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Run With It

## Smoking ban pending



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From left to right: Mike W. Morgan, city manager; Stan Clouse, council member; Jake Horner, chairman of the Chamber Board of Directors; Roger Jasnoch, president of Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the hospitality industry discuss a possible smoking ban in Kearney's bars and restaurants.

## Hospitality industry shares concerns at Chamber forum

Kathlene Jordan  
Features Editor

A potential tobacco-use policy for the city of Kearney could be placed on the ballot as early as November.

The Kearney City Council can develop and enact an ordinance for the community. "I think that our council would prefer to have a compromise," Stan Clouse, Kearney City Council member, said.

"I do not envision a total ban on public tobacco use, but instead see a policy that is well thought out, has compromises where appropriate, and yet meets the needs of our community," Clouse wrote in a document he presented to the City Council. "I believe we can achieve better results if we take care of it locally and have a policy in place rather than have external influences mandating something we do not agree with."

Clouse proposed that the "City Council takes the initiative to assess the situation in Kearney and be proactive in developing a public tobacco-use policy," after he attended a meeting with the Buffalo County Tobacco Free Coalition on Dec. 1, 2005.

Citizens have a legal right, as well, to place the item on the ballot, Kearney City Manager Mike Morgan said at the forum. If residents petition an initiative, it would require signatures from 15 percent of voters in the last general election. A special election initiative would require signatures from 20 percent of those voters.

"Chances are pretty good that whatever goes on that ballot will pass," Clouse said.

According to Kearney City Clerk Michaelle

Trembley, once an initiative is presented to the City Council and voted upon, the decision will be active for two years.

The Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce held a forum last week, and the City Council gathered ideas

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Stan Clouse  
Kearney City Council member

and information from members of the hospitality industry for use in developing a policy for Kearney.

Clouse discussed issues taken into consideration by the City Council at the forum, including the well-being and economic impact of Kearney along with basic freedoms that could be affected.

There were many issues of concern presented by members of the hospitality industry. Some members proposed that customers should dictate policy, not the city. Others voiced that business owners should be

allowed to create their own policies.

There was a general consensus that the city of Kearney will feel a negative economic impact if a tobacco-use policy is enacted. Many alleged that businesses would be forced to close, specifically those most affected by a potential ban, such as restaurants and bars.

"I envision that there will be other meetings, maybe town hall meetings," Clouse said at the forum.

"It's not something that's unique to Kearney," he said. "It's something that a lot of communities are looking at."

Morgan is researching tobacco-use policies enacted in other communities as a possible model for Kearney. He said that Salina, Kan., has a unique policy. It created a compromise to allow smoking after 9 p.m. Ames, Iowa passed a smoking ban, as well; one year later, the state overturned it, ruling it unconstitutional, Morgan said.

UNK Health Education Coordinator for Counseling and Health Services Ismael Torres attended the forum as a representative of the Buffalo County Tobacco Free Coalition.

Torres has been involved with the coalition for three and a half years. He assisted with the Great American Smoke-Out Survey, conducted by Counseling and Health Services in the

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## Yanney Park undergoes beautification

Michael Gruszczynski  
Staff Writer

is excited about the progress being made.

"This has been in the planning stages for 18 months," Tye said. "We hope this component [of the park] will be completed by June 1, so that it can be dedicated with other new features of the park at the Heritage Day Event."

Construction workers recently broke ground for another addition to the Yanney Heritage Park in Southwest Kearney.

Last Thursday, work began on the new Environmental Resource Center, the latest project to be undertaken at Yanney. Members of the Yanney Heritage Park Foundation, a private, nonprofit organization that was created in order to develop the park, conceived the idea of the resource center and all other aspects of the park.

Tom Tye II, who is an area attorney and president of the Yanney Heritage Park Foundation,

The Heritage Day Event is an annual celebration that takes place at the park and includes live music, fireworks and the duck race.

"The new project is called the Environmental Resource Center because it is constructed partly of recycled materials and uses a closed-loop heating system," Tye said. "The

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## Author keeps veterans 'alive'

Lucas Wright  
Staff Writer

Nolda. Nolda is a World War II veteran, and Vierk grew up hearing stories about his time in the Navy.

"Gold Stars and Purple Hearts: The War Dead of Ravenna, Nebraska Area," a book covering biographies of 35 veterans from the Civil War to present day, was written and published last year by Ravenna native Valerie Vierk.

One biography covered in the book is that of Vierk's father, Herbert E.

"I was in Santa Monica making planes for Douglas when Pearl Harbor happened," Nolda said. He was eating breakfast at the home of a local woman on that fateful Sunday morning. "The landlady of the place I was at came out crying and saying, 'I can't

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Photo by Ryan J. Downing  
Valerie Vierk, author of "Gold Stars and Purple Hearts: The War Dead of Ravenna, Nebraska Area," visits UNK to discuss her book, shown above.



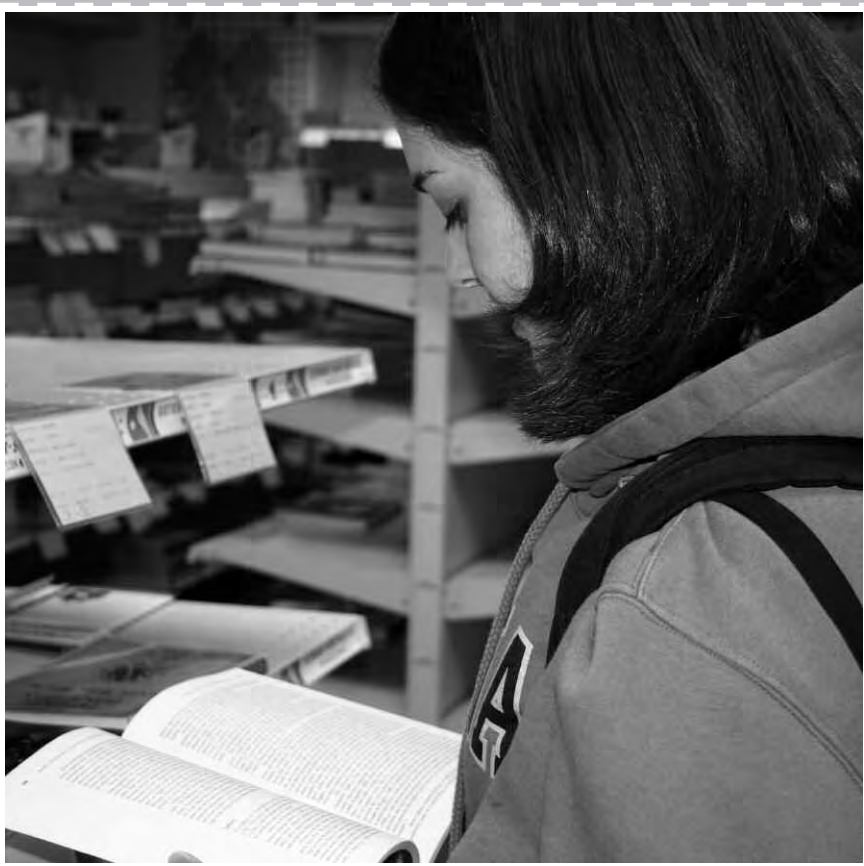
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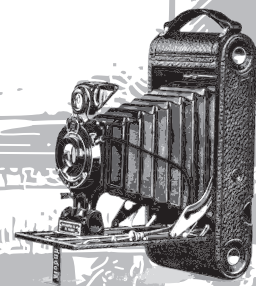


## PHOTO of The WEEK

Photo by Chelsie L. Flanagan

Elizabeth Killip, a junior majoring in social work from Omaha, shops the Antelope Bookstore for textbooks.

