to somebody who had more time to invest to make it the place it can be."

The Lims hope they can continue the tradition of "good food and cold drinks"

in the building that Cesar Bico built. Bico was a second-generation Portuguese immigrant, who was born in New Jersey, and then moved to Nebraska, said Nita Halbert.

"Bico was the first to bring pizza to Kearney back in 1953," Nita Halbert added. "He had his own place on the east side of town but then he worked for Elliot's Motor Lodge for 13 years and then in 1966 he bought

this building and named it Bico's. We [Nita and Brian Halbert] later bought it from him in 1976."

Now, on this, the 40th anniversary of Bico's Cafe, the Lims hope to carry on the tradition and reputation of "having a place that everyone can go for good food and cold drinks," as Nita Halbert likes to say.



Photo by Ryan J. Downing

The Lim family plans to reopen Bico's Cafe, located at 3012 Highway 30 W. on Jan. 20. Opening night events include a live DJ, giveaways, free food samples and drink specials.

Student mediates for college

Kearney.

Kathlene Jordan **Entertainment Editor**

Sophomore Matthew Urkoski began attending Kearney City Council meetings last week to represent His position involves acting the UNK student body.

Urkoski, 20, serves as the director of community relations, an executive cabinet member, in UNK's Student Government organization.



Photo by Julia Stumkat Matthew Urkoski

as a liaison between Student Government and the city of

"I go to City Council meetings, report back to Student Government and work with Mike Morgan," Urkoski said.

Kearney City Manager Mike Morgan spoke with UNK Chancellor Doug Kristensen and Student Government in order to help fulfil the position of a student liaison. Morgan said that he wanted to involve UNK students by providing an opportunity for them to improve the city.

"It was just an idea to get a little different influence, to get the student participation," he said.

Next week, Urkoski and Morgan will discuss pertinent issues such as campus parking and a potential city sales tax increase. Morgan hopes to see student involvement in the upcoming sales tax discussions at City Council meetings.

son position in Nov. 2005, after serving in the student senate. He has attended UNK since fall 2004. A native of Tecumseh, Urkoski is one of six vice presidents in fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon, student assistant for UNK intramurals and referee for junior-varsity basketball, in addition to interning at UNK's NCAA Compliance

"I like making a difference however I can," Urkoski said. "I like being in my fraternity, because I feel like I'm a bigger person because of it; I feel like I'm a bigger man because of it, because there are others there to hold me accountable. There are others there pushing me. There are others caring about what I'm doing, really caring, on a daily basis. That pushes me to do better."

UNK Student Body President and Regent Bradley Bohn offered the executive cabinet position to Urkoski.

Urkoski attained the liai- See Urkoski on page 8

Humane Society opens new shelter in Kearney

Jackie Stoltenberg Staff Writer

The Kearney Area Humane Society invited the public to view its new animal shelter, located at 3205 W. 24th St., West Highway 30, Wednesday.

Norma Rizer, executive director of the Kearney Area Humane Society, said the facility opening date is scheduled in mid-February. The ribbon cutting will be on Feb. 15. The shelter will begin animal adoptions on Feb. 19.

The building is completely paid by Cheryl and Scott Morris, owners of Morris Press. They donated about \$1 million, Rizer said.

"[The donation] paid for the construction, architecture fees and construction

material costs," she added. For now, residents can adopt an animal at the Riverside Animal Clinic, located on Central Avenue

in Kearney.

Rizer said the new animal shelter will hold 70 dogs and 74 cats, and that would pack the shelter.

The building is about 50 by 128 feet. Not only is the shelter larger, but there will be no relinquishment fee to turn in animals.

The Riverside Animal Clinic is a private practice, and there is a fee. "It's pretty stiff," Rizer said. "Many people do not want to pay that price and leave it in the country, or somewhere, figuring it will survive or someone will take care of

She added, "The actual operations fees of the facility will be paid for by the money that has been donated through our capital campaign, as well as adoption fees that we get from animals.

"We'll have fundraisers to pay some of that money. We will also have a retail

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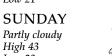






