

Long lines at bookstore a downside to purchasing on campus

By Megan Wenz
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Ask any student, buying books can be one of the most dreaded experiences with every new semester. From the costs of the textbooks to the lengthy lines at the store, students have a lot to stress out about.

“I got my refund check, and it went straight to buying books. With only one bookstore I didn’t have an option to on-line shop since classes were in full swing,” said senior Emmie Baker, a business administration major from Merna.

Many students are feeling the crunch whether it be spending your money online or at the bookstore. Since the Antelope bookstore is the only on campus option for buying books, more students are resorting to buying their books online.

Katie Hubl, a junior human resource management major from Blue Hill said, “I have started to look online this year because it is cheaper, and it doesn’t take as long as going to the bookstore and wait in line. You can find all the books you need in a matter of minutes. I saved money this year buying online instead of going to the bookstore.”

Buying online eliminates the line, but management at the Antelope Bookstore also had a plan of action to alleviate the stress for students.

“This year we added more registers. The store is rearranged so we can have nine registers and still have sales floor space,” said Len Fangmeyer, store manager.

Although prices online are competitive, the Antelope Bookstore is still doing ok according to Fangmeyer. They have remodeled the store to bring in more merchandise for students as well as more textbooks.

“After the busy season, we will only have three registers so we can bring in new product,” Fangmeyer said.

Fangmeyer also noticed that students are becoming more curious about buying online this year, but he said that Antelope’s business has increased since Follett’s closed.

UNK students attend inauguration

“It was a beautiful experience, people were inspired.” - UNK student Gibran Mancus

By Josh Moody
Antelope Staff

On Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2009, over 1 million people crowded into Washington D.C. and descended upon the National Mall for a chance to observe the 56th Presidential Inauguration Ceremony and to watch the 44th president take office. UNK students could be found among these huddled masses, as several braved the long lines, cold temperatures, congested traffic and dense crowds in order to bear witness to this historic occasion.

One of those witnesses was Gibran Mancus of Cumberland, Md., a third level nursing student at UNMC. Mancus traveled to the inauguration with three other UNK and UNMC students; Anne Cummings of Kearney, a third level nursing student at UNMC, Burty Macwan of Ahmedabad, India, a fifth level nursing student at UNMC and Happy Macwan, a senior communications major from Ahmedabad, India.



Photo courtesy of Gibran Mancus
With a over one million spectators present to watch the presidential inauguration, the event was standing room only. Here, a warmly dressed crowd awaits the arrival of the newly elected president.

Mancus described the journey as “non-stop travel,” explaining that it had been difficult to find transportation throughout Washington D.C. during the week of the inauguration. Transportation was about as difficult to find as sleep was; Mancus and his fellow UNK and UNMC students stayed up for 30 hours on the day of the inauguration.

“At 2 a.m. there was already a line for our gate,” Mancus said. “At 8 a.m. we were allowed inside.”

Mancus maintained high spirits in spite of the cold. “It was cold for the people from San Diego, not for people from Nebraska,” Mancus said. “It was a beautiful experience. People were inspired. There was a strong sense of community.”

During the fall semester, Mancus could often be found in the student union seated behind a table piled high with Barack Obama campaign literature. Mancus made an effort to pass Obama information along to anyone willing to listen, and now that the election is over and politics no longer dominate the national news, it seems that it would be time to take things easy, but Mancus has other ideas.

“I’ve been really focused lately on taking the energy from the campaign and using that to make the world a better place, to make Kearney a better place,” Mancus said.



Photo courtesy of Gibran Mancus
The group had the opportunity to meet Nebraska Representative Adrian Smith when they picked up their tickets for the inauguration. (from left to right) Anne Cummings, Gibran Mancus, Representative Adrian Smith, Happy Macwan and Burty Macwan.

Inauguration 2009 Quick Facts



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- ★ A record crowd of over 1.5 million came to the inauguration.
- ★ The U.S. military supported the park police for the first time in history.
- ★ There were 5,000 Port-a-Potties.
- ★ Obama was sworn in with Abraham Lincoln’s bible, which hadn’t been used since 1861.
- ★ The estimated cost of the inauguration was \$40,000,000.
- ★ Over 1,000 vendors received licensed spots to sell wares.
- ★ Streaming web videos of the event broke records with about 7.7 million people watching at the same time.

Public safety gets a new name; updates

By Jenny Gierhan
Antelope Staff

UNK Public Safety has recently gone through changes to become Police and Parking Services. Officers are now recognized by the Kearney Police Dept. as police rather than public safety officers. They have also implemented a new UNK Alert system to protect students in case of emergencies such as those at Virginia Tech and the Omaha mall shooter a year ago.

Changes on how to operate more sufficiently were proposed to UNK administration last semester. “Today’s changing society made us reflect our opera-

tion as a whole,” said Michelle Hamaker, Director of Police and Parking Services.

Before, public safety officers did not carry a firearm but in this changing society where anyone at anytime can pull a gun, Hamaker proposed that officers be armed. UNK administration decided a firearm was unnecessary; however, they are looking into less lethal weapons choices for campus security.

“At this time officers carry a baton and OC Spray (pepper spray). Administration needs additional information on other less lethal weapon choices which will be decided for the fall ’09 semester,” Hamaker said.

Along with a new name come new benefits for UNK Police. Previously, the five public safety officers were paid on a lower level than police officers. There are now six full time police officers receiving an increased salary with staffing levels comparable to a KPD officer.

UNK administration also reviewed the security side of the program. The S.A.F.E. Walk program which has been around for the past several years has made changes to benefit students.

Now, Sunday – Saturday between the hours of 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. there will always be an officer on duty to provide safe walks for students on campus.