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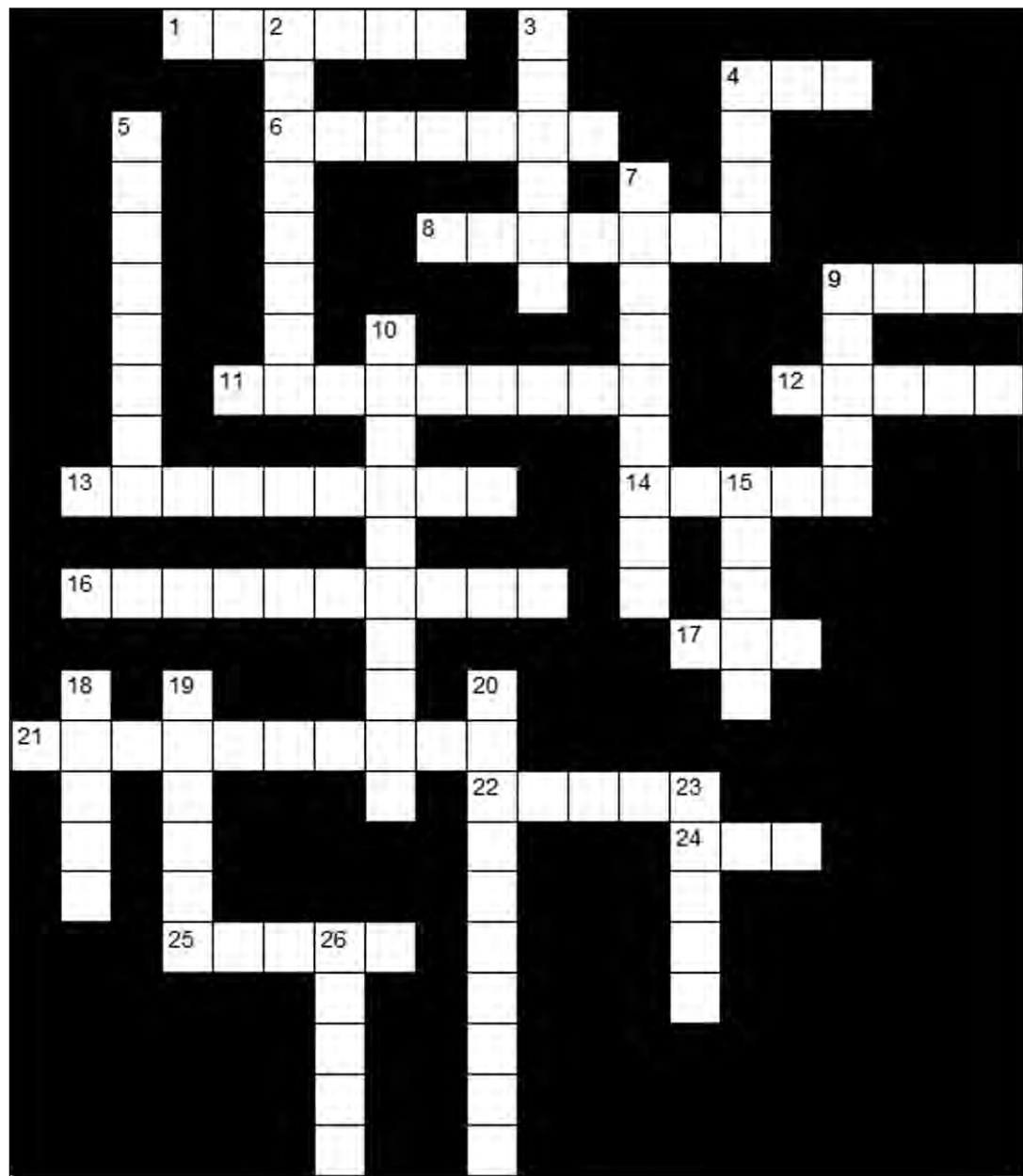
# Knowledge of the Newsworthy

### ACROSS

1. In Havanna, he just organized a march of protest against what he called America's "rude provocations."
4. The "birds" have it — and humans are getting it too.
6. Gunmen stormed the offices of a major oil company in this country, which impacts on U.S. energy supplies.
8. The highest score ever by a basketball player in an NBA games was one \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The given name of the sports figure who scored the highest-ever score in a NBA game.
11. In Venesuela, this American singer and activist called Bush "the greatest terrorist" and "the greatest tyrant" in the world.
12. The U.S. military is conducting war games in this Far East country.
13. Comentators say the American people wholeheartedly support Bush only in this one public issue, following a deadly airstrike in Pakistan.
14. Which "fruitful" computer company joins the board of directors of Disney when Pixar is bought out?
16. Gay activists are accusing "American Idol" for questionable comments on last week's episode, calling the program \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Believe it or not, Kearney's Wal-Mart will be selling this as soon as its newest "station" is opened.
21. Medical authorities have just reported that brisk walking helps overcome this malady.
22. Heads up for this game of cards, building to a national play-off in April and featured on NBC.
24. This Pc ompany is being sued by the rank-and-file for not paying overtime to tens of thousands of workers.
25. This news show is celebrating its 50th year on television — with Katie Couric.

### DOWN

2. Scientists are reporting that less and less of this is reaching Earth, but our planet is not cooling.
3. After a 25-year hiatus, the latest "sport" in the mountains of war-torn Afghanistan is championed by Afghan champion Hamayoon Kargar.
4. This longtime company is going through a reduction in force — many laid off and plants closing.
5. A Swiss investigator has accused the United States of outsourcing \_\_\_\_\_ in CIA secret prisons.
7. This mountain is in the news, with its cowboy scenes even making the Drudge Report.
9. This giant mammal swam up the Thames, but it was the only one that did not have a whale of a time.
10. High winds are causing wildfires in this state.
15. Where's Nemo? The computer animation company now being bought by the Disney Company at more than \$7 billion.
18. This 62-year-old Oscar-winning actor, of "Goodfellas," reportedly punched a college student in the mouth in a parking lot.
19. The surname of the person who scored the second-highest-ever points in a NBA game very early Monday morning.
20. This is the adjective the U.S. Senate used to describe the Bush administration's response to Hurricane Katrina.
23. Trivia question: In Canadian political elections, is our northern neighbor taking a "left" turn or a "right" turn?
26. All the Republicans are voting for him on the Judiciary Committee; all the Democrats are not — We shall know results by the end of the week.



Check out the Feb. 2 edition of The Horn for answers to this week's "Newsworthy" crossword puzzle.



## the bottom line

"What is your opinion on a possible smoking ban in Kearney's bars and restaurants?"



"I think that there are a lot of people that like to go out in that setting, but don't want to be exposed to second-hand smoke. It's a serious problem."  
Sunni Corr, Mitchell Senior



"Being a nonsmoker, I think it would be nice to go to the bars and not have to smell the smoke."  
Steve Gleeson, Lindsay Senior



"I understand that nonsmokers don't want to be around the smoke, but that is what bars are for."  
Mitch Lauby, Lexington Junior



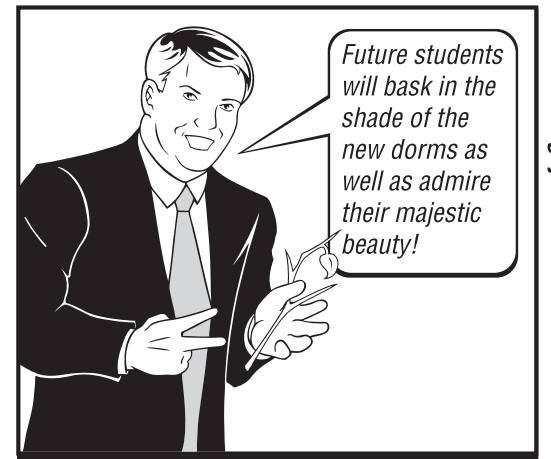
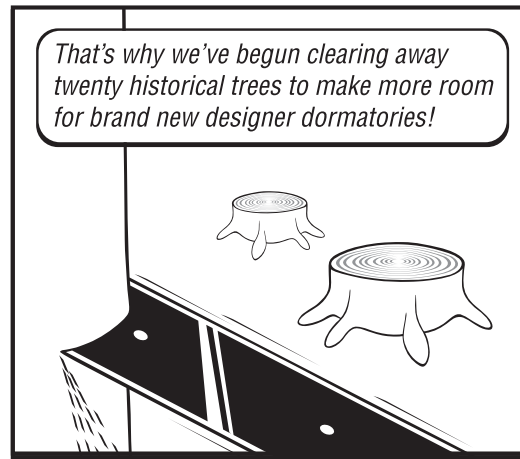
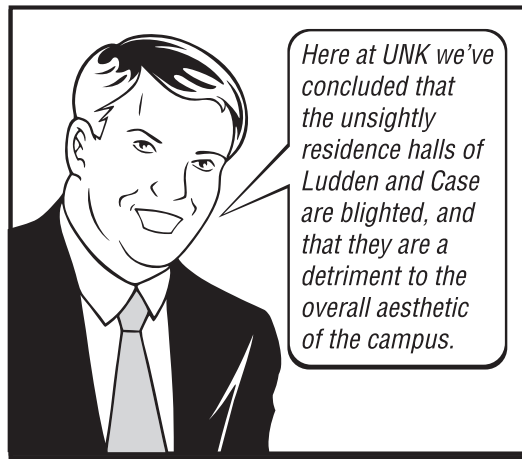
"I can understand it at restaurants, but at the bars, they would lose a lot of customers."  
Heather Jahnke, Riverdale Senior