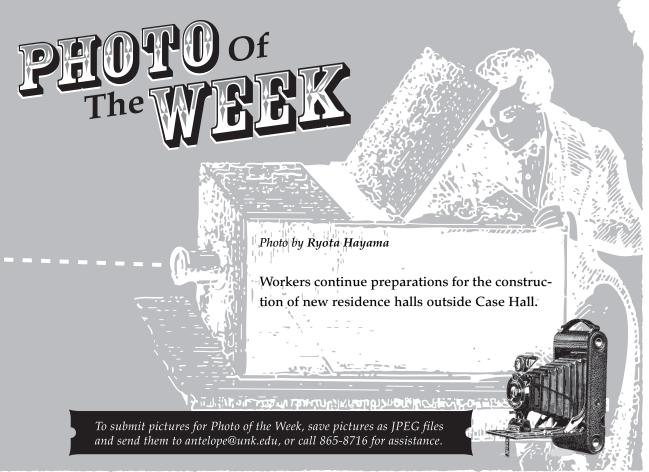
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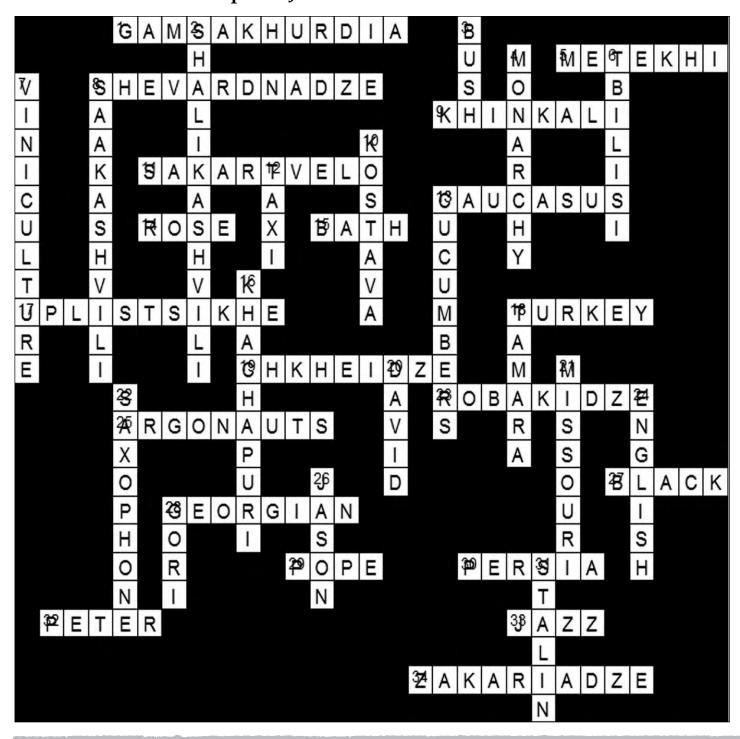




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"I agree with it, because it gives us a chance to look back upon the great leaders of our past."

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"It's important to have time to reflect on historical moments."

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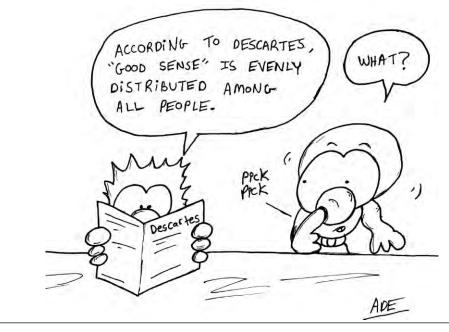
"I agree with the dismissal of classes for MLK day because it honors a leader of the Civil Rights Movement."

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"Awesome! I love not having school. It's also nice to reflect upon a great leader and celebrate."

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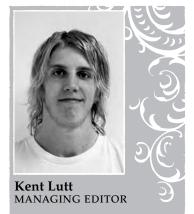
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The Antelope Martinis, gods and bad streaks on Friday 13th



I've never experienced such a terrible streak of bad luck in my life than the one last Friday.

To start the day, my car wouldn't start. So, ironically, I couldn't really "start" my

A close personal friend was badly injured on campus. She ended up in the hospital and is still recover-

I heard later on in the day that someone else was injured in a car accident. Same bad day, same bad

On top of all that, I was out of milk. No cereal, no mashed potatoes and one very upset stomach.

And you really won't believe it. Seriously, stop reading . . . because it's so ridiculous that I feel silly telling you this. But it all happened on the infamous Friday the 13th.

So that explains it, of course! It all makes sense. It was the fearful Friday the 13th, a day seemingly stuffed with the broken mirrors and black cats of our human mythologies. I stopped pondering about it then ...

... But wait, who decided on a day such as this? I know it must have some history

behind it. On the About.com Web site, located at www.urbanlegends.about.com, author David Emery explained that Ancient Egyptians believed there existed 12 stages of life. Yet a final stage beyond that, death, also existed.

Hence, 13 stages. And who wants to mosey into that last

Emery suggested another explanation from research. According to Viking lore, a devilish little god, Loki, attended a party of 12 gods to which he was not invited. Loki, the uninvited 13th guest, decided to cause a ruckus among the partygoers.

And the author continued on and on and on with other coincidences of the number "13" in the far annals of history and into the mysterious cosmos. But it made me think: what if my car wouldn't have started Thursday? Would I have blamed Thursday the 12th instead? That day doesn't have much to do with Ancient Egyptians or a furious Viking god looking for a martini and a fist fight.

It just seemed to all happen on that unlucky day. If people "expect" bad things to happen, of course they probably will. But my car could have quit any time of the week, and those accidents could have unraveled in any number of sinister ways on any other sinister days. And I can run out of milk any moment of any hour of any day.

So is it really bad luck? Probably not; it just gets labeled as such. And then that sad Friday that's been so abused with curses and threats and name-callings is

labeled "Friday the 13th." But superstitions stand strong, so sayeth the sooth sayer. And bad streaks will continue to plague those fearful calendar days. Just remember: don't waste your precious hours locked away in your house next Friday the 13th. Because Saturday could be the day that Loki decides to visit your party.

Charles A. Peek Reader's Opinion

Dear Chancellor Doug Kristensen, Senior Vice Chancellor Finnie Murray, and the UNK scholarly community:

At graduation December 16, you honored me with the Leland Holdt Award. I deeply appreciate this recognition, and want to make a short comment by way of saying "thank you" to the awards committee that selected me and to Security Mutual Leland Holdt who made the award possible.

During our time in China, the daily immersion in a way of life and way of thinking different from our own played tricks with my memory. One day, a student there asked what I would be teaching when I returned to the United States. My assignment was already fixed and book orders prepared before my wife Nancy and I left in February. But that day, I couldn't remember at all what was on the schedule for fall.