If you want to call after 1 a.m. you can, but there won’t be an assigned person taking the calls. The S.A.F.E Walk service has been increased to a two-block radius of campus to provide help for the off campus students who do not park in a commuter lot.

“We wanted to make sure of two things with the new program. One, there will always be someone to answer the calls, and two, there will always be someone to provide a safe walk,” Hamaker said.

Police and Parking Services added a second phone line just for safe walk calls and a third line for voice mails in case the second is busy.

There are currently four community service officers to provide safe walks and Police and Parking Services has plans to hire two more officers for this duty. Although called community service officers, they are not volunteers – but paid employees who perform several duties. They are those officers writing parking tickets, checking outside doors to buildings, outside lights on campus and blue code phones for safety.

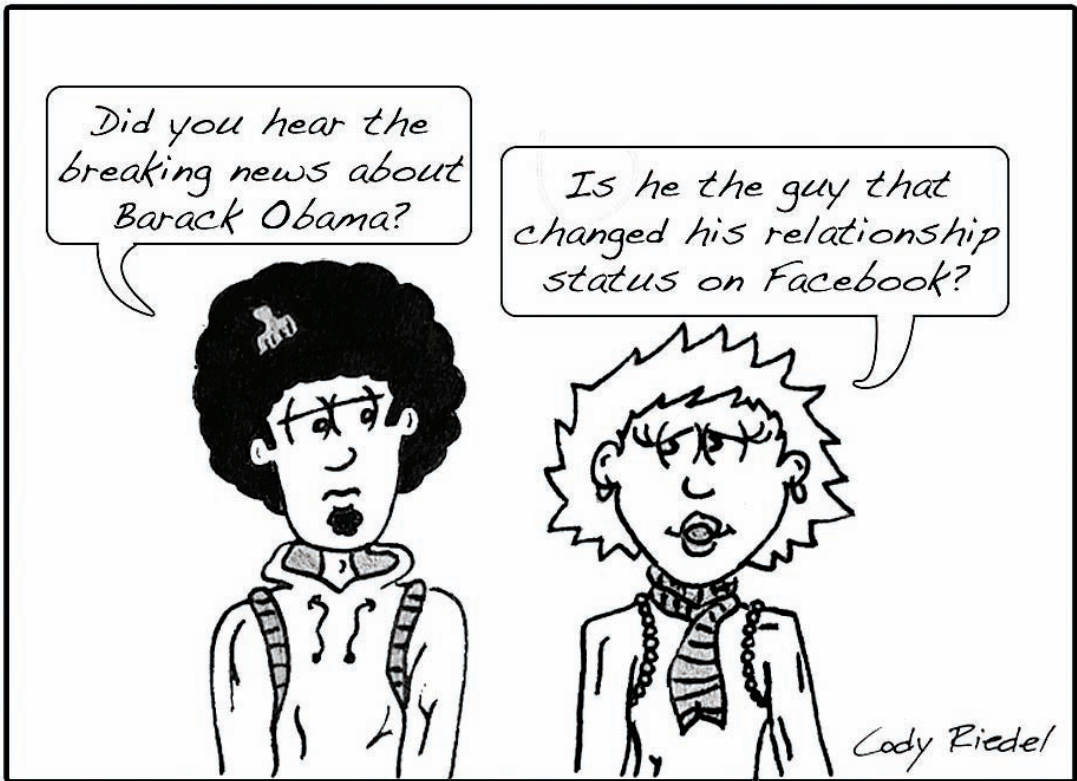
A new system called “UNK Alert” has been installed for the benefit of student safety on campus.

“In case of high risk situations, this new system will allow

us to send out alerts not only by e-mail, but by phone and text message,” Hamaker said. Police and Parking Services are currently downloading student information for this alert system.

The system allows multiple numbers to be contacted in case parents, guardians and spouses wish to be notified. Individuals not wanting to be notified via phone can opt out of this new alert system by clicking a link of the web site and following directions through webeasi.

To update your student information go to www.unk.edu/emergency/index.php?id=42162.



New authors writing for crime thriller genre is no felony for mature readers



By Kevin L. Nenstiel
Guest Writer

Crime thriller is a crowded genre. Bookstores bulge with yet more tours of the war between law and chaos every week. But that doesn't stop authors like Chelsea Cain and Charlie Huston from joining the fray. Chelsea Cain, author of novelties like "The Hippie Handbook," makes her thriller debut with "HeartSick," out in paperback (St. Martin's Minotaur, 352 pages, \$7.99), and its hardback sequel, "Sweetheart" (St. Martin's Minotaur, 336 pages, \$24.95).

It's amazing how two books with the same characters and situations can have such varying quality. After struggling through the first volume, I couldn't put the second down.

Portland's newspaper readers know gorgeous Gretchen Lowell as "The Beauty Killer." She tortured and killed two hundred people in a ten year crime spree.

Archie Sheridan is the cop who brought her in. Except he didn't. Gretchen captured Archie, tortured him within inches of his life, then mysteriously turned herself in.

Now Gretchen cools her heels for life without parole. Archie is on indefinite medical leave and, because of Gretchen's tender ministrations, pops enough Vicodin to make Doctor House look abstemious.

The symbiosis between these two, dancing a knife edge between perverse romance and violence as art, is the backbone of these novels. How it's handled makes one book flourish and the other fail.

"HeartSick" begins when a new serial killer drags Archie out of seclusion. Preying on a specific type of teenage girl, the After School Strangler is the most enigmatic killer the Portland PD has seen since... well, since Gretchen.

So Archie finds himself visiting his dark angel in the state pen.

You already see where this is going. Readers can't miss the structural theft from Thomas Harris' classic "Red Dragon," the book that introduced Hannibal Lecter.

That's not to say the book

is poor. Character relationships are stunning in their complexity, and in their dishonesty.

