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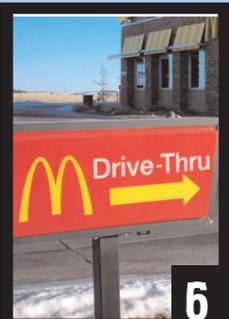
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Down on dollars

Governor's proposed budget constraints cause strain on university system



Photo by Mike W. Gruszczynski
Construction workers continue work on UNK's new dorms, slated to open by next fall. A decrease in state funding of the university system may curtail additional facilities, as well as efforts to revitalize older buildings.

Mike W. Gruszczynski
Antelope News Staff

Gov. Dave Heineman's biennial budget proposal may force the entire Nebraska University system to find new ways to come up with necessary funds for higher education.

The proposal, which was submitted to the Nebraska Unicameral in early January, will increase the NU budget by 1.1 percent in fiscal year 2007-08, with another increase of 1.1 percent in 2008-09, for a total increase of 2.2 percent in state funding of the university system.

If the budget proposal is adopted by the Unicameral, the included appropriations for higher education

in the state would be the third-lowest increase in 40 years, according to a Board of Regents report. Last year, the NU system received a 6.2 percent increase in state funding.

Chancellor Doug Kristensen said Heineman's initial proposal, though not set in stone, could have serious ramifications for the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

"The proposal is disappointing, especially for this university," Chancellor Kristensen said. "We have a lot going on right now with the hiring of faculty and the construction of new buildings, we just finished our facilities plan, and then we get a cold bucket of water on the head."

Kristensen noted that Heineman's budget proposal was far from being enacted.

Eventually, the governor's proposal will be debated by the Appropriations Committee of the Unicameral, which leads to uncertainty as to which direction the committee will take the budget.

"Right now, it's an uncertain Appropriations Committee," Kristensen said. "We don't know if they'll start out with the governor's budget as a blueprint or not."

The legislative process allows for public input on the subject of the budget proposal. Faculty members, administration and students, all of whom have a vested interest in the budget proposal, should make their case known to the legislature, Kristensen said.

The Chancellor outlined several options the university has when it comes to procuring additional

money, if the governor's budget proposal is actually adopted by the Unicameral.

He said a tuition increase would be likely, but that the 10 percent tuition increase necessary for additional funds would not likely occur.

"That won't happen," he said. "We can't do this on the back of tuition."

Kristensen said the most likely scenario would be a combination of tuition increases and a cut in offerings on campus.

"We're just starting to recover from the hits we took a few years ago," he said. "This is very untimely. You've got to pay good salaries to attract good people and to keep good quality. We owe it to the students to do the best we can."

Governor Heineman's budget proposal includes several provisions for the cutting of taxes in the state, which has been a high-profile issue for some time.

In a report of the January 2007 Board of Regents meeting, Regent Chuck Hassebrook contended that the idea of cutting state spending to spur growth is not necessarily the best option for the state.

"Sometimes we assume the key to economic growth is spending less," he was quoted as saying. "But I think we'll find that higher education is an investment, and you'll see quite a return on that investment. That's the real key to the future of our state."

“... we owe it to the students to do the best we can.”

Doug Christensen
UNK Chancellor

Historical home-run

Founder of Negro Baseball Leagues Museum discusses African-Americans in baseball history

Kyle A. Petersen
Antelope Staff Writer

While many sports history books briefly mention the Negro baseball leagues, Phil Dixon, founder of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, believes that African-American baseball players deserve more than a paragraph in baseball history.

Dixon recently presented "The History of the Negro Baseball League" at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and he began his presentation with a story to make his point about African-Americans in baseball.

His anecdote was about a man, who after seeing a worm survive in a cup of water and die in a cup of whiskey came to the conclusion that if one wanted to avoid having worms, he or she had to drink whiskey. It is this guidance that Dixon said occasionally permeates history.

"When you do history, some-

times you find out that we read it, and we hear it, but often we miss the point," Dixon said. "So, many times when I'm working, I have to ask myself, 'Did I miss the point, what is the point of all this history, and is there a point to even being interested in the history?'"

Dixon said that baseball historians have missed the point by not recognizing the accomplishments of African-American players.

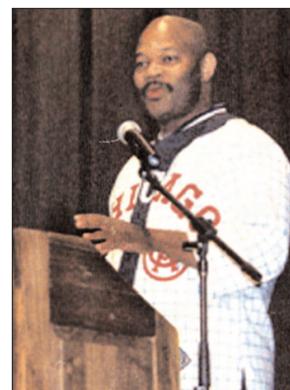
"As a young man, I became troubled when I couldn't find myself in the history books, and I wanted someone to tell me the truth," Dixon said.