Conversely, once we had returned and gotten our feet back on the ground, my memory began to present than ever before. I began to remember scenes I had not even known I remembered. The Sunday before graduation, my daughter, who graduated a dozen years ago from UNK, celebrated her 33rd birthday—the same little baby my wife and I carried from the Flagstaff Hospital to our car across the sheet of ice left from a blizzard going on while she was being born. I'd forgotten the scene entirely, and here it came back with renewed reality.

This theme of knowing and remembering, a theme explored by Faulkner in "Light in August" and

Cather in "The Professor's House," strikes me as an important key to our work. Yesterday, today and tomorrow are useful categories to be sure; but in reality past, present and future are one continuing experience. The present shapes the past, as much as the past has shaped the present.

Some people live only in the world of their immediate surroundings, their immediate circle of friends, their immediate work. Such immediacy is, in itself, vital, but by itself it is a severe limitation, even suspect for lacking context and perspective. Seeing, it turns out, is not believing. When you know only what is immediately present to your sight, you know little. Education, if it is anything, is the set of disciplines and the literacy that allow you such a focus on things outside your own little immediate world, that those things become equally real to you, equally present.

Only with such an education can anyone begin to entertain ideas beyond what is currently popular, ideas others will say are "old fashioned" or "ahead of their time." Only with such an education does one come to know people he or me with even more vivid she will never actually recollections of the past meet, and even regard as people those that our upbringing labeled as "other."

> attaining Obviously, such a focus does not come easily. While always a fascinating journey, it comes only with work and sacrifice. And, so far as I can tell, it comes only when you are striving to cultivate greater sympathies, broader horizons, and deeper understanding. Striving, that is, to overcome the gravitational pull of the prejudice, pettiness, and partisanship that are part of the baggage we have to carry when we divide up the world into us and them, then and now,

high and low.

This striving has been the substance of my whole life, and in so far as the award is recognition of such striving as lies at the heart of what it means to become educated, I am deeply grateful for it. However well or poorly I've pursued the journey to wisdom, it is the only journey I can commend, the only journey worth recognition.

I owe the award to all of

you who made it possible, to all of you who had confidence in me even when sometimes I lacked that confidence myself. I owe it to my colleagues and especially my students. And in particular I owe it to Dr. Bloomfield (who nominated me), to my colleagues here, professors Kate Benzel, Jerry Fox, Charles Fort and Dean Jurma (who wrote in my behalf), as well as Dr. Jim Carothers at the University of Kansas (who owed me something for making me watch the KU/Nebraska football game with him this year), to Dr. Cynthia Caples of the State Department who reviewed my Fulbright performance, and to the students who wrote on my behalf, Nie Aiping Normal (Northeast University, Changchun) and Eric Reed (graduate student in English, UNK)you represent what it is all about, you and my other students who are already so far along the way of awakening your spirit to a larger universe. Thank you all for being

masters of creative fiction.

Sincerely, Charles A. Peek **Professor of English**

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Carrington jokes with crowds

John Christian Ludwig Staff Writer

"I can drink on the job if I want to. I can go on stage with a beer, and it's OK. I can say whatever I want. It's a great job to have."

Does this sound like a job you'd be interested in? Then, perhaps you should take a lesson from the man who this, Rodney Carrington. He performed live at the Kearney Event Center on Saturday for a crowd of more than 4,000 people.

Carrington's act is full of traditional stand-up comedy, jokes and one-liners; but he is probably best known for his singing and song writing, which are often featured on the "Bob and Tom" radio show.

Carrington's particular brand of bawdy, rambunctious comedy has served him well. He's been performing stand-up comedy now has his own hit TV on tour across

America for over 15 years. He has four compact discs to his credit, which have sold more than a million copies. His latalbum, "Rodney Carrington: Greatest Hits," just went gold, selling over a quarter of a million copies.

Even with all of his success, Carrington is still relatable to his fans. Rick Grigsby,

43, of Central City, drove over 70 miles from his hometown Carrington's act with six of his friends and family.

Grigsby feels that one of the reasons Carrington's comedy is so successful and

everyday Americans is because Carrington is an everyday American. "He could fit in anywhere. He's just a plain American, a common man," Grigsby said. "He compares things in his act to real life. He puts things into perspective about life."

Grigsby, like many Carrington fans, first found out about him from the "Bob and Tom" show. Since then, he's purchased all of Carrington's CDs but the newest one.

"One good thing about Rodney is you can listen to his stuff over and over again and it's still funny," Grigsby

When Grigsby heard that Carrington was coming to the Kearney Event Center, he jumped at the chance to see him live with his friends and family.

Stand-up comedian, singer and now star of the small screen, Carrington

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ABC which aired this season. The self-titled, "Rodney," based around Carrington's life and comedy, has been well received by audiences and has been picked up for a second season by ABC.

While Carrington's **Rodney Carrington** act is characterized with uproarious comedy and that

induce his audience to hold "Now I'm telling dick jokes up their lighters as if at a rock concert, he also has a much softer side.

comedy songs, Carrington Gross serious tone, about a couple between studying for finals.



Photo by John Christian Ludwig Rodney Carrington, show sitting at table at right, signs autographs for a concert-goer. Carrington's performance at the Kearney Event center on Saturday drew over 4,000 people.

having difficulties that will work through their problems with their love. The song's echoing refrain was, "I dream of better days with you and me."

Carrington also closed his act with a tribute song he wrote for his dear friend, comedian Barry Martin, who died suddenly in 2003.