The psychopathia sexualis between Archie and Gretchen opens like a blossoming rose. A diseased rose.

Simultaneously, the bonds among Archie's team recollect classic war literature as the characters expose scars to each other. And Susan Ward, a reporter covering Archie, is bound in secrets she won't reveal even to herself.

But the plot mimics "Red Dragon" point for point. I knew who had done what, and why, barely halfway through the book.

With that in mind, I expected "Sweetheart" to crib liberally from "The Silence of the Lambs." Boy was I wrong.

"Sweetheart" builds on the lies, obsessions, and Holy Grails of "HeartSick." It's not so much a sequel as a continuation of the same book.

One body discovered in a

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city park leads to two more bodies, and the deaths of a U.S. Senator and a respected journalist. Archie pops his pills and sets out to case the crime scene.

And Gretchen Lowell busts out and comes hunting for Archie.

That's just Act One.

The bizarre symbiosis Archie and Gretchen share becomes only more twisted in this novel. As Archie's allies struggle to pull them apart, the borderline between the two becomes all the more porous. They are the only ones who can fill the holes in each other's souls.

Every revelation in "Sweetheart" is presaged in "HeartSick," so I can't suggest readers skip the first volume to head for the second. But it requires a pretty ambitious constitution to get through the wearying set-up to arrive at the worthwhile payoff.

Word is that "HeartSick" and "Sweetheart" are the first volumes of a Gretchen Lowell trilogy. Look for Volume Three this fall.

For those fonder of grit-and-gruesome noir, there's Charlie Huston's "The Mystic Arts of Erasing All Signs of Death" (Ballantine, 272 pages, \$25.00).

Huston pulls out all stops in a

book that doesn't blush to admit its debt to Chuck Palahniuk and Roddy Doyle.

Web Goodhue, slacker par excellence, is evicted from Eden when his gainfully employed buddy refuses to keep enabling. So Web has to accept the first job that comes his way: cleaning the stench left by the dead. Crime scenes, suicides, and general ickyness.

Our hero thinks he's getting a menial day-labor position when he gets off his buddy's couch and starts doing crime-scene cleanup. But Web learns you can't clean crime scenes without getting a little crime on you.

Besides, this is a growth industry, and there's a turf war going on to make Crips and Bloods look tame. Who knew such a job could be fraught with risks that make cocaine look like a safe trade?

This darkly humorous, character-driven blood-fest pops with electricity that would make many authors flinch from their own product. But it's just this fearlessness that breeds audience love.

Web keeps secrets and tells lies with such aplomb that even he doesn't remember the truth anymore. He's the victim of trauma that he's mythologized to the point where memory is more painful than the event.

Web's father is a ruined beatnik, his mother is a senescent hippie, and Web sleeps more per day than my cat. He's a damaged man from a line of damaged people.

The defining relationship is between Web and his girl Soledad, brought together by trauma. Oh, and Soledad's brother Jaime, who is a trauma.

This sick trio, tangled in a web of their own making, struggle desperately to get out. But every move only wedges them tighter together.

We see a charred, hateful Los Angeles through Web's eyes. But Web lies so easily that it's impossible to tell how much of what he sees is true.

Huston's non-standard English takes some getting used to. His esoteric punctuation, David Mamet-like dialog, and disdain for quotation marks are initially distracting.

But as I read I slipped into the novel's humming, jazzy argot. The language makes reading this book a full-immersion experience.

Not one of these books is suitable for kids. Besides the obvious violence, all three are full of sex, and the F-bomb is never far from characters' lips.

But mature fans should get plenty of reward from these new entries in a crowded, but intensely popular, genre.

Political speech deciphered: Obama's inaugural speech

By Alysia Hubbard
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We can all agree that when it comes to political speeches we have to learn to read between the lines. Although the day after the inauguration President Obama made the promise to make the White House and what goes on within our government more transparent, his inaugural speech still needs to be deciphered.

Lets start from the beginning and work our way through a speech that I found to be quite compelling. President Obama begins by talking about taking the oath "amidst gathering clouds and raging storms," and then goes into the plights that face our great nation: war, economics, health care and our failing school system. What was really being said was, "I just want to say thank you for handing me such a long laundry list of things to do, and I only have four years to clean it up or I lose my job, too." He followed this with a CYB (cover your butt) statement that these indicators of crisis are "subject to data and statistics." Real meaning - "If

you turn the paper upside down it doesn't look so bad."

Of course there has to be the lines about God given rights of equality, freedom and the pursuit of happiness. Does this mean that we finally have a government that supports gay rights? I don't know. The translation for that is far too advanced for a mere college journalist. But fear not American people and UNK students alike, because those of us who are non-believers have already come to terms with the fact that we don't get God given rights. At least we are counted among the strengths of the patchwork heritage that is America.

Moving on, President Obama also spent some time talking about how America is great because we worked hard and earned it, that we as a nation do not take shortcuts or settle for less and that our path is not one "...for those who prefer leisure over work." Oh yeah, he did it all right; he took a stab at President Bush. For the record, Bush spent on average 63 days per year on vacation. I don't know anyone who gets that much time off of work.

That was not the only dagger of words that hits home to the old administration either. Obama-speak, "power alone cannot protect us, nor does it entitle us to do as we please." What it really means, "Just because we can go to war without the sanction of the UN does not mean that we should."

We have come to a time in the history of our nation when an inaugural address has to include the dreaded T word, terror. Unfortunately there was nothing new said on the topic, but the words that are repeated need to be remembered, that the American spirit cannot be broken by terror.

I enjoy picking apart speeches and reading between the lines, but that does not change the fact that many great things were said in Obama's inaugural speech and grand pledges were made. I believe that everything he said can be done, not because I believe in him, but because I do believe in the American people and what we can accomplish when we work together.