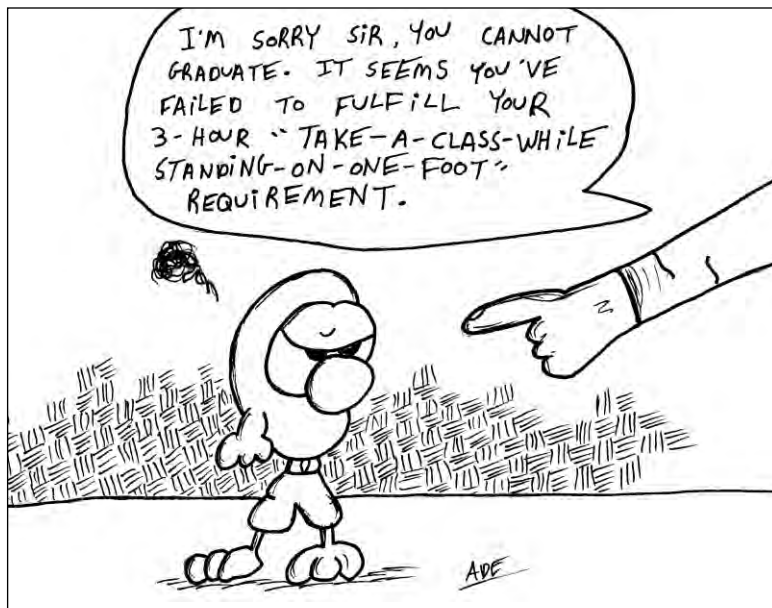
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**Dedicated to the many seniors who get hit with those last few classes, much like myself.**

-Mike Adelman

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## Warrior bride looks for blood



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It's a new year, and with that new year comes a chance for me to make a fresh start.

The month of January has become, in recent years, synonymous with fresh starts and resolutions that we make with good intentions. But we rarely achieve what we set out to do. In the past, what I've resolved in January often becomes long forgotten and covered in dust by the time December rolls around.

This year, however, I'm out to prove to myself that I can finish what I start. I'm a warrior, out looking for some blood. This year I'm finally going to win the Battle of the Bulge. My must-lose-weight resolution started at the beginning of the year, but has become more and more important as I begin my ultimate quest: I've recently set out on the dreaded search for the perfect wedding dress.

I am getting married in October and, as all the bridal shops keep reminding me, I only have two more shopping months left to find that special attire that will forever be memorialized in my mind and in the pictures of my special day for years to come. Now, I'm sure this task may seem mundane and unimportant for some people, but for girls like me it's almost as important as deciding who you're going to marry.

The moment that pushed me over the edge into getting serious about my resolution was the moment the owner of a local bridal shop pointed out all of my flaws and preceded to pinch my fatty love handles that were

apparently an insult to the fine dress I was trying on. (On a side note . . . I do not recommend either of the bridal shops here in town unless you like feeling bad about yourself). As if being self-conscious enough about trying on dresses, this lady humiliated me in front of my mom, one of my bridesmaids and whoever else happened to be walking by during my moment of shame.

Since that day I have been working hard to lose these extra vanity pounds. I'm not turning into a weight-obsessed person who refuses to eat, but I am taking extra steps to push myself into a healthier lifestyle. So far, it's working. I've lost about four pounds in the last week and a half, and I am finally motivated to do something I've been resolving to do for quite some time: living a healthier life. More important than the changes in my physical appearance is the way I feel when I wake up in the morning. I have more energy and more motivation to handle all my daily activities, and I'm feeling more confident and capable than I ever have before. This isn't to say that I haven't had some struggle in the last 24 days or so; I have. With encouragement, motivation and will power I'm beginning to overcome my addictions to chocolate and Dr. Pepper, as well as my other unhealthy habits, slowly but surely.

I've since found the dress of my dreams, the one that makes me feel like a million bucks, flab or no flab. Needless to say, I didn't find it in Kearney. I suppose after looking stunning in my dress on my wedding day, I should send a note of thanks to the rude bridal shop lady for motivating me to look my best – and a picture of me in a gorgeous dress that I didn't purchase from her.



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Earl G. Graves, Sr.

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Reader's Opinion

One of the most alarming trends threatening the economic stability and wealth-building capacity of African Americans is the declining presence of black men on our nation's college campuses. According to the American Council on Education, of the 1.8 million black men of traditional college age—18 to 24—only 25 percent were seeking higher education in 2004.

The good news is that African Americans are more likely to finish high school and attend college than ever before. In fact, according to the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, the college enrollment gap between whites and blacks who completed high school was cut in half between 1991 and 2000.

Let's challenge young black males to rise to higher expectations.

However, that progress has been driven almost entirely by black women. In 2000, nearly two-thirds of all black females who completed high school had gone on to enroll in or finish college, compared to just over half of their black male peers. The college enrollment and completion rate for young black males was lower in 2000 (53.4 percent) than in any year since 1993 (50.7 percent).

The result of this trend is as disturbing as it is predictable. Black men consti-

tute only 40 percent of all first-year, full-time black students attending four-year institutions in 2004, compared to nearly 45 percent in 1971. This growing gender gap in higher education is as prevalent at historically black colleges (HBCUs) and universities as it is at predominantly white institutions. In fact, black male enrollment has fallen to as little as 30 percent at several HBCUs.

Why is this happening? It's easy to point the finger at the public school system, which continues to do a poor job of preparing our kids for higher education and job opportunities. However, our girls are coming out of the same schools. No, the problem is deeper than that. We've allowed the bitter seeds of low expectation, apathy and mediocrity to take root in the lives of too many of our black boys. We sadly acknowledge, but rarely take a stand against, the fact that our boys are far more likely than our girls to be ridiculed, ostracized and even physically assaulted for demonstrating enthusiasm for academic achievement. Our boys are far more likely than our girls to be celebrated for almost anything other than educational attainment. The role models typically held up for black boys, such as entertainers and athletes, rarely associate higher education as critical to success. And while there are many local and national programs aimed at boosting academic achievement and expectations for girls, such programs are few and far between for black boys.

The price we pay as African Americans is enormous—measured in everything from unemployment and poverty to rates of incarceration—and amounts to a significant and unacceptable diminution in our capacity to build sustainable wealth. As we bring in the new year, let us

each personally resolve to change this. Let's champion the creation and support the programs designed to enable, encourage and celebrate the academic achievement of black boys. When our boys are attacked or intimidated for demonstrating a commitment to academic achievement, let's defend them as forcefully as we would if they were threatened with racial violence or police brutality. And let's resolve to communicate to our boys that we expect as much of them academically as we do of our girls, and reward them accordingly. The answer is not to lower expectations of black girls, but to raise them for our boys.

Finally, I challenge everyone to personally intervene in the life of at least one young black male, and make it your mission to help him to commit to higher education as a goal and prepare for college. Let's make 2006 the year we free our boys from the slavery of mediocrity and low expectations.

Earl G. Graves, Sr. issued the previous opinion, titled "Saving Our Young Black Men," on page 10 of the January 2006 issue of Black Enterprise.

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# Bohn goes to bat for students

Jael Johnson  
Staff Writer

Student Body President Brad Bohn is a pre-med and exercise science double-

major who has more on his agenda than mere politics.

"I'm a very open guy if you get to know me. If you don't know me, come and introduce yourself," Bohn said.

"If you want to shoot the breeze or have an issue or complaint, I'll do my best to give you the best explanation."