Opening for Carrington Saturday night was comedian Mark Gross, a University of Nebraska alumnus who graduated from Lincoln in

Gross told the crowd that he went to college and graduated with a music degree, in an ice arena for a living." Life is funny like that.

Beginning his comedy Among his well-known career while still in college, started doing also sang a new song with a stand-up at comedy clubs

Gross and Carrington first met in Littlerock, Ark., while they were both on tour in 1991. They became quick friends and decided to tour together.

Today, this rising comedian has a resume full of comedic experience. He served several years as a writer for the late-night talk show "Politically Incorrect." He's had frequent appearances on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno,""Late Friday" and Comedy Central's "Premium Blend."

Gross has been partnered with Rodney as a writer and consultant for the television show, "Rodney," from day one. Now, from inception to airing, Gross has been a writer for the show for over three years now.

The two comedians work well together. "We have a great chemistry. He's very

Texasy and I'm very Midwesterny." Gross said.

Already busy with writ-

ing for the show, recording and releasing a new comedy album, and performing live on tour, Gross is working with Carrington on putting together a Rodney Carrington DVD to be released next year. Gross said that the DVD will include a lot of backstage stuff that fans normally don't get to see, the tour having fun on the road and interesting personal facts about Carrington and the tour.

Gross's new comedy CD, "Meet Mark Gross," is on sale now from Capitol Records. Gross's good friend, Carrington, helped him by producing the album.

"Rodney" airs Tuesday nights on ABC at 7:30 p.m. For more information on Rodney Carrington, his albums, the television show and a touring schedule, visit www.rodneycarrington.com

For more information on the comedy of Mark Gross, his writing and live touring schedule, visit www.markgrosscomedy.com.

Kearney The Event Center will feature "Broadway on Ice," Sunday, Feb. 19. They will also host the IFC Caged Combat, Saturday, March 11, and popular Christian rock group, "Third Day," on March 24. The next Storm Hockey home game will be Saturday, Jan. 21. For tickets to any of these events, contact the Kearney Event Center box office at 308-338-

Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrations

Program encourages students to remember his legacy and struggles

Ashley Volf Staff Writer

"I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit together at the table of brotherhood."

According to the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Web site, there was a lot of controversy over making January 15, Martin Luther King's birthday, a federal, legal holiday. On Jan. 20, 1986, Americans celebrated the first official Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

A ceremony took place at an old railroad depot in Atlanta, where hundreds gathered to sing and march. Up to this point there had been no federal holiday commemorating an African-American.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day was originally observed in only 27 of the 50 states, including Washington, D.C.

In observance of this holthe Office Multicultural Affairs sponsored a Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration. It started January 12, opening in the Atrium at the Nebraskan Student Union. Later that night, the Office of Multicultural Affairs also offered a Martin Luther King Jr. Educational Forum: "Equality Speaks: Awakening a Dream."

According to Bryan Samuel, the interim director of Multicultural Affairs, this was the first time a program like this has been delivered at UNK. "In the past, we have often taken an entertainment approach. We were hoping this year to take a more educational one."

Samuel said that the panel consisted of a wide variety of educators, including faculty from the history, health, political science and English departments.

Members of the panel showed great enthusiasm about the program, Samuel

Students attending the program were left with new perspectives and education about a man that has played a large role in the development of human rights.

According to the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of

Service Web site, "During his lifetime, Dr. King sought to forge the common ground on which people from all walks of life could join together to address important community issues."

According to Dana Schultz, a junior at UNK, the

program gave her an brated the 20th anniversary enlightening look at the views of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. It not only showed her the views of different citizens about Martin Luther King Jr., but insight from professors as well.

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Guard members leave school

Jael Johnson Staff Writer

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, two UNK students aided in the relief efforts in New Orleans.

Tim Harper, a sophomore criminal justice major at UNK, from Canyon City, Colo., went to New Orleans with the 1618 Trans Company for security after Hurricane Katrina.

"It's not a big deal," Harper said about having to drop out of classes mid-semester.

Because his education is paid by the National Guard, the loss of a semester was the only negative aspect of the situation, he said.

About two years ago, Harper joined the National Guard after serving time in the United States Army.

said

According to the American Red Cross Web site at www.redcross.org, New Orleans Mayor Ray

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that at least 1,500 National Guard troops would be available to deploy assist with cleanup efforts after storm m o v e d through the

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By the time Harper reached New Orleans, most

area.

of the water debris remained, he said.

down trees, messed up houses, and I could see where water had been on the houses," Harper said.

A majority of the remain-

ing disaster was the result of people looting and stealing. "There was one block with 40-some limos in a median. They had just stole them," he

said. Harper's aid in New Orleans was

had drained, but most of the only needed for 30 days. He said that the National Guard "There were knocked was there to be a show force.

A show force is the same thing as having the local police drive around the town to show that they are around to prevent unlawful actions and to help anyone in need, he said.

"Every day was kind of the same, not that exciting," Harper said. "We drove around and patrolled streets and talked to locals."

By doing this, the National Guard was there as a comfort. If the locals needed something or if they knew people were stealing, the National Guard was there to help.

Harper said that they would break into squads of 9 to 12 people and would be sent into 3 to 4 Humvees.

rotated shifts patrolling an area inside of the city. On the day shift, he could be alone, but the night

shift was different, because it was more dangerous.

There were also traffic stops to check people. "We could stop anyone and search if we wanted," Harper said.