David Moffitt, Sr. Lecturer

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Education: Graduate of Kearney Senior High, BA in business administration and minor in economics at Kearney State College, MBA in business administration at University of Nebraska at Kearney

Years Teaching at UNK: 23

Before UNK: Owner of Monarch Industries, which included a manufacturing, trucking, investment and printing companies.

Family: Married, two children, four grandchildren

Hobbies: Hunting, collecting guns, drawing and writing poetry

Philosophy of teaching college students: "People don't care how much you know, until you know how much you care."

Favorite class to teach: Professional Selling

Future advice for students at UNK: "Take advantage of everything we have and learn as much as you can for your future."

Quote from a student: "I think that Mr. Moffitt



really challenges you to come out of your comfort zone by making you present yourself in front of people you do not know to convince them that you are knowledgeable about the topic. That is a very important skill for everyone to have, no matter what career you may choose," said senior Kari Mitchell, an interior design major from Stuart.

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Students struggle as tuition costs *double* in decade

By **Kylie Tielke**
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While college students struggle to get by with everyday expenses such as gas money, rent and other living expenses, tuition increases keep students struggling to manage money and juggling to balance bank statements.

“I usually just get my income from scholarships, financial aid and work study, but this semester I had to actually get a second job in order to pay my tuition and my other general living expenses,” said junior Hope Marsh, a health and physical education major from Morrill.

According to the UNK Web site, UNK has one of the lowest tuition rates in the country at \$145.50 per credit hour.

However, tuition has been increasing about six percent all over the country according to Jean Mattson, budget director. She also said that a great amount

of this money is going to technology costs, which is an additional fee every student pays.

Brittany Osborne, a junior business major from Atkinson said, “I just enrolled two semesters ago. I get some aid, but I also pay for my own tuition. It has definitely gotten a lot more expensive, which makes it more difficult to pay for all my other expenses.”

According to Mattson, since UNK is a public institution, a portion of our funds come from state income taxes and if revenue is down and tuition stays the same, we have to look somewhere else to meet budgetary needs.

“The administration does not want to increase tuition. We would rather seek help from other sources, such as support from the state, but if we absolutely can’t, then tuition will increase,” Mattson said.

According to Mary Sommers, director of financial aid, loans and grants are

federal and state based programs and money coming from these sources does not go unclaimed.

“There are 1,000 scholarships given to students every year and there are 5,000 students on campus. We basically do not have enough money to help students in the way we want or need to,” Sommers said.

Sommers also said that the foundation works with donors in order to ensure that the criteria for these scholarships are not restrictive so that every student has a chance every semester to claim extra money.

“I know students and parents are frustrated and with the economy worsening, the strain on students and parents will also worsen,” Sommers said.

She explains that the best advice she can give to students is to maximize chances at money offered by paying attention to application deadlines and applying early for aid.

Sommers also said that students should already start applying

for the 2009-2010 semester in order to maximize opportunity for available funds. All students can begin application during the month of February.

“The system makes it very easy for students to apply for these scholarships. You need only to submit one application for literally hundreds of scholarships,” Sommers said.

Sommers also reiterated the point that UNK provides a financial aid office in order to keep students informed, and students are welcome to come in at any time.

“Students do not take advantage of the money offered. Students need to complete the online application, and many do not because they think they will not qualify. You won’t qualify if you do not apply,” Sommers said.

The online application for the UNK Continuing Student Scholarships will be open from Feb. 1 until Feb. 28 through WebEASI home page.

Percentage Tuition Increase

Year	Tuition	% Increase
08-09	\$145.50	6%
07-08	\$137.25	6%
06-07	\$129.50	6%
05-06	\$122.25	5%
04-05	\$116.50	12%
03-04	\$104.00	15%
02-03	\$90.50	10%
01-02	\$82.25	10%
00-01	\$74.75	6%
99-00	\$70.75	

Infographic by Michelle Allen
Sources: UNK Factbook and Jean Mattson

Lopers bound for Harvard

UNK’s model UN team, representing Bolivia, will travel to Boston Feb. 12-15 to compete for various honors during the debates.

By **Travis Schott**
Antelope Staff

Thirteen students hailing from four different countries will attend the 2009 model United Nations Conference next month at the prestigious Harvard University. Mary Wohlgemuth, a senior political science major from Grand Is-

land is attending the conference for her second year and said she is looking forward to a new experience. “It will be a great opportunity to meet other students from around the nation and engage in some friendly competition,” Wohlgemuth said.

A majority of the thirteen students are political science majors or minors. The diverse makeup of UNK’s model UN team, who will travel to Boston to compete, consists of students from Sudan, the Bahamas and the Ukraine.

Model UN members began preparing for the conference in September. They began by selecting various countries they were interested in learning more about and possibly representing at the conference. This year the UNK selected the Latin American state of Bolivia and will represent the country at the model UN.

During their limited free time, students will research Bolivia and various other international issues including human rights, political decolonization,



Photo courtesy of Travis Schott

From left to right back: Travis Schott, Ryan Bastian, Barnabas Kiir, Nate Janulewicz, Josh Moody, and Dr. Satoshi Machida. From left to right front: Lacey Thornsburry, Jennifer Robinson, Lacey Mayfield, Mary Wohlgemuth, Karla Bertelsen, Lindsey Hausman, and Anna Tsyrdia.

terrorism and natural resources to prepare for the conference. Each student will need to gather extensive knowledge about Bolivia, be prepared to discuss and debate any issue or international resolution and be able to act as though they are Bolivian United Nations representatives.

Representing the socialist Republic of Bolivia should provide students with some compelling

arguments at the conference according to Matt Athey, a senior English major from Aurora. “We’re representing Bolivia so things could get interesting considering the type of regime in place there, not too many schools will be representing a country with socialist ideals,” Athey said.