"The better the Student Government knows the students, the better we can go to bat for them."

In the fall of 2001, he was a freshman who had a perfect idea of his college life in mind.

Bohn figured that he would be in college for five years, playing football, and then going to medical school.

Five years later, he is a fifth year "super" senior, and no longer is involved with football, due to injuries.

He currently represents the interests of UNK students as student body president.

It was the fourth game of the 2004 football season when Bohn's two-year, healthy streak ended, due to a knee injury.

At that moment, he realized that football was no longer in his best interest.

Later that same year, Bohn first found his interest.

While at a dinner with University President, J.B. Millikin, Bohn decided to run for student body presi-

dent. Afterward, Bohn talked about his possible future with Brett Chloupek, then UNK Student Body President.

**"The better the Student Government knows the students, the better we can go to bat for them."**

Brad Bohn  
Student Body President,  
UNK senior

Bohn knew that he wanted to do something that allowed him to work with the university, while keeping busy and stimulated, since football was no longer an option, he said.

He started to talk about his political interest with UNK student Scott Vincent, while at the dinner with Millikin.

A week later, Bohn decid-

ed to call Vincent, to ask if he was interested in running with him for the UNK student body president and vice president positions.

From there, they pursued the process of getting elected.

Bohn had no knowledge of Student Government, and eight weeks to figure things out was a learning experience, he said.

After the summer session, Bohn gained confidence, was able to explore and got involved with things he would not have normally done, he said.

"He has had some rough spots at times," Tom Schlund, a Ravenna senior majoring in business administration, said.

"He's taken it all in stride, and strives to make himself better."

Schlund is the Speaker of the Senate, and has known Bohn for about eight years.

The two went to high school together and both played on the basketball team.

They were known as "the big men" for the post era of their high school team.

By doing drills together and scrimmaging in practice, the two got acquainted fairly well, Schlund said.

"Brad Bohn is real. He is going to tell you how it is, and he's not much for sugar-coating things," he said.

Bohn doesn't try to make himself appear what he isn't, Schlund said.

Bohn has an open door, so he is approachable. Anyone can just sit and talk to him about whatever they want to talk about, he said.

"Brad has a passion for the student body, a passion for helping them out and making the student body better," Schlund said.

For any UNK student who is unfamiliar with Student Government, Schlund recommends viewing the "Your Student Government [. . .] What Can We Do for You?" online group, at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

This is a place where students can find out what their Student Government can do for them.

All of the Student Government members are on the site, and students can interact with their Student Government representatives via a message board.



Photo by Kathlene Jordan  
UNK Student Body President Brad Bohn

## Art of Story: Tales told at MONA

Jennifer House  
Staff Writer

Storytellers performed at the Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA) for the Nebraska Storytelling Festival Saturday.

Tim Tingle, Kathryn Windam and others told stories, ending with a special, adult storytelling event.

The weekend honored the late Nancy Duncan, who founded the Nebraska Storytelling Festival.

"It's wonderful to be in the midst of so many people who loved my mom," Lucy Duncan, daughter of Nancy Duncan, said.

Duncan told a story about her mother's journey through cancer, leading up to her death.

She reminisced about seeing and hearing stories regarding her mom.

"Is that what death means?" Nancy Duncan said, "That all the rooms are beautiful?"

Duncan ended her story by singing a song that her mother had written, "The Big Yellow Bus."

Oklahoma-native Tim Tingle is an official member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

Tingle has traveled all around the United States.

He attends storytelling festivals, and has recently finished his 11th tour in Germany for the United States Department of Defense.

While in Germany,

Tingle toured more than 50 military bases and told stories, to children, of the military personnel who were stationed there.

"Part of the fun of telling stories to children and adults is the wide variety," he said.

Tingle, who once owned New Canaan Farms, in Texas, began to tell stories while he still owned his farm.

He began telling stories partly because of his son, he said.

"I realized that my son was not getting enough history," Tingle said. "This was a good way for him to get that history."

Tingle creates his stories from existing stories that he has heard, conversations with tribal members or personal conversations.

His performance was a cross between old-time Southern wisdom and Hollywood comedic routine.

As Tingle told his stories, the packed room rang full of laughter from the audience.

"What an honor for all of you who chose to be here [. . .] and not at the basketball game."

To find a complete list of exhibitions scheduled at MONA for 2006, visit its online site at <http://monet.unk.edu/mona/exhibitionNEW.html>.

## Friends helping people

Ashley Volf  
Staff Writer

Students at UNK are registering to become members of the Friends Program for the spring semester.

**"It's a good feeling to know that you are a positive role model in a child's life. I have found it to be a very rewarding experience."**

Ahna Leubs  
Big Friend and  
UNK senior

The program is currently seeking volunteers to join its team. There are still several students waiting to be paired.

"The Big Friend Program is wonderful for our kids," Teresa Cordes, a counselor at Park and Central Elementary schools, said.

"The Little friends always speak about their Big friends, and the wonderful activities they do, or how much fun they have together."

According to UNK's Web site, "Friends is a supervised, volunteer program that connects adult mentors with children identified as having a special need for friendship by their school counselors and teachers.

The purpose of the program is to establish a one-to-one relationship between the college student and child, with role modeling being the main objective."

"I feel that to some of our children, they feel like the commercial [. . .] this experience is priceless," Cordes said.

The volunteers sign on to spend a minimum of one hour per week with their Little friend. The Big and Little friends are matched for an academic year, or more if possible.

"It's a good feeling to know that you are a positive role model in a child's life. I have found it to be a very rewarding experience," Ahna Leubs, a senior at UNK, said.

"The one thing that we always need more of is male volunteers," Cordes said.



Photo by Erika Dimas  
April Roggasch, Friends Program Coordinator, organizes and helps UNK students to find an elementary friend.

"We are always short on those, and the boys in our community really need those good, male role models in their lives."

"I have heard such wonderful and uplifting things from the Big friends as well," Cordes said.

"They really learn what it is like to come from a different background, and that they go away feeling as though they learned a great deal about themselves."

"They feel so positive and enthusiastic knowing, that in some way, they are making a difference in the life of their Little friend."

To register or gain more information about the Program, contact advisor April Roggasch at (308) 236-2036, or by e-mail at [friendsprogram@msn.com](mailto:friendsprogram@msn.com).

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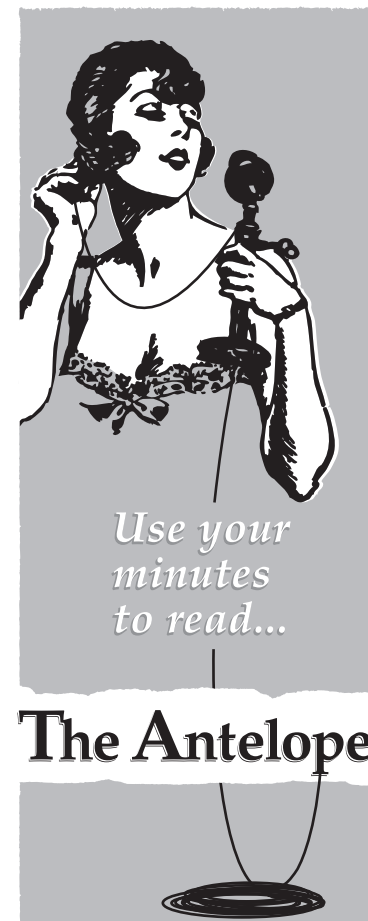
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Staff Writer

First published in 1933, "The Carillon" is a literary tradition that has spanned more than 73 years of the university's history.

"The Carillon" collects fiction, poetry and creative, non-fiction writings from UNK students and prints the best-of-the-best in its pages each year.

The annual publication is organized and published by UNK's chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society in order to showcase the writings of UNK students.

Heather Stauffer, 22, of Wayne, Neb., a senior at UNK, is this year's managing editor of "The Carillon."

Stauffer is responsible for collecting and sorting the creative writing submissions that "The Carillon" receives from students, and bringing them to the selection committees for review and selection.

"The Carillon" is a fiction journal [...] and it's basically to showcase local writers in our school, so that they

can have their work available to other students and peers," Stauffer said. "There's a lot of talent on campus, and it's great to have it all in one place. To have it all, in one collection, is really outstanding."