If people were unwilling to cooperate, police were called. For the first week, there was a 6 p.m. curfew for the people of New Orleans. The reason for the curfew was so that emergency personal could be the only ones in the area. The next week, the curfew was moved to midnight.

When the National Guard members were not working, they slept. Members stayed in the event center with 60 people in a group, Harper said."The food was good, because a catering company came in and made food every day,"

In the 1618 Trans Company, there were several other UNK students that were deployed to New Orleans.

One of those individuals was Owen Kruger, a sophomore environmental biology major from Hastings, Neb. Kruger also left in the middle of the semester.

"You are in the guard; you kind of expect it," he said.

Once he got to New Orleans, it was worse than he had thought it would be. "You really don't know what a disaster is like until you see one," Kruger said.

Hoops keep hope high for young girl

Stephanie Ellington Copy Editor

On Saturday evening, the Kearney High School Bearcats faced the Grand Island Islanders in a basketball double feature.

However, the main feature of the night was not the match-ups. basketball There was an event within the game that deemed Saturday night's double feature as special.

Elizabeth "Lizzie"

"There must be something in the water. The support this event has received has been huge. It has been amazing."

John Anderson KHS student

Stratton was diagnosed with a rare cancer, known as Hepatblastoma, when she was just a fourth grader.

Hepatblastoma is a rare liver tumor. Stratton underwent a series of different treatments throughout the past few years.

However, a tumor was recently discovered growing on her neck. It had increased in size and was applying pressure to her spinal cord.

If the tumor is not removed, it could cause paralysis. This new development required the Stratton family to begin making frequent visits to the Omaha Children's Hospital.

According to Stratton's Web site at www.caringbridge.org/ne/lizziegirl, Stratton underwent surgery on Jan. 12 to remove a portion of the tumor and is now recovering in an Intensive Care Unit.

In support of Stratton's current condition, John Anderson, a KHS student, friend of the Stratton family and one of the competing players at Saturday night's game, organized "The Lizzie Stratton Night."

The fundraiser included a silent auction and many other opportunities for people to donate to the "Lizzie Stratton Fund."

Anderson claims his idea for the event started at a meeting and spiraled from there. According to Mark Armstrong, KHS activities director, the school was happy to support and participate in the event.

predicted Armstrong that Saturday night's double feature between the Bearcats and the Islanders would draw in a large crowd and help the event

"Welcome to Lizzie Stratton Night," stated the banner placed over the main entrance of the gym, which could be seen by people attending the double

Throughout the night, people made bids at the auction table, located outside the gym in the main

Brie Maaske, a KHS junior and one of the students working at the auction table said, "The event has been very successful. We didn't know what to expect, but we are very happy with how it turned

"There was no set goal for this event, but we definitely received above what we thought," she said.

A variety of items were donated for this silent auction, including gift certificates, donated by Fas-Break Auto Glass, to basketballs contributed by community members.

Prior to the start of the boy's game, Anderson, along with fellow students of KHS and Stratton's three little sisters, made a presentation regarding the silent auction. Anderson said that Stratton was doing well after her surgery.

"There must be something in the water," Anderson said. "The support this event has received has been huge. It has been amazing."

During the games and between quarters, announcements were made that buckets would be sent around for donations in honor of Stratton.

There was also a photo

where attending the games could have their pictures taken. The photographs would then be placed in a scrap book for Stratton and her

Another support effort was through the Booster

Club proceeds. A dollar was donated to the Stratton fund with each purchase made throughout the night.

Third quarter was in full effect, and the silent auction proceeds totaled approximately \$3,854. Although the Bearcats were defeated by the Islanders, the night was

The support and donations made in honor of this event meant much more than a basketball victory to

Islander girls and boys defeated the Bearcats, and "The Lizzie Stratton Night" was off the scoreboard.

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Athletes give back to Kearney

Brandon Siebenneicher Staff Writer

To give back to the community that supports UNK's student athletes, the UNK Student Athlete Advisory Committee had a canned food drive at the Kearney

Wal-Mart on Sunday.

The food drive ran from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. where shoppers could drop off their cans of food or nonperishable items at either store entrance.

As a way to boost the number of donors, the UNK Athletics Department gave

Photo by Eve Legacie

The Loper Student Athlete Advisory Council held a food drive at the Kearney Wal-Mart on Sunday to give something back to the community.



away tickets to the Feb. 4 men's and women's basketball games against Colorado Christian to people who donated a full sack of usable

"I thought everything went well considering that we are kind of out of the holseason," S.A.A.C. President Erin Brosz said. "Every little thing that can be done helps a lot."

S.A.A.C. conducts their food drive with the response of food items in need at the local food pantry. Cash donations were also accepted, and all donations will be sent to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Shawn Fairbanks, the assistant to the athletic director, was also impressed with the turnout.

"I thought things went extremely well considering the time frame the event was held. Morning and early afternoon on a Sunday is not the ideal time, but we made it work and had a good turnout," Fairbanks said.

S.A.A.C. is comprised of representatives from each of the varsity sports at UNK.



Photo by Eve Legacie

A Kearney resident donates food to the UNK Student Athlete Advisory Committee during a food drive at Wal-Mart. At left, President Erin Brosz, a senior volleyball player at UNK, helped with the drive.

This group is the voice of administration. all of the student athletes on

S.A.A.C. is also the orgacampus in dealing with the nization that organizes the

athletes to go out and do community service.