Harvard University has held model UN conferences for the

past 75 years. According to Harvard’s Model UN Web site, the conference allows students from all around the world a forum to discuss some of the world’s greatest issues. They hope that “constructive debates can lead to real solutions tomorrow.”

The conference runs from Feb. 12-15 and students will compete for various honors during the debates.

Events Center *rocks* with UNK students

By **Sara Quisenberry**
Antelope Staff

Recently, the FirsTier Events Center has given UNK students a reason to stick around Kearney. Instead of traveling to Lincoln, Omaha or beyond, students are seeing the events center bring some big name musical acts to our central Nebraska town. While these big name acts come to town, so do hundreds and even thousands of citizens from surrounding towns, just to see them perform.

When looking to schedule events in Kearney at the events center, Jim Kettner, assistant general manager and ticket manager, says it isn’t always up to the staff at the events center as to what artists they can get to perform and when.

“Promotion companies for artists will contact us after

“I love rock music so the shows they have been getting have totally impressed me.”
Krista Burgland

looking at our track record, and since we’ve done a good job, they are willing to come back with other acts that they think will be good for Kearney,” Kettner said.

“With country acts we have to use the “routing” method,” Kettner said. “For example, with B.B. King, we can’t just call him up and ask him to come to Kearney on a certain date. He has to be in the area or traveling through at some point during a time frame that will be good for us and for him. Having Interstate 80 right next to us works to our benefit with getting acts to and from bigger venues,” Kettner said.

When focusing more on

demographics, Kettner said the events staff looks at the age range of the act and the time frame of the year as well as what other events centers and venues are doing.

“If it’s a younger act, such as bands like Shinedown and Disturbed, we try to work them in when UNK is in session. We also pay attention to what other venues are doing and what other events are in the region from anything to Husker football in the fall, what Grand Island is doing at the Heartland Events Center, what sporting events are going on at UNK, and we also take into consideration the county fairs,” Kettner said. “Recently, rock acts are the ones that are available and with Comstock and NEBRASKAland DAYS’ popularity, the country feel is definitely in the area, but right now, rock is working for us

too.”

The recent rock acts have certainly pleased many UNK students, and the events center has the attendance records to show it.

“Whoever is in charge of arranging the events is doing an extremely good job because Kearney has had some great shows in the past year. We are definitely giving Omaha and Lincoln some competition, and it’s nice to see these rock groups stop in the middle instead of just hitting the bigger cities,” said junior Krista Burgland, business marketing major from Kearney.

The staff at the FirsTier Events Center certainly saw that good market on Dec. 10, 2008, when they brought metal band Disturbed to town. Disturbed is known globally, having finished a European tour over the summer of 2008 before taking on the U.S this past fall.

The band brought more than 3,200 concert goers to the events center, and that is just one of the highly successful shows for the FirsTier Events Center.

“Sugarland and 3 Doors Down were also huge concerts for us. They were both very popular bands that were playing in much larger venues and it worked well with the dates of when they were coming through the area,” Kettner said.

Students can also be hopeful for some change in the genre lineup as well with the upcoming list for this spring’s events at the FirsTier Events Center.

After the recent concert success, it’s no surprise that there are big names and popular faces on this list. On March 5 the Oak Ridge Boys will come to town, and chart-topping rock band Shinedown will take the stage March 15 with metal band Saliva opening for them. On April 9, legendary blues musician B.B. King will perform followed by Nebraska’s own stand up comedian, Larry the Cable Guy on April 30.

“I’m actually looking forward to seeing the Oak Ridge Boys perform. My family really likes them and so do I, so

it should be a good show. I also will definitely be at the Shinedown concert,” said senior Dru Kastler, business administration major from Ord.

“I love Shinedown, so I’m really excited to see them perform again, especially here in Kearney. I love rock music so the shows they have been getting have totally impressed me. I’d love to see more rock bands in Kearney, especially ones like Papa Roach and Avenged Sevenfold, sooner, rather than later,” Burgland said.

The future of the FirsTier Events Center looks promising in Kearney. With the varied genres of music they have been promoting over the past couple of years, it looks as though the support of not only UNK students, but citizens from surrounding communities will continue. Kettner certainly has high hopes for the future of the events center, especially for the spring lineup.

“We hope every event sells out and we are optimistic that they will,” Kettner said enthusiastically.

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Indoor track & field wins 10 events at Charlie Foster Invite

By Jonathan Cannon
Antelope Staff

The Loper Indoor Track and Field team experienced great success, winning 10 events, at the UNK Charlie Foster Invitational Saturday.

Nine teams from Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado participated in the open meet. Cameron Smith a sophomore from Sterling, Colo. was a member of the 4 X 400 relay team that won the event with a time of 4:09.81.

But Smith is already looking forward to the next meet. “I only placed in the 4x4 relay, which was cool, but for me this meet was practice. Next weekend at the Doane Invite in Crete will be when it matters.”

Strong second half powers women’s basketball over Colorado Christian 82-64

By Matt Lindsay
Antelope Staff

The UNK Women’s Basketball Team put up 52 second half points en route to an 82-64 win over Colorado Christian Saturday night at the Health and Sports Center.

Fortified by strong performances from senior Jonni Miltenberger of Sterling, Colo., and freshman Debi Johnson of Elsie, the Lopers managed to snap a three-game losing streak against a Colorado Christian team that has now lost three straight.

“Tonight I thought we really came together on both ends of the floor,” Head Coach Carol Russell said. “Our kids were relaxed on the offensive end. We weren’t forcing things in the second half, and that really helped us take off.”

The Lopers trailed 31-30 heading into halftime as neither

Smith will be attempting to qualify for nationals in the pentathlon event. This will be the first time that this event is being offered at for Nationals, and she feels very confident and wants to make history, being the first woman to ever participate in this event at the national level.