All of the entries are sorted into different categories and given to the members of the review committees.

"We have three different selection committees, one fiction, one for poetry and one for creative non-fiction," Stauffer said.

**"There are students around here writing great stuff, and their work should be showcased."**

Heather Stauffer  
Managing Editor  
"The Carillon"

The selection process is done only by students who are currently UNK students and are knowledgeable in areas of fiction, poetry and creative, non-fiction. When the selection committees read the submissions, the names are covered; so the authors are anonymous.

Once the review committees make their final selections, the students whose work will be featured in "The Carillon" are notified by e-mail.

Stauffer then arranges the stories that make the final cut, and sends "The

"Carillon" to Dr. Susan Honeyman, assistant professor of English at UNK and faculty advisor.

Honeyman looks over the final version and prepares it for publication.

Justin Sevenker, 23, an adjunct lecturer for UNK's English department, was the managing editor of "The Carillon," from 2003-2004, during his senior year.

"When I was a freshman and a sophomore, I had something published in "The Carillon," and it was just so amazingly encouraging," he said. "I think it's a really big deal for students to have their creative work published like that. There are students around here writing great stuff, and their work should be showcased; that's what "The Carillon" does."

Stauffer, in her role as the current managing editor of "The Carillon," said she agrees with Sevenker.

"Whether you compose poetry, dabble in creative non-fiction, or even scribble short stories during class, "The Carillon" is an excellent way to show off your creativity through print," Stauffer said.

When "The Carillon" was first published during the 1933-1934 school year, it was called, "The Antler."

The title was later changed to "The Carillon," in honor of the symbolic bells

that hang from the campus tower. A carillon is a set of bells hung in a tower.

During the 73 years of its publication, "The Carillon's" design and format has been as varied as the work it showcases.

There have been short, squat copies; long, tall, thin copies; and even a copy covered with purple velvet, published in 1976.

It's important to keep in mind that every aspect of "The Carillon" is created by students. "Except for the actual printing of "The Carillon," the actual running of paper through the machines at the publisher, every piece of work for "The Carillon" is done by students," Sevenker said. "It's entirely student produced."

"We even try to incorporate art students into "The Carillon," Sevenker said. "We encourage art students and graphic design students to submit cover designs."

Submission is open to all UNK students. If you're interested in submitting your own work to "The Carillon," you can get a copy of submission guidelines in the English office, in Thomas Hall.

Writers need to submit a hardcopy of their story, which can be put in "The Carillon's" box in the English department. They also should send an electronic copy of their submission



Photo by Kathlene Jordan  
"The Carillon" has had many unique covers throughout its publication.

sion to "The Carillon" at carillon@unk.edu, in a Microsoft word document format.

If you have any questions about "The Carillon," contact Heather Stauffer, managing

editor of "The Carillon" at the above e-mail address.

The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, Jan. 31.

## Wright, Quinn promote talent

Jennifer House  
Staff Writer

At Paradise Cove, it only takes \$5 to get all-access to a tropical location, beautiful local people, great music and cheap, fruity drinks.

Lucas Wright and Dustin Quinn of Black Heart Booking brought together Lost Words, Running on Empty and Memories from Tomorrow. All around fans were talking about their own bands and musical aspirations.

Black Heart Booking was formed after Wright's former booking company, Pink and Black Productions, split. Wright has been booking shows on the music scene since he toured with Fragile Andys and General Star.

"I wouldn't say that anybody 'owns' Black Heart Booking," Wright said. "I like to think of it as a collective community of individuals that do their part to have a good time."

While Black Heart Booking currently works primarily in the Kearney area, Wright and Quinn are

looking to expand to Grand Island and Lincoln. Wright currently relies on the Internet to find his musical talents, primarily the Web site [www.byofl.org](http://www.byofl.org). Wright also relies on his Web site, [www.myspace.com/blackheartbooking](http://www.myspace.com/blackheartbooking) and plenty of word-of-mouth networking.

Wright hears of bands that are looking to be booked from bands that he has worked with in the past. He then brings them to Kearney if they are talented enough. He tries to incorporate all genres of music, including rock, indie, acoustic, metal, hardcore, punk, hip-hop, ska and others.

"Music tastes are so fickle and people have such diverse tastes," Wright explained. "But I try and cater to all types of music."

At some point Wright would like to expand to art shows or premieres. The next event Black Heart Booking has set up is at Circle B, 509 Gold Road in Grand Island. Our Hearts So Televised, Villain, and Mortal Desire will perform.

Photo by Ryan J. Downing  
Javin O'Dean, guitarist of Memories from Tomorrow, performed at Paradise Cove last Thursday. O'Dean and others were invited through Black Heart Booking.



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# Track and field begins season

## First meet ends with 14 first-place finishes

Shannon J. Matthews  
Staff Writer

The first indoor track meet of the spring semester went well for the UNK Lopers. Both men and women had seven first-place finishes. Fort Hays State, Tabor College, Sterling College and Colby Community College came to Kearney to compete in the meet.

According to Ben Nylander, a graduate assis-

tant distance track coach, the meet had its up and downs.

"The RMAC is the hardest distance running conference in the nation for Division II," Nylander said.

Track and field includes six distance-running events, the 800M, 1000M, 1500M, mile run, 3K and 10K are all a part of the meet.

Kellen Jacobs, a senior in exercise science from Phillipsburg, Kan., took first in the weight throw event. Jacobs is ranked fifth

nationally in this event.

"We [the throwers] push each other hard," Jacobs said. "The underclassmen have worked especially hard and have already begun to follow right in line with the rest of the team. The weight room training is also intense for us."

Jacobs was part of the team when the UNK men's track and field team won the RMAC conference for the fifth and sixth year in a row.

"I am excited for conference and would like to get back into that winning tradition," Jacobs said.

Lance Pfeiffer, a junior business management major from Eustis, said the season is going well so far, but there is still a lot to go.

Pfeiffer competed in nationals both his freshman and sophomore years, taking seventh his freshman year.

"Right now I am trying to improve my form to get my goal," he said.

Pfeiffer won first in the shot put event for the Loper Open. He is also ranked second nationally in Division II.

Kelli Dring and Dane Tobey kept up UNK's winning streak when they were named RMAC male and female field athletes of the week last week. Dring and Tobey are freshmen who were honored for their efforts at the Holiday Inn Invite.

The Loper Open was Saturday in Cushing.

Next week, the Lopers host the Charlie Foster Classic meet in Cushing.



Photos by Ryota Hayama  
Top: Sophomore Tiffany Vermeline spins for her throw in the finals of the women's weight throw on Saturday. Vermeline placed second in the competition with a throw of 52-3 1/2.



Middle: Freshman Spencer Huff jumps a length of 22-9 in the finals for a first-place finish by five inches.



Bottom Left: Ashton Rieker, a freshman, jumps the five-foot bar in the finals competition. Rieker ended with a jump of 5-2 and a third-place finish.

## Loper Baseball

### Men prepare for opening day

Shannon J. Matthews  
Staff Writer

When classes are in full swing and students are starting to settle into a routine, the UNK baseball team is gearing up for an exciting season.

The men are only a few weeks away from the game opener at Metro State in Denver.

According to Head Coach Damon Day, the team has been practicing since Jan. 9. The nice weather has allowed the team more outdoor practices to prepare for the 2006 season.

Four seniors are returning for the 2006 season and

spirits are high.

Joey Larsen, a senior sports administration major from Columbus, said, "We have a great team this year. There is good chemistry between not only players, but also the coaching staff."

The 2005 baseball season did not end as expected with UNK ranked seventh in the RMAC standings. This year, the team is predicting a great chance of winning conference.

According to Joey Larsen, the competition is high within the RMAC this year, and UNK is ready for the challenge.

Cody Lusero, a junior business administration management information

systems major from Papillion, said, "I am very excited about the season. We have a lot of returning players and a lot of new talent; I am looking forward to getting started. This year's team will have more experience."

The baseball team is practicing six days a week right now. Throughout the season, the team will be playing every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The players are also ready to bring the competition to the UNK field. On March 4, the Lopers will kick off their home season by playing UNO.