Before searching for the truth about African-Americans in baseball, Dixon said one has to have a firm grasp on various educational disciplines.

"When you study African-Americans in baseball, you just can't pick up baseball. It's not all just about runs, hits and errors, but you also need to know about law, statistics, geography, science,

racism and economics to make sense out of this whole entire history," Dixon said.

Dixon said that early African-American baseball players were used as entertainers, and not neces-



Courtesy Photo
Phil Dixon, Founder of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum

sarily athletes.

"Whenever they promoted African-American teams, they would rate you not on your baseball ability, but your entertainment value," Dixon said.

Toward the end of his presentation, Dixon, much like baseball players do after an impressive play, tipped his hat to several prominent players in the Negro baseball leagues.

Some of the players Dixon honored included Grant "Home run" Johnson, the first person to hit more than 300 home runs. Johnson also hit 67 home runs in the "dead ball era," where power hitters would only hit approximately six home runs a year due to the unresponsive baseball.

Two other players Dixon mentioned were Dan McClellan, who pitched a perfect game in 1903, and Josh Gibson, who is estimated to have hit 600-900 home runs during his career.

Brenda De Leon, a sopho-

more from Lexington, Neb., said Dixon's presentation was entertaining and also enlightening.

"I thought it was really good when he was talking about the different famous baseball players that made a difference in his life, and just how truly encouraging the celebration of Black History Month is," De Leon said.

Holly Bader, a junior from St. Libory, said that she liked the inside stories that Dixon provided on the players, and she said she was interested in how early African-Americans were treated as an entertainment spectacle instead of an athlete.

"We don't necessarily think about [racism] always in this day in age, and we have to realize that it really used to be like that," Bader said.

To find more on the Negro Leagues, look for the first volume of Dixon's latest series of books, "Phil Dixon's American Baseball Chronicles."



- 2-06-1998
School teacher Mary Kay Letourneau, 36, is sent back to prison for seven years after she is caught violating a no-contact order with her former student Vili Fualaau, 14. She was caught and convicted of sexual relations with this minor.
- 2-07-1964
"Beatlemania" erupts as the Beatles, a British rock-and-roll quartet, land in the U.S. for the first time.
- 2-08-1587
After being in prison for 19 years, Mary Queen of Scots is finally beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England for her part in the plot to murder Queen Elizabeth I.
- 2-09-1971
Pitcher Leroy "Satchel" Paige, known for his fastball, becomes the first Negro League veteran to be nominated for the Baseball Hall of Fame.
- 2-10-1992
Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson, is found guilty of raping an 18-year-old beauty-pageant contestant named Desiree Washington.
- 2-11-1858
In southern France, Marie-Bernarde Soubirous, a 14-year-old French peasant girl, made the first claim of seeing the Virgin Mary.
- 2-12-1809
Abraham Lincoln is born in Hodgenville, Ky. When running for the Senate in 1858, he was accused of being "two-faced." He replied, "If I had another face do you think I would wear this one?" Lincoln is remembered as "The Great Emancipator," and one of the greatest American presidents.

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April 20 – May 20
taurus



Congrats! You made it out of Epic Movie without laughing. Now you may go on with your life like every other American in these fine United States. We warned you, but did you listen? No.

May 21 – June 21
gemini



Awwww . . . Valentine's Day. Flowers, candy, love, and bad decisions with people you've only known as long as you set your drink down minutes earlier. I hope you have a doctor's number handy.

July 23 – August 22



I bet you really enjoy RC Cola. Yeah, the crisp taste and refreshing feel as it hits your tongue. Just for your arrogance toward other sodas, RC will go out of business and your parents will get divorced because of your pure ignorance to life.

August 23 – September 22



After years of ridicule for your bad hair cuts, and bad sense of style you will visit the Oprah Winfrey Show. She too will let you know how big of a waste of life and space you are.

September 23 – October 22



Isn't it strange how we know that you are obsessed with Dog the Bounty Hunter's wife. Look, she may be tough and edgy, but you really shouldn't cover your neighbor's wife. Jerk.

November 22 – December 21
sagittarius



Look Sagittarius. We are well aware of your disdain for us. And if we read once more that you want us dead in the men's bathroom in Copeland, we will hunt you down, and beat your guts.

December 22 – January 19



Girl, you put on your Jennifer Lopez hot pants, and sprayed yourself with Paris Hilton's "Tramp Stamp" perfume. Don't get too crazy this weekend. I hear the morning after pill is getting pricey.

January 20 – February 18



Do you remember those two Gemini at once? Wasn't that nice of us. Too bad those Gemini had Geminiarhea. You may want to go buy some baby powder and penicillin



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Photo by Cory's Granny - Virginia Clark

Whoever wins this fight will be going to jail, because the last time us here at the Antelope checked, it is illegal to kill an American Bald Eagle.