Other UNK athletes that dominated were Dakota Cochrane, a junior from Fairbury, in the pole vault and 60 meter dash, senior Kelli Dring of Kearney in the 60 meter hurdles and freshman Allen Osborn of Chadron in the 60 meter hurdles. Both Dring and Osborn qualified for nationals, and Osborn’s time of 8.20 was the third fastest in school history.

These great achievements don’t come easy without coach-

ing, and Coach Bonsall feels good about the way things are going.

“The performance that the team displayed at the meet was really impressive for me to watch as a coach. All week we had been talking about competitiveness within this team and how we were going to need to be very competitive at this meet, especially because it was alumni week. We wanted to show every person who came out, especially the alumni, that we are doing good things and that their contributions have come into play in a great way,” Bonsall said.

The events that impressed Coach Bonsall the most were the throwers and distance runners.

“These events I think will be important for the team espe-

cially at conference,” Bonsall said.

An athlete that impressed him the most performance-wise was Dring, who has already qualified for nationals in three out of her four events.

The Lopers are looking to improve as the season continues, and many on the team have goals of participating and winning at the National Meet in Houston.

Photo by Justin Buchanan
Sophomore Michael Fruhwirth from Wray, Colo., clears a hurdle in the 60-meter hurdles. UNK’s Indoor Track Team had 35 top three finishes, including 10 first place efforts, at the Charlie Foster Invite Saturday.



Men’s basketball can’t hold off hot-shooting Cougars

By Matt Lindsay
Antelope Staff

Coming into Saturday night’s games with Colorado Christian, both of UNK’s basketball teams were riding three-game losing streaks. Unlike their female counterparts though, the Loper men were unable to end its losing streak as Colorado Christian used a strong second half to power past the Lopers 75-70.

The Lopers came into the contest winless at home since Jan. 3 when the team beat Doane 69-45. Things seemed to be heading in the right direction for the Lopers in the first half as they led 40-28 at the break.

It was a different story in the second half, though, as the Lopers would shoot only 31.3 percent from the floor after shooting 55.2 percent in the first half. The Lopers also struggled on the boards in the second half, getting out rebounded by Christian 24-16.

“I’d say it was definitely a tale of two halves,” Co-Head Coach Tom Kropp said. “We played a decent first half and a very poor second half, and if you don’t play 40 minutes it’s very hard to win.”

In addition to being outshot and outrebounded in the second half, the Lopers gave up eight second half-turnovers, which is something that has plagued the team all season long.

Colorado Christian carried the momentum throughout the second half and managed to cut the Lopers’ lead down to



Photo by Cody Riedel
Jeremy Cruise, a sophomore guard from St. Edward, looks to make his move against the Colorado Christian defense. The Cougars rallied to beat UNK 75-70 Saturday at the Health and Sports Center.

two with five minutes remaining when the Cougars’ Jordan Long took over. Long, who transferred from UNK to Colorado

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Tom Kropp
Co-Head Coach
Men’s basketball

Christian after his freshman year, scored 10 points in the final five minutes of the game to cement the win for Christian.

“Jordan Long is a great kid. I’m happy for him,” Kropp said. “I guess if you had to pick out one play, he hit a couple of big threes in the second half that

were pretty big threes.”

Long finished the game leading all scorers with 24 points. Chris Deans, a freshman from Hemingford, scored 17 points to the lead the way for the Lopers. Junior Richard Marion of Omaha and sophomore Jeremy Cruise of St. Edward also finished in double figures, scoring 11 points and 14 points respectively. UNK’s leading scorer this season, junior Drake Beranek of Ravenna, finished the game with 13 points after not scoring in the first half. With the loss, UNK falls to 3-6 in the RMAC and 6-10 overall. Colorado Christian improves to 6-3 in the conference and 11-6 overall.

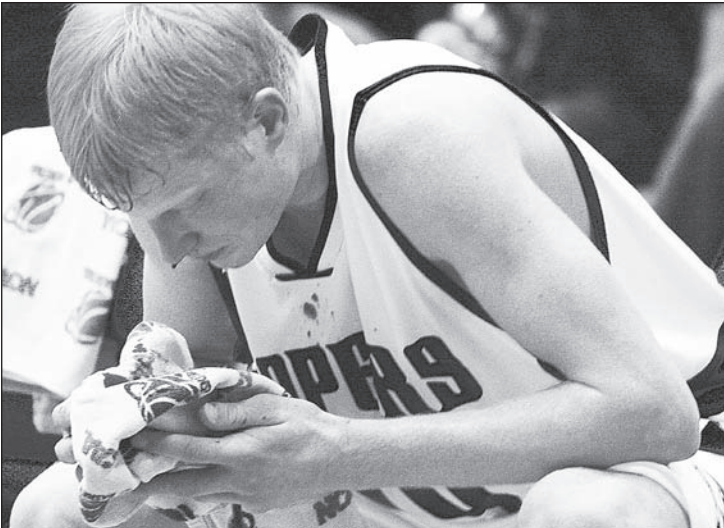
Basketball teams drop close contests to Colorado School of Mines

By Garrett Ritonya
Antelope Staff

Despite efforts to end losing streaks Friday night at the Health and Sports Center, both UNK Men’s and Women’s Basketball Teams dropped their contests against the Orediggers of the Colorado School of Mines.

In the opening contest of the night, the Lady Lopers lost to the Orediggers 56-53, the fourth time that Mines has defeated UNK in the past six games between the teams. Returning to the lineup for the Lopers was senior Jade Meads of Elm Creek, who had been out with an injury since Dec. 1.

In her return, Meads scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for her fifth double-double of the season (in just her eighth game). With Meads back in the lineup, the Lopers showed



an extra burst that has been lacking in their previous games without her, jumping out to an early 21-10 lead. In the second half, however, Mines began using their distinct size advantage that ultimately overwhelmed UNK.