## AquaLopers

### Ladies work to succeed at last meet

Denton P. Cushing  
Staff Writer

The UNK AquaLopers are looking to finish strong as this season comes to a close. The season started in September with regular practices, and competition began in October.

Head Coach Teresa Osmanski said, "We operate just like any other sport on campus. We have home and away meets adding up to around 16 to 18 meets a season."

Osmanski said the season is going well.

"Our last meet especially proved that," she said.

In the last meet on Jan. 13 and 14, many personal bests and a couple lifetime bests were posted by the team. As a team, UNK finished eighth out of ten teams.

Two UNK divers competed in the diving competition. Jennifer Atterbury took second place on the three-meter board and third on the one-meter board. Jen Kirkland also took home a third-place finish in the three-meter board and a sixth-place finish in the one-meter board.

UNK had seven swimmers in the swimming competition. The top places for UNK were Becky

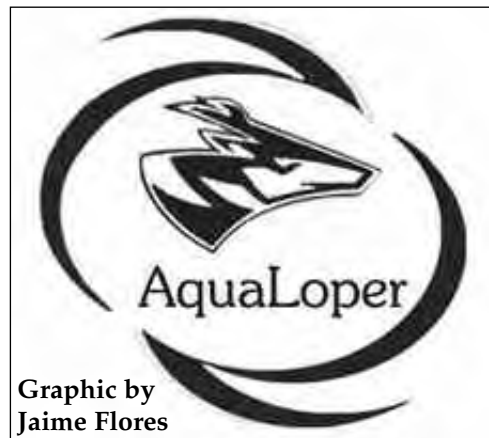
UNK held their own in the relay events by grabbing eighth place in the 200- and 400-meter medleys and ninth in the 200- and 400-meter freestyle relays.

The AquaLopers had a dual last weekend at UNO, but, the Lopers were unable to contain UNO as they took the win, 168-61.

First-place finishers were Hackman in the 200-meter individual relay, Tompkins in the 200-meter breaststroke and Jena Lynch in the 100-meter butterfly. Tompkins also finished second in the 200 IM, and Ashley Mertens finished third place in both the 100-meter backstroke and 100-meter freestyle.

Atterbury also placed high with a second-place finish. With this finish, she qualified for the NCAA Division II women's swimming and diving national championships March 8-11 in Indianapolis, Ind.

The AquaLopers finish the season this weekend against Colorado College at their invite.



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Jaime Flores

## LPAC turns union into Laser Tag arena

Joy N. Iromuanya  
Staff Writer

Close to 255 UNK students participated in a Laser Tag tournament in the Ponderosa room on Wednesday night. The tournament was sponsored by the Loper Programming and Activities Council (LPAC).

"It was good to see LPAC produce a well-attended program that was not a traditional style speaker and audience," Luke Saulsberry, a junior organizational communications major and LPAC president from Auburn, said.

"The attendance was great and we heard nothing

but great reviews from those who participated. Laser tag is definitely on the list to hopefully bring back next year."

The Ponderosa room was transformed into a laser tag arena by dividing it in half with caution tape, seven barrels, red flashing specialty lighting, fog machines and heart-pounding music.

Laser tag combines the classic games of tag and

hide-and-seek with a high-tech twist.

Participants wear a vest similar to a life jacket, and are given a headset and a

laser gun. The headset informs you of when you are shot, when you shoot and the completion of the game.

"It was my first time ever playing. We should get

laser tag every year and more often. It was a blast," Ross Fellows, a sophomore

**"Laser tag is definitely on the list to hopefully bring back next year."**

Luke Saulsberry  
LPAC President

a point on the opponent's side. To score a point you must hit your opponent's headset, vest or gun.

Each game lasts approximately five minutes. At the end, the team with the most hits wins.

Tracee Long was the captain of the winning team for the night. Her team recorded 64 hits in the allotted time period.

Winners had a choice of movie tickets, a pizza party or gift certificates for their prize.



THURSDAY, JAN. 26, 2006

## SPORTS

The Antelope 7

# Lopers' winning streak ends

Joy N. Iromuanya  
Staff Writer

The eighth-ranked Fort Hays State Tigers broke the UNK men's eight-game winning streak in a 74-72 overtime win Friday night at the Health and Sports Center.

Fort Hays senior Tyrone Shephard scored 26 of his game-high 30 points after halftime.

The win brings the Tigers' record to 16-1 overall and 9-0 in the RMAC, while the Lopers fall to 11-4 overall and 7-1 in the RMAC.

This game is the Tigers' last visit to UNK as an RMAC member.

Prior to Friday's game, the Tigers' last win in the arena was an 82-79 victory in 1996, the year they won the national title.

The Lopers were forced to play the final five minutes of regulation without starters Chris Dean and Chad

Burger, who had fouled out.

"Down the stretch we blew our lead. Me and Chad couldn't play because of foul trouble . . .," Chris Dean, a senior business administration major from LaVerne, Calif., said.

Down 51-48 at the 5:22 mark, UNK went on a 13-1 run with the help of three-pointers from junior James Lane and freshman Ryan Moore. Lane finished with 18 points.

Lane, a physical education and health major from Colorado Springs, Colo., said, "Chris and Chad were out. Dusty and I were the only veterans on the court; I knew I had to step up. We were ready to play this game. I don't think there was anything else we should have done in practice. We just didn't finish it out."

Fort Hays answered with two free throws at the 2:13 mark to cut the UNK lead down to seven. Shephard then stole the ball and hit a

three. The Loper lead was instantly reduced to four, 61-57.

After another UNK turnover, Shephard hit two free throws to get the Tigers within two, but UNK freshman Avery Stephenson made one of two free throws with just 57 seconds left to put the Lopers back up by three.

Shephard slowly dribbled down the court and hit a three from the top of the key to tie the game at 62 with 48 seconds left.

As Shephard tied the game, the Fort Hays fans jumped and cheered loudly while Loper fans stood in disbelief.

The game was sent into overtime as junior Dusty Jura missed a shot in the lane and Shephard missed a shot at the opposite end.

Jura, a sports administration and business administration major from Columbus, said, "I was thinking if I got it I was

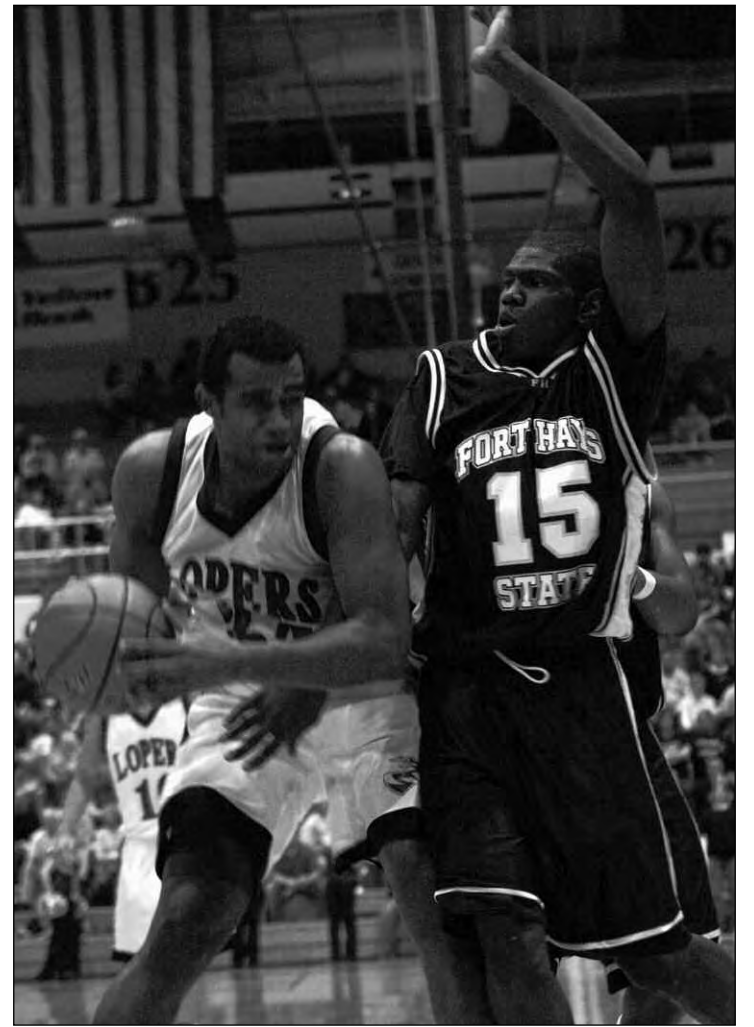
going to shoot it. And I got it, so I shot it. It was a good learning experience for our freshman. They can learn from it."