June 22 – July 22



You will admit that you thought that Saddam's eyes were pretty, and that you wanted him to be your Valentine. Admit it, you think power is sexy.

October 23 – November 21



Quit sitting by the phone and waiting, you look desperate. I'm sure Charlie Sheen will call you back. He asked for your number, after all.

February 19 – March 20



You will spend hundreds of dollars on swords, ninja stars, and D&D cards. Then a very attractive person will tell you they are uncool, similar to their owner.

HAL hath no fury, like a women scorned

Dr. Beverly G. Merrick
Antelope Advisor

You are free to speculate, if you wish, about the philosophical and allegorical meaning of 2001: A Space Odyssey, says Stanley Kubrick of the 1968 film.

The movie possibly provided the most ambiguous yet provocative narrative I have ever encountered about our speculations concerning discovery into the nether regions of space.

This was so before I read the narrative of Lisa Marie Nowak related in the two charging affidavits of the Orange County Police Department dated this last Monday.

One might view the affidavits and pictures of Nowak and her avowed love interest, fellow astronaut William Oefelein, on the Web. NASA even provides free pictures and biographies of the two astronauts. The

Orlando Sentinel claims to have discovered the details about the arrest first.

I am guessing the diapers Nowak said she wore were an occupational choice. As an aside, we are told in media reports that the astronauts have to wear diapers to

go on missions.

It is the mission upon which she embarked on Planet Earth that gives pause; that this gifted person, who grew up in a privileged neighborhood in Rockville, Md., would



Courtesy photo of Lisa Nowak (Right): NASA-AP (left): Orange County Jail via Getty Images

wear diapers so she would not have to take the time to stop to urinate while driving.

And never would I suspect that an astronaut, who has had a bird's eye view of our Planet Earth, would have to use Map Quest to find her way from Houston to

Orlando on a quest to kill someone.

I wish she was driven to a different course of action.

Then she would not have to explain why she wore a wig and a

trench coat, and why she had in her possession: six latex gloves, a BB gun that resembled a real 9-meter automatic, a brand-new steel mallet, a brand-new folding knife with a 4-inch blade, three to four feet of rubber tubing and several large plastic garbage bags.

Then she would not have to explain why she was only trying to get the attention of Colleen Shipman when she shot Pepper Spray through the opened car window.

But I am more than curious about what drove Nowak to such measures.

In this modern day of instant messaging and Blogs, we all become the jury.

However, in a way, we all become the victims.

Every time we think of space, we have to adjust our memory. We have to refocus to remember our overall mission in this space voyage called life.

Born in 1963, she had to be an impressionable five when Kubrick presented his provocative image of space.

Nowak spoke of this lofty mission herself in the NASA interview of Aug. 11, 2005: "We want to explore and expand and know more about the place around us. . . . Exploration is just part of our destiny. It's what we feel inside of us; that we have to go and find out what more there is."

It is this moving statement made by Lisa Nowak that I want to remember when I think about the inner and outer mysteries called space.

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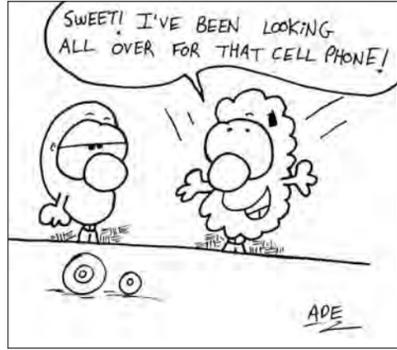
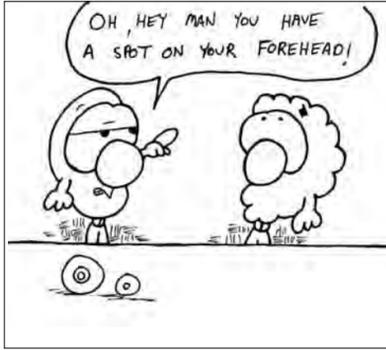
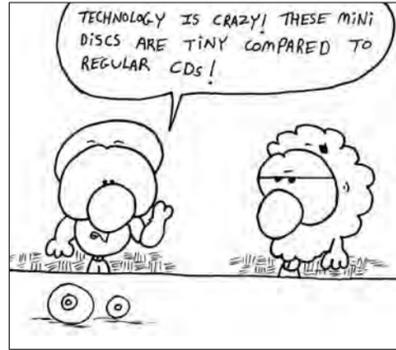
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Adelman's Advice



Michael J. Adelman
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This is not funny. My boss runs me down at work. He talks behind my back. I need to know what to do.