“We had been inconsistent throughout the game,” said

freshman guard Debi Johnson of Elsie. “We came out strong, and then in the second half we didn’t execute in our half court offense.”

The only other Loper to post double digits was senior forward Jonni Miltenberger of Sterling, Colo., with 13 points. The loss

Photo by Garrett Ritonya
Junior guard Drake Beranek of Ravenna suffered a bloody nose during Friday’s game against Colorado School of Mines. Despite the injury, Beranek led UNK with 38 points, but the Lopers lost the game 81-75.

for the Lady Lopers gives them their third straight setback in their RMAC schedule as they head down the home stretch.

The UNK men didn’t fare much better, as they dropped their third straight contest, losing to Mines 81-75 for the Orediggers’ first win in Kearney since the 1962-1963 season.

Leading the Lopers in a heroic effort was junior forward Drake Beranek of Ravenna, piling up 38 points and hauling in seven rebounds. He had 20 by halftime and scored the final 18 after sustaining a blow to the nose that sent him off the court

for a few minutes.

UNK trailed the entire night, by as many as 12 in the first half before leading a charge to draw within two late in the game. But shots stopped falling for the Lopers. Other Lopers notching double figures were junior center Josiah Parker of Lincoln with 14 and redshirt freshman guard Max Froehlich of Pierce with 13.

“Our record does not indicate our true colors,” Froehlich said. “If we can work on our fundamentals and simply improve in those areas, our record would be flip-flopped.”

Photo by Garrett Ritonya
Freshman guard Debi Johnson of Elsie takes a shot during Friday’s game against Colorado School of Mines. The Lopers struggled in the second half and lost 56-53.



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Women’s soccer evens playing field

By **Matt Lindsay**
Antelope Staff

In the fall of 2009, UNK football will no longer be the only inhabitant of Foster Field, as UNK will add a Women’s Soccer Team.

With the addition of women’s soccer, UNK will now offer nine intercollegiate women’s sports and become the 11th school in the RMAC to sponsor women’s soccer leaving Chadron State, Western New Mexico and Western State as the only RMAC schools that do not sponsor women’s soccer programs.

Bringing a women’s soccer team to UNK has not been an easy task though, and the decision to start up the program hinged on many factors.

The first was Title Nine. The women’s representation of UNK athletics has needed improvement in regards to Title Nine compliance, and bringing on another women’s sport has been discussed for a number of years.

“We did a student interest survey last year, which was part

of the Title Nine compliance effort, and asked what sport would you like to see added or what sport would you participate in,” said UNK Athletic Director Jon McBride. “A number of sports were listed and soccer was one that people clearly identified with and would support.”

In addition to Title Nine compliance, funding was another factor. Many people have been worried that bringing on another sport at UNK will put a strain on the programs already offered. McBride says though the model set up to fund a women’s soccer program is not designed to put a strain on any other sports.

“The model we set it up with is a self-sufficient model, so it’s not designed to be a strain on other sports,” McBride said. “We are using some fees and some private dollars to support the program.”

One part of the budgetary issue that has to be dealt with is financial aid, specifically scholarships. McBride says right now some are budgeted and academic aid will be used to supplement those. He also mentioned that

over time, the number of scholarships should grow, making the program more competitive.

Spearheading the effort to make the program competitive on the field will be new Head Coach Mike Munch who, McBride says, brings all the right things to not only get the program up and running, but for it to have success as well.

“He brought a number of years of head coaching experience,” McBride said. “He brought years of head coaching experience from Texas-Commerce and North Florida. He was involved with the start up of a program at Commerce when he started there.”

Munch, who is a native of Texas, comes to UNK with a wealth of coaching experience at the Division II level.

He was head coach at Texas A&M-Commerce from 1995-97, and guided them to a 27-20-3 record. Also during his time at Commerce, Munch coached nine all-conference and three all-region players. In 1998, he moved to Jacksonville, and took over a North Florida program in

only its third year of existence. Munch coached at UNF from 1998-06 and during his time there he led the Osprey to a 116-52-11 record and four national tournament appearances. He also coached five All-Americans and 23 all-region players, as well as having 30 of his players named All-Peach Conference. In 2000, Munch was named NSCAA Division II National Coach of the Year.

When the team takes the field this fall under the direction of Coach Munch, it will play a 16-game conference schedule, which is the standard among RMAC schools.

“The present RMAC model is a 16-game schedule so obviously that means we don’t play everybody twice, but we will play 16 games,” McBride said. “You are only allowed to play 20 games so it doesn’t leave a huge window.”

In order to get its game total up to 20, UNK will play four non-conference games starting with Wayne State on Aug. 27 at Foster Field.

Football sacked by scholarship limits



By **Jeremy Starzec**
Antelope Staff

Recruiting season is almost to a close with Feb. 4 being signing day. The Loper coaches are pressing hard to find great student-athletes.

However, they are fighting with NCAA Division I schools plus their RMAC foes, Chadron State and Colorado Mines.

High school athletes have many decisions about where they want to go, and some have many options. However UNK’s offerings are smaller than those in Division I. NCAA Division I schools may have up to 85 scholarship players, while 36 is the scholarship limit for NCAA Division II.

While the RMAC limit is 28, UNK only uses an average of 18-22 scholarships per year.

“I am not sure if anyone is at the full 28,” said Athletic Director Jon McBride about the other RMAC teams.

This would seem to be a disadvantage against teams like the University of Nebraska at Omaha that can have 36 scholarship players.

“No question,” head football coach Darrell Morris said.

Scholarships are not the answer to all winning programs, however. Minnesota-Duluth, which is part of the Northern Sun Conference (a conference with a scholarship limit of 24), won the national championship this season. Wayne State College is also part of the NSC.