Super Bowl XL playoffs kickoff

Denton Cushing Staff Writer

This year's playoff picture is not like that of any before where both wild card teams advance into the

Coming out of the NFC are the Carolina Panthers, Seattle Seahawks, Chicago Washington Bears and Redskins. Match-ups include Panthers vs. Bears and Seahawks vs. Redskins.

Representing the AFC are the Denver Broncos, Indianapolis Colts, Pittsburgh Steelers and New England Patriots. Match-ups here include Broncos vs. Patriots and Colts vs. Steelers.

Beginning with the NFC, many spectators predicted the No. 1 seed Seahawks to face the No. 2 seed Bears for

Championship. Saturday's action proved that wrong as the No. 5 seed Panthers upset the Bears in Chicago, 29-21. The Seahawks held true to the predictions by rolling past the No. 6 seed Redskins, 20-10, in Seattle.

stay at home to face Carolina for the NFC title.

According to a non-scientific UNK poll, the majority says the Seahawks will be in the Super Bowl.

"The Seahawks will definitely win over Carolina. They just have more to offer, although Steve Smith for the Panthers has a lot to offer as well," Brad Mueller

In the AFC, predictions pointed to the Patriots and the Colts. Once again, on Saturday, they were proved

The No. 2 seed Broncos beat up on the No. 4 seed Patriots in Denver. Also, the No. 1 seed Colts fell to the No. 6 seed Steelers in Indianapolis.

This is the first time in NFL history that the No. 6 seed advanced to the Next week, Seattle will Conference Championship.

> home this weekend to take on Pittsburgh for the AFC title.

"I think that the Broncos will probably win, but I would rather have the Steelers go to the Super Bowl," Andra Peterson said.

Predictions for the Super Bowl are the Seahawks and Broncos.

The majority points to Seattle winning this year's title game, which will be in Detroit, Mich.

N-Lighten yourself with health, fitness

Shannon Matthews Staff Writer

Thinking of a way to keep your New Year's resolution on the right track?

N-Lighten Nebraska provides an opportunity to stay healthy and fit. N-Lighten Nebraska is a team wellness program that lasts for three for 10,000 adults to register," months, beginning Feb. 1 and ending May 1.

This program requires Nebraskans to form teams of up to 10 people and experience a healthy lifestyle. Adult teams have a variety of divisions they may enter including a weight loss division, accumulated activity division or both. Youth 18 and under may also enter in the N-lighten kids program at N-Lightenkids.com.

According Dave to Mlnarik, executive director of the Nebraska Sports Council, college groups can participate in the program. "Last year, not many col-

lege students participated, but in 2006, we have seen a growing interest among college groups," Mlnarik said.

Last year, 90 out of 93 Nebraska counties participated in this statewide

"This year, we are hoping Mlnarik said.

In order for N-Lighten Nebraska to work, participants must form teams and register any time from Jan. 16 to Feb. 1. Teams then choose captains and decide which division to enter. The captains for the weight loss teams report the teams' total weight by Feb. 1 and repeat weigh-ins throughout the three months.

The accumulated activity teams record points and report the points to the captain who then submits

their information online at N-LightenNebraska.com.

Besides an improved, healthy lifestyle, this program provides many perks. Participants receive free NLN T-shirts for all team members and free NLN long-sleeved shirts for all team captains.

Contestants also receive free entry to the Cornhusker State Games Volkswalk on July 15-16, and the Opening Ceremonies on July 14 when wearing an N-Lighten Nebraska T-shirt. Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded to the top three teams in all divisions.

N-Lighten Nebraska provides encouragement and tools for a healthy lifestyle. The program allows individuals to work together with family, friends and organiza-

More information is available at www.Npoints. The captains report LightenNebraska.com.

Lopers keep rolling

National Duels leave the Loper wrestlers with a record of 9-3

Denton Cushing Staff Writer

The UNK Loper wrestling squad was off to a 6-1 start with wins over Chadron State, Pacific, Simon Frasier (Canada), Menlo College (Calif.), Portland State and Southern Oregon with their only loss thus far to Oregon State.

Before going 3-2 in Cedar Falls, Iowa, at the National Duals, hopes were to maintain the near perfect mark. Heading into the duals with a full head of steam last weekend, the Lopers were looking to make an impressive finish.

Although the finish obtained was not the desired outcome, the Lopers man-

by defeating Shippensburg All-American later this sea-(Pa.), 26-14. With wins from Sylvester, Trevor Charbonneau, Brett

Allgood, Jeff Rutledge, Joe Ellenberger and Keenan McCurdy, the Lopers took the victory and moved to 9-3 for the season.

Other wins at the dual Minnesota State were Moorhead and Central Missouri State. The two Augustana losses were College Central and Oklahoma.

More good news for Loper fans comes from Sylvester, who picked up his 100th win in Oregon last week to become only the seventh Loper ever to join

the elite club. He also has the opportu-

aged to snag seventh place nity to become a four-time son. Doing so will put him into another elite club of only two other Lopers, Ali Elias and Bryce Abbey.

This weekend the Lopers have a split schedule. UNK will be looking to sweep the season series with Chadron as they already defeated them earlier this season, 35-18. The Chadron State dual is Sunday at 7 p.m.

The UNO Brand Open is Sunday at 9 a.m. Those not competing or starting at the Chadron match will be attending the open in Omaha.

There are just nine remaining duals for the Lopers before the RMAC Championships take place Feb. 25 in Gunnison, Colo.