Not laughing, Gingersnap

There isn't much of a picture painted for me to work with, but I

will try to fill in the empty spots with some good guesses and see what I can do to help you.

First of all, there are a couple of ways "runs me down" can be taken. First, it could mean that he is physically and mentally wearing you out with his poor attitude. If that is the case, then it would be a good idea to talk to other employees to see if he is doing the same. Perhaps you could go to the person above your boss (if there is one) to see if any action can be taken. Also, "runs me down" could mean that he is constantly harping on you for trivial reasons. If that is the case, then take the aforementioned steps. Be sure to remind him that you don't need to be constantly monitored, and that you know what you are doing.

As for the "talking behind your back," I would confront him on the matter and ask him to stop. I know this sounds overly simplistic, but people will generally not change their attitude toward another person simply by receiving a slap on the wrist.

If you find that you are being unfairly singled out, perhaps a call to the Better Business Bureau

would do the trick. They are always up for investigations regarding the mistreatment of employees and consumers. They can be reached at (402) 391-7612. These guys are a powerful ally to have in your corner. In situations where the "little person" is being unfairly squashed, they can intervene and administer the necessary legal action.

I assume your job is of the college-type. If that is the case, then you should be able to find a job that you can enjoy much more than this one. If none of this advice works, try looking around for a new job. But for heaven's sake, don't quit your old job until you have a new one secured. Be sure to put in two weeks notice and leave on good terms. It may seem like a bit of a sacrifice now, but it will pay off later when future employers see that you are honest and reliable.

This is an unfortunate situation you are in. I hope I was able to at least provide a few helpful pointers. The situation was somewhat vague, so I had to work with what I was given. Until next time, peace.

'Lope Awards Top Super Bowl Ads

Eric M. Korth
Antelope Asst. Managing Editor

5. Bud Light

The next Bud Light ad to make the list asks the question, would you pick up a hitchhiker ... if they had Bud Light?

As expected, Bud Light owns the top spots in nearly every list of this year's best Super Bowl ads. This list is no different. Though Bud Light captures many of the top ten spots, they couldn't quite come away with number one. Who walks away with this year's top honor? Keep reading to find out.

10. FedEx Ground

This advertisement proves that the name "ground" is not bound to the stereotype of slow service.

4. Doritos

This year's Doritos commercial comes in as the number four funniest commercial, but if the list was based off of creativity this commercial would be number one.

3. Bud Light

Finally, the last Bud Light commercial to make it on the list, and you probably guessed it, is the Rock, Paper and Scissors commercial. Remember, when it comes to Bud Light ... nothing beats a rock to the forehead.

9. Bud Light

Carlos Mencia lends a hand in this advertisement, the first of many Bud Light commercials in this list.

2. Snickers

Maintaining manliness is always important when confronting a problem similar to the one found in this Snickers commercial. Hopefully no one will ever be faced with this dilemma.

Finally, the moment I'm sure you've been waiting for! Not really. If you were dying to find out number one, you would have skimmed past the others to get here.

1. Nationwide

Any advertisement that makes fun of Kevin Federline is number one in my opinion, no matter what the commercial is selling. I wonder if K-Fed sees this commercial as some sort of prediction of his future? Either way, rap or fast food, K-Fed is the definition of white trash.

8. Blockbuster

This commercial, featured during the first quarter, was one of the more creative commercials released this year.

7. Bud Light

The next Bud Light advertisement to make the list can simply be titled "the slap." This ad teaches that the fist pound is old news and the face slap is today's new fad.

6. General Motors

Perhaps the "saddest" of the commercials featured during this year's Super Bowl. GM captures the life of a robot who has been fired from the assembly line.



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Wrestlers prove No. one ranking

Lopers defeat UNO, UCO and Highlands in three days

Melissa M. Hinkley
Antelope Staff Writer

The No. one ranked UNK wrestling team once again proved they deserve their first place spot by dominating the No. three ranked University of Central Oklahoma, New Mexico Highlands and No. two ranked UNO.

The Lopers began their three-day duel last Thursday, Feb. 1, by wrestling a very talented UCO. UCO has been battling with the Lopers for the number one spot, but fell to third after the Lopers won National Duels two weeks earlier.

Typically, wrestling meets tend to draw a crowd of around 100 or 200 fans. On Thursday, there was much more excitement as the duel took place in front of 1,513 spectators in the Health and Sports Center.

"I have never wrestled in front of that many people in a duel," Joe Ellenberger, junior of Omaha, said. "It gives you more motivation to perform well."

The tone was set as Trevor Charbonneau, senior of Clay Center, Kans., recorded a 5-1 victory of UCO's 125-pounder.

Brett Allgood