Duluth was part of the North Central Conference during the 2007 season. However, the conference disbanded after most the teams moved up to the NCAA Division I Football Championship subdivision (formerly Division I-AA). The NCC allowed the full limit for football programs.

“Minnesota-Duluth will not win the National Championship again,” Morris said.

Morris is perhaps correct on this prediction with the National Champions still having some of the 36 scholarship athletes from the year before.

UNO (former NCC member) moved to the MIAA Conference, which allows 36 scholarships. Fort Hays State College (former RMAC member) is also part of the MIAA.

So why does UNK stay in the RMAC? Maybe because we are competitive in the RMAC, or maybe money is what really runs football?

Times are tough right now for everyone, not just in the RMAC, but in the global economy. Having the scholarship limits is good for UNK athletics and other schools in the RMAC.

“Scholarships help us run and maintain our budgets for other programs,” McBride said.

And they sure do. Look at what the Loper program has accomplished over the last 13 years. They have been the All-Sports Competition Cup winners 12 times in the RMAC.

With women’s soccer starting in August, the program continues to grow. But why not look at another conference that allows 36 scholarships.

“We are doing a study right now,” McBride said. “We are going to learn what our challenge is.”

The challenges that McBride is talking about are options to supplement the budget, private donations and fundraising.

UNK football probably could win a national championship, but according to McBride, “the stars would have to align up.” He said of winning a national championship, “It’s possible to do something, but it is a challenge.”

Remember this is not only UNK’s challenge, but also the RMAC’s challenge. No team from the RMAC has been able to get past the quarterfinals in the playoffs, and UNK has only been to the playoffs twice— losing both playoff games in the first round.

“Right now in Division II football there are about six or seven schools that are vying for the national championship every year, and the rest of us are just hanging around,” Morris said.

Morris said the chances of winning a National Championship are bleak under the current situation— “If cats and dogs get married and hell freezes over.”

For right now, UNK is doing what is right for the program, and that is saving money and putting a good student-athlete on the field and off the field. But scholarship money talks, and right now that is limited by a number of factors.

Fans and donors are struggling with economic times. State money is tight for all universities, and the RMAC does not look like they will change tradition with scholarship limits. Hopefully, the football coaches will keep fighting for recruits with the likes of Chadron State, Wayne State and UNO. However, with the Huskers bringing the walk-on program back to tradition times could be tough this recruiting season and in the future. Let’s hope Morris and the other football coaches will put together a strong recruiting class and stay competitive in the RMAC. Then maybe the Lopers can pull off a Cinderella Story in the playoffs.

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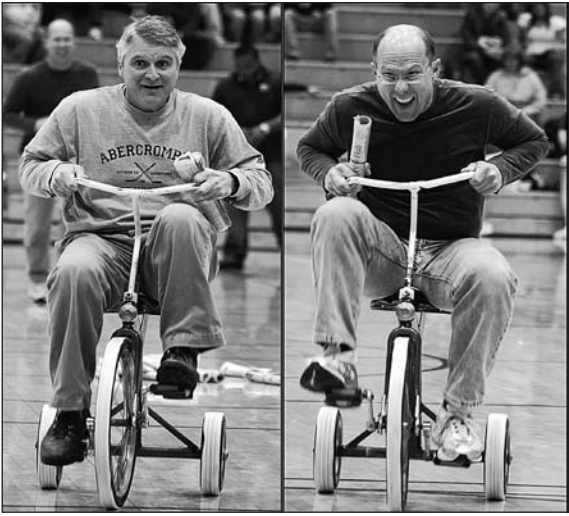


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During halftime of the UNK Men’s Basketball game, Dr. Mark Nuss (left) and Dr. Keith Terry compete in a tricycle race Saturday, Jan. 24. Nuss beat Terry in a hard fought race sponsored by The Kearney Hub.

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No such thing as a fun major?

By Leah Petersen
Antelope Staff

Almost 40 students at UNK looked around and found a way they can each make their passion in life a reality through fun education at UNK: the travel and tourism major in the department of health, physical education, recreation and leisure studies.

Barbara Amundson is the main lecturer for the travel and tourism major. Speaking about the work involved: "it's rigger," she said with a smile to follow. Her students describe her as a very energetic and enthusiastic professor. However, they added that they take a lot away from her classes because she is serious about the material she presents.

Students can take many different directions with the major. Though there are students who want to become tour guides or travel agents, most of the students have something different in mind. Other students aspire to become event planners, wedding planners, tourism marketers and travel writers, among other things.

Between the marketing, leadership, research, and general knowledge classes required for the major, students gain an extensive knowledge on how they can someday turn their excitement into a career.

Students in the travel and tourism major have a very good chance of striking a job after graduation. The travel and tourism segment is very large within the job industry. Anything from hotels to transportation to restaurants to casinos and beyond is a possible job for a travel and tourism major. Amundson encourages students to get creative with what they can do in the future.

Lacy Marshall, a senior travel and tourism major from Elm Creek said, "We're not all about tour guides and travel agents. There's a lot more you can do with the major." Marshall will be graduating in December and is looking to become a wedding or event planner. Although she doesn't know where she will complete her internship this summer, she hopes this will be a chance for her to start to apply her knowledge from classes in the real world.

The Travel and Tourism Club meets once every two weeks on Tuesday afternoons. There are 20 students involved in the club. In addition to the meetings, the club takes part in many campus activities like Homecoming and Mardi Gras, where they have won prizes for their creative displays. Students can talk to Marshall, president of the Travel and Tourism Club, or any other member of the club to join. There is a \$5 membership fee for one year.

Amundson's office is located in the recreation department's office in Cushing. She is available for appointments with students who would like to learn more about the major.

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