Photo by Hajime Nagao Autumn Trimble, left, a freshman from Kearney, and Kate Musick, a junior from Omaha, tried out for the UNK Women's Tennis Team last Thursday night.

Strong leaders result in wins



Photo by Lucas Froeschl Liz Fischer, No. 22, shoots a three-pointer during the Friday night game. Fischer scored 16 points for the night. Joy Iromuanya Staff Writer

Defense wins games.

At least that's what the UNK women's basketball team showed Saturday night in a 75-40 victory against Colorado-Colorado Springs at the Health & Sports Center.

UNK's Kalee Modlin, a senior from Knoxville, Iowa, had 16 points and 14 rebounds. This is the fourth time this year she has had double digits in two areas of the game.

"We have two great seniors in Kalee Modlin and Erin Jones. Modlin leads by example while Jones is more of a vocal leader," Head Coach Carol Russell said.

"We have a young team - ward Melissa Hinkley the player we usually want

fer. Our team is improving. The more they practice together, the more comfortable they get, and the better they together."

With their eighth win in a row, the women's team is 11-4 overall and 6-1 in the RMAC.

UCCS shot 29 percent, 17 of 58, from the field and were

out rebounded 57-41.

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Carol Russell **Head Coach**

to guard leading scorers and ly helping to great perimeter shooters. shut down She does a lot of things that U C C S don't show up in the stats," senior star Russell said. Jennine

UNK will host rivals Fort Satuer, who Hays State and Chadron State next weekend.

> "We just finished our west division and now we are heading into the east division. Fort Hays has a 12just 2 record and a huge win streak," Russell said. "We are about to take it up a notch. This game is going to be a fun challenge, very exciting for the kids. I'm telling them to enjoy the experience and leave everything on the

Tough practices pay off for men

Season-high scoring from two lead Lopers to win

Joy Iromuanya **Staff Writer**

After watching the UNK men's basketball team this weekend, it's hard to imagine this is the same team that lost earlier in the season to Doane and UNO.

Junior forward Chad Burger said, "We have been working very hard in practice. Offensively, we are swinging the ball better and defensively we are trusting each other a lot more, understanding that it is not a one man show out there."

UNK extended its winning streak to eight with a Springs Saturday night at Mountain Lions dropped to the Health & Sports Center.

Freshman guard Avery Stephenson led the way with a season-high 16 points. He was five of nine from the field and had seven rebounds and two steals.

Also, off the bench, freshman forward Cole Salomon had a season-high 12 points on five of eight shooting.

"In practice, we work a lot on passing, everybody getting touches and making better decisions," Salomon said. "We are halfway through the season. I'm more experienced, I feel more comfortable shooting conference. Both Kropp and the ball."

The Lopers are 11-3 overwin over Colorado all and 7-0 in the RMAC. The physically, conditioning and 2-13 overall and 1-6 in the

"It really helps us out as a team when players step up," Burger said."There is always that possibility that a starter will get injured and they will be called on. They practice just as much as us, so it is nice to see them get more playing time."

UNK hosts rivals Fort Hays State and Chadron next weekend.

"It's gonna be a dog fight," Salomon said.

Burger said, "Fort Hays is the most athletic team in the Lofton have been trying to prepare us mentally and fine tuning fundamentals."



Photo by Lucas Froeschl

Dusty Jura, No. 40, at left, and Nick Morrell, No. 44, at right, line up for a free throw during the New Mexico Highlands game Friday night. The UNK men won the game 85-51.

Photo by Lucas Froeschl Chris Dean, No. 34 at left, shoots a free throw against New Mexico Highlands. Dean was five of nine for free throws on the night.

Hinkley plays on two teams

Shannon Matthews Staff Writer

Melissa Hinkley is already becoming a role model for the UNK women's basketball team.

The sophomore from Lincoln is an all-around athlete and has helped lead the team to victory. Hinkley is not only a forward on the UNK basketball team, but she also plays softball for the Lopers.

"Basketball fits my personality. It is a sport that

requires me to always be on the go," she said. "Basketball is always a challenge."

This is Hinkley's second year on the women's basketball team. Hinkley said one of the team's goals is to win the RMAC this year.

Hinkley visited many schools, but chose UNK so she could play both basketball and softball.

"UNK just felt right," she

Hinkley's favorite thing about UNK is the people she has met and the support of good fans that makes basketball fun.

Hinkley has been playing basketball since she was about six years old.

She is majoring in journalism and not only loves to play basketball, but also enjoys fishing and the movie "Hitch."

Photo by Lucas Froeschl Melissa Hinkley, number 23, from Lincoln East High School, shoots a free throw in the Friday night game against New Mexico Highlands.



Lopers return strong

Shannon Matthews Staff Writer

The UNK track and field team kicked off the spring semester with the Holiday Inn Invitational last weekend in Lincoln.

According to Assistant Coach Luke Mosey, the team did well for competing after a three-week break.

"We have great leadership in the junior and senior roles," Mosey said.

"We brought in some talent. The team is gaining experience in these early meets so when conference comes we are ready to go."

Dane Tobey, a freshman thrower from Utica, beat his personal record by three feet. Tobey had the best mark out of all college athletes at the Holiday Inn Invitational for the shot put event with a throw of 56-

"I think I can beat this record and improve with every track meet," Tobey

Other UNK placers include Amber Tiedeman, a Red Cloud senior, who won the unseeded shot put and was also fifth in the seeded shot put. Dakota Cochrane, a Fairbury freshman, won the unseeded pole vault going 14-11. Sara Wagner, a junior from Culbertson, was runner up in the seeded triple jump.