Jura finished with 21 points and 13 rebounds. This is the eighth time this year he has had double digits in two areas of the game.

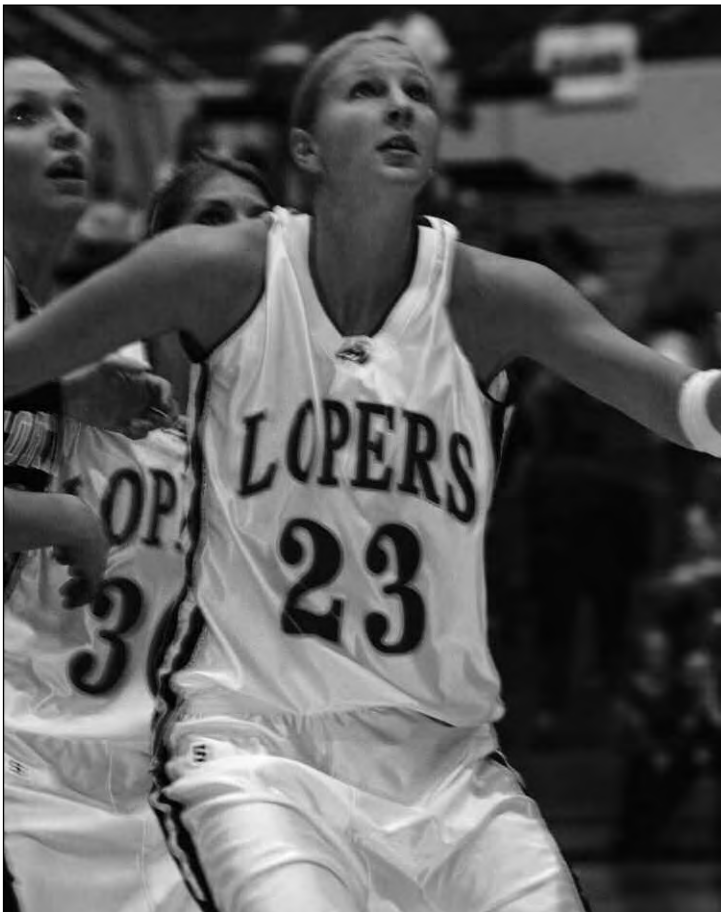
With only four shots after halftime, he also made 11 of his 13 free throws, and led the team in assists and steals with four.

Dean said, "Everyone stepped up - James, Nick, Ryan, Avery. We really competed, but we gotta make free throws and handle presses better."

**Photo by April Refior**  
Chris Dean, senior from LaVerne, Calif. at left, powers to the basket around a Fort Hays opponent. The Lopers lost 74-72 in overtime at the Health & Sports Center Friday night.



# Lady Lopers fight for the victory



**Photo by April Refior**  
Melissa Hinkley, sophomore from Lincoln, boxes out a Fort Hays opponent to get the rebound on Friday night.

Joy N. Iromuanya  
Staff Writer

The UNK women's basketball team extended its winning streak to 10 with an 82-60 win over Fort Hays State Friday night at the Health and Sports Center, and set a school record of 38 made free throws.

With the victory, the Lopers are 13-4 overall and 8-1 in the RMAC. The Tigers dropped to 13-3 overall and 8-1 in the RMAC.

This is the third time this season the Tigers have lost to the Lopers - they lost both games of the UNK/Holiday Inn Thanksgiving Classic back in November. The last time the Lopers lost to Hays was 1990. Prior to Friday's loss, the Tigers had won 10 straight games.

Junior guard Liz Fischer scored a career-high 28 points. She was six of 12

from the field and hit an impressive 12 of 12 at the free throw line. During her 40 minutes on the court, she also had four steals, three rebounds and an assist.

Fischer's 12 of 12 free throws ties the second-best free-throw record in school history as Jessica Kedrowski went 12 of 12 in a 1997 game at Briar Cliff, Iowa. The free throw record is currently held by Ginger Keller who was 14 of 14 at the line back in a 1993 game at Angelo State (Texas).

Playing without second-leading scorer Amy Mathis, who is out for the next few weeks due to a sprained ankle, seemed to have little effect on the team as senior Kalee Modlin and sophomore Melissa Hinkley helped pick up the slack.

Hinkley was 11 of 16 at the line, scored 19 points, only three shy of her career-high, collected nine

rebounds, two steals and two assists in 38 minutes.

"Coming into the game, we knew we'd have to step it

up a notch because Mathias was out and we were playing a really good team,"

Hinkley, a journalism major from Lincoln, said. "Mathias brings a lot to the team, not only in points but getting rebounds and hustling. I knew I had to play better defensively and get more rebounds. When I play solid defense it spurs on my offense."

UNK was 38 of 47 at the line, going 24 of 30 after the break. The previous record for successful free throw shots in a game was 35, set

in 1991 versus Oklahoma City. That game is also the Loper record for team free throw attempts with 51.

**F r i d a y** night's 47 is the second most.

Hinkley said, "I shoot a lot of free throws, because I drive a lot to the basket. I've kinda been struggling lately so the whole

entire week I practiced my free throws. It gave me some confidence.

"While we were playing, we didn't even know that we were about to break the record. Liz Fisher found out and told us later. We were happy. We are going down in school history," Hinkley said.

**"Coming into the game, we knew we'd have to step it up a notch . . ."**

Melissa Hinkley  
Sophomore forward

## Player Profile

**Name:** Chad Burger  
**Year:** Junior  
**Hometown:** Colorado Springs, Colo.  
**Major:** Sports Administration  
**Team:** Men's basketball  
**Position:** Forward  
**How many years have you played your sport?**

"I started playing basketball at the age of four."

**How many years have you played here?**

"This is my second year here, before that I played at Northern Arizona."

**Do you have any predictions for the year?**

"We are going to play hard."

**Do you have any goals for this season?**

"We want to make it to the regional tournament."

**Favorite Quote:**

"You gotta do what you gotta do."

**Favorite Movie:**

"The Count of Monte Cristo"

**Favorite Snack:**

Yogurt covered raisins

**Favorite Activity:**

Sleeping

**Why did you choose UNK?**

"They recruited me, and my brother went here."

**What is your favorite thing about UNK?**

"The people are very down to earth."

**Anything else?**

"I can roll my stomach."



**Photo and information**  
by Joy N. Iromuanya

## UNK wrestlers defeat Chadron

Denton Cushing  
Staff Writer

The Loper wrestling team had a busy weekend. UNK varsity wrestlers attended the Chadron State Dual, while other team members attended the UNO Brand Open.

The season for the Lopers is off to a 9-3 start.

"[The season is] going well considering we had a lot of tough duals. We are competing very well," Jeff Sylvester, a senior from

Lyman, said.

Before the Chadron Dual, Sylvester predicted a win.

"Chadron is always a rivalry and I expect it to be rough competition, but I also expect us to beat them again," he said.

At the Chadron dual, Loper pride wasn't very high as they fell behind by 12 points by losing the first four weight classes. Sylvester started the victories off, followed by wins from Tervel Dlagnev, Trevor Charbonneau, Brett

Allgood and Jeff Rutledge.

Points accumulated in the run put UNK on top 24-15 to beat Chadron for the second time this season. With this win, UNK improves their record to 10-3 overall and 2-0 in the RMAC.

Sylvester has high hopes for the rest of the season.

"Hopefully the team finishes on top and we show up ready to win and put on the best performances," he said.

Six Loper wrestlers had good finishes at the UNO

Brand Open. Kasey Kohl finished 2-1 on the day and took home a third-place finish, the best finish on the squad. Todd Shank, Zac Rice and Matt True took home fourth-place honors and Jake Muirheid and David Bossardet tied for fifth place.

UNK's next matches are this weekend in the Health and Sports Center. The Lopers will face off against the Colorado School of Mines Friday at 7 p.m. and Western State Saturday at 7 p.m.