The UNK track and field team will host the UNK Loper Open on Saturday in the Cushing Fieldhouse.

2006 season looking up

Brandon Siebenneicher Staff Writer

The 2005 Loper softball season did not go according

to plan. The team finished 18-26 overall and 17-19 in RMAC play. The Lady Lopers struggled at the beginning of the season, but came on late winning 10 of their last 14 games. They ended their season with a loss to Mesa State, 7-4, in the RMAC Tournament.

Junior third baseman/ outfielder Allison Sinnett

thinks the 2006 season will be better.

"Our team chemistry right now is very high, which is good because we spend a lot of time together as we go through practices everyday with each other. Last year not everybody got along and I think it showed a little bit," Sinnett said. "We have an experienced team coming back from last year along with some very talented freshmen that can come in

and contribute right away." She said the team's goal is to host the regional tournament.

"We feel that if we are able to host the regional, then we have one of the better records in the area and we will get a chance to play in front of our home fans."

Sinnett said the team owes a lot to strength and conditioning coach Jon Larsen for keeping them physically ready to play.

"Jon does a great job making sure we do everything we need to do physically to be able to play at a high level," she said.

The Lady Lopers start their season at home on Feb. 25 and 26 against Fort Lewis.

Not everybody pays at the pump



Photo by Julia Stumkat Gas'n Shop, located on 2nd Ave., faces gas theft based on gas price hike.

Urkoski

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"I could see that something in [Urkoski's] face kind of lit up when I asked him if he was interested," Bohn said. "He's an outgoing guy. He's got a lot of energy when you talk to him about anything. He sounds excited about it."

Bohn wants to see student involvement regarding neighborhood and commerce issues. "That's kind of Matt's [Urkoski's] job- finding out what students want and finding out how to do it."

Urkoski plans to pursue a career in law, which involves business. He would like to practice law concerning wills and trusts.

"The reason that I want to get my law degree is because there's so many different things I can do with it," he said. "I can go anywhere with it and get a

good job. I want to do something I love doing."

"When his [Urkoski] time's up, I hope that they [Student Government] appoint someone else," Morgan said. "I'd like to see it ongoing. We're helping the university pursue that."

Upcoming student government elections will occur following the senate's decision of whether student should government restructure to a new form of organization.

Staff Writer

Mike Gruszczynski

Convenience stores in the area are taking measures to prevent incidents of gasoline theft following the recent spikes in fuel prices.

Several stores in the Kearney area reported gas theft in recent weeks. Jesse Decker, an employee at the 2nd Ave. Gas n' Shop, reported a gas theft to the Kearney Police Department on Jan. 9. He was unable to comment.

"We have definitely seen an increase in drive-offs, especially this [last] summer," Kris Schuster, manager of Gas n' Shop, said. "There have been two or three drive-offs this month."

Schuster said employees of the convenience store write down vehicle descriptions and license plate numbers, in case a fuel theft occurs. In addition, employees use binoculars to observe customers at the gas pumps. He said that these techniques have helped the store recoup fuel that was stolen.

"All of the recent driveoffs have been recovered, based on the information gathered by employees,"

Schuster said.

store, located on West Highway 30, also reported an incident of gas theft to authorities. Ashley Anderson, the employee, who initially contacted the Kearney Police Department, was not available for an interview.

of Thirsty's, said she has not seen an increase in gasoline aspects of Thirsty's were theft at the store, even impacted by fuel costs. though fuel

prices are much higher than in the past. However, she said, "There have been more bad checks written for

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Kris Schuster

gas pump.

"We have security cameras at the pumps and the pumps [which are] furthest from the store have to be authorized by store employees in order to work," she said.

In addition, Johnson said The Thirsty's convenience that employees are welltrained to watch for suspicious behavior that may signal a potential drive-off.

"All of these [techniques] have really helped to prevent drive-offs," she said.

Johnson said although the higher gas prices have not had a notice-Kathy Johnson, the owner able effect on the number of drive-offs at the store, other

> "High fuel prices really affect in-store sales," she said.

The official National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS) Web site at www.nacsonline.com reports that in 2004, fuel-theft nationwide cost

the convenience store employees use to pre-store industry \$237 million. vent incidents of theft at the In addition, the NACS reports that, although the exact figure for 2005 is not yet finalized, it is expected to be even higher because of the recent spikes in fuel

costs.

Shelter

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pet area called the 'aniMALL' for pet supplies and animal boutique

Interested volunteers for the shelter attended an orientation meeting at the First United Methodist Church, 4500 Linden Ave., in Kearney last week. Rush classes for this group are scheduled for the week of Jan. 23, Monday through

Friday, unless schedules interfere.

Another orientation meeting for interested persons will be held on Jan. 19, from 10 -11:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church.

applications are available on their Web site. About eight hours a month for six months are required to volunteer. Besides that, volunteers are asked to take some training classes.

"I think that it is incredibly sad that animals are treated badly. There is a

need to educate," Katie Covert, commercial editor at Charter Media, said.

Besides animal adoption, the Humane Society plans special events for the community.

"We have held lots of Rizer said volunteer different events and plan to hold other events," Rizer said. "One is what we call 'Santa Paws.' This is where you can get you picture taken with a Santa dog."

For more information on ways to get involved, visit the Web site at www.kearneyhumane.com.



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