## Players prepare for start of season

Brandon Siebenneicher  
Staff Writer

The 2005 UNK Loper men's tennis team won the RMAC title and punched their ticket for a trip to the 2005 NCAA Division II National Championships in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

The Lopers, however, lost to Armstrong Atlantic 5-0.

Now, the 2006 Lopers are preparing to start their season on Feb. 4.

Michael Ambriz, a junior

criminal justice major from Lexington, is one of the newest members of the men's team. Ambriz said he thinks head coach Jesse Plote is doing a good job getting the team ready for the season.

"... I know Coach Plote does a tremendous job of preparing us for our match's by making sure we are fundamentally sound and are in top shape in case we have to play a long match," Ambriz said.

Besides strength training

and conditioning and practice, Ambriz said there is one other thing that will help the team succeed.

"Another thing I think will contribute to our success as a team is that everybody gets along," Ambriz said. "Every now and then, we go out to eat as a team or we will watch a movie together."

Ambriz said the team is looking forward to a good season.

"Collectively, as a group, our goal is to repeat as

RMAC champs and improve on the Sweet 16 finish of last year. With this year's seniors setting a winning example, I think it can be done," he said.

Although the season is almost underway, the women's tennis team had open tryouts last week to try and find some hidden talent among the student body.

To see if any new faces are on the women's team, watch the Lopers during their opening match Feb. 4.



## Yanney

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plans for the Environmental Resource Center include a large classroom area, a concessions area, where paddleboats and bikes can be rented, and restroom facilities."

The president of the Yanney Heritage Park Foundation explained that the park lacks restrooms, so the new facilities will solve that inadequacy. "The classrooms will also allow for many more things to take place at the park than in the past," Tye said.

Eventually, the Yanney Heritage Park Foundation will turn the entire park over to the City of Kearney. "When the transfer will take place depends on when both the city and the foundation are ready," Tye said. "The area [of the park], south of the tower, will eventually be deeded to the city following completion of the Environmental Resource Center."

Additional features for the park include another picnic shelter on the west end of the lake and another

shelter on the hike and bike trail that winds through the park.

"One of the shelters will be dedicated to Sue Bush, who worked for the foundation for a long time before passing away recently," Tye said. "The family of Sue pooled donations for the shelter."

Tye explained that although the foundation is not prepared to release information about future projects at the park, "... there is some pretty exciting stuff that will be constructed along the hike and bike trail."

He said that when the park is completely finished, the foundation would have gifted approximately \$4.5 million in property to the city.

"Every component [of the park] includes an endowment, which will ease the financial burden on the city, if a piece of equipment breaks down," Tye said.

He added that part of the funding for the new project came from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund.

The Kearney Area Community Foundation is another local organization that is involved in the

development of the Yanney Heritage Park. The foundation's Web site, located at [www.kearneyfoundation.org](http://www.kearneyfoundation.org), states that the park's location is ideal because there are not many parks in the southwest portion of the city. The Web site also

states, "Acquisition of the land [used for the Yanney Heritage Park] was made possible by a generous gift from Michael and Dr. Gail Walling Yanney and the late E.K. Jr. and Shirley Yanney."



Photos by Julia Stumkat  
Yanney Heritage Park prior to the construction work (shown above and below).



## Vierk

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believe they did it! They bombed Pearl Harbor!"

"Then this guy, a big Swede, said, 'Well boys, our country's in trouble. I'm going down to enlist in the Navy. Are any of you coming with me?' So we went to L.A.," he recounted emotionally.

They waited in line until 7:30 p.m. that day and were finally turned away. Nolda and the others were told to return in two weeks when the Navy would have more allotments. But later, the Navy was taking all native Californians first. Eventually, Nolda quit his job and returned to Omaha where they had more vacant allotments. He was sworn in on April 14, 1942.

After his training at Sheephead's Bay in New York, Nolda helped patrol the East Coast on a yacht that the Navy commanded. While out on patrol early one morning after a terrible storm, Nolda was in the crew's nest when his boat nearly collided with a German submarine.

"I was yelling down at them, telling them to change our course, and I was trying to get unhooked from the mast because I just knew we were going to hit this sub," he said. "And I didn't want to be attached to it when we went down."

Nolda was stationed on a number of different ships and was in a number of battles during his Navy service of nearly four years. But no battle was as dangerous or notorious as the day of June 6, 1944: D-Day.

"It all started at 3 a.m.," he remembered. "Our boat was hit pretty badly, and men were jumping off of the ship. I guess I got hurt and they all said I was bleeding."

"There were two LTs [army lieutenants] on the ship and I grabbed them, cut a life boat loose and rowed into shore," he added. "We didn't even get

hit on the way in because I noticed this alley where the machine guns couldn't get to with their fire and we took it all the way in."

Nolda received the Purple Heart for his valor on that day.

Vierk, author of the book containing Nolda's and other veterans' biographies, said the inspiration for the book came after seeing the nearly completed Ravenna War Memorial in October 2004. She noticed that many names of World War II veterans were being added rather quickly, which concerned her.

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**Valerie Vierk**  
Author of "Gold Stars and Purple Hearts: The War Dead of Ravenna, Nebraska Area"

Vierk, also a secretary at the Department of Sociology, explained that, "We are losing more and more veterans, so I decided that it was time to do it before they are all lost."

She contacted AuthorHouse Publishing, a print-on-demand operation, about the book. "Gold Stars and Purple Hearts: The War Dead of Ravenna, Nebraska Area" was released in November 2005.

Vierk has had poetry published in "The Platte Valley Review." She hopes to have more books published, including one she co-authored with her father, and also a piece of historical fiction she wrote nearly 20 years ago.

## Announcements

Student Alumni Foundation is taking applications for its annual Outstanding Senior Award. The award recognizes seniors for scholarship, leadership and involvement in campus activities.

Applications are available at the Alumni House, 2222 9th Ave., just one block south of campus and Founders, or find the application online at <http://www.unk.edu/alumni/index.php?id=1313>. The deadline for applications is Feb. 28, at 5 p.m.

For more information contact the Alumni Office at 865-8474.

The Alumni Association is taking applications for the Golden Torch Society. Each year 25 undergraduate women students are accepted for membership. Those accepted will share a weekend this fall with successful UNK alumni women – including teachers, business owners, journalists, public relations directors, a forensic biologist – and many more exceptional women in various fields.

Gold Torch is a valuable opportunity for UNK undergraduate women to gain real-world perspectives and network with a great group of amazing alumni. Gold Torch Society weekend will be September 15-16, 2006 at the Alumni House. Applications are available at the Alumni House, 2222 9th Avenue, just one block south of campus, at the Calvin library, or at <http://www.unk.edu/alumni/index.php?id=1316>. The deadline for the applications is March 18, 2006.

For more information contact the Alumni Office, 865-8474.

## Ban

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Nebraskan Student Union.

In Nov. 2004, a total of 250 random samples were surveyed. Forty-six surveys, 18.4 percent, said that they would not prefer a smoke-free Kearney and support a ban similar to Lincoln's; one hundred ninety-three surveys, 77.2 percent, supported the ban.

According to the coalition, 17 percent of adult residents in Buffalo County are current smokers, down from 20 percent in 2000.

Counseling and Health Services will conduct The National College Health Assessment (NCHA) survey, designed by the American College Health Association (ACHA) to assess student health, protective behaviors, risk behaviors and perceived norms on a national level, in April, Torres said. The last NCHA survey at UNK was conducted in 2002.

Various UNK faculty members are discussing the possibility of a Web-based survey, he said. Approximately 700 to 1,000 students will be surveyed, about a 1 percent sample size of the student body.

The coalition funds nearly half the costs of the survey, according to Torres. "In the last three years, the Tobacco Free Coalition has provided us with nearly \$30,000 to help continue the tobacco-prevention program," he said.

Clouse said that the City Council would be interested in holding a public forum at UNK in regard to a tobacco-use policy for Kearney. "We're very interested in the opinions of UNK students," he said.

According to Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia Web site at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smoking\\_ban](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smoking_ban), 16 states have enacted smoking bans of some kind. Another 14 states maintain parts, such as cities or counties, which are smoke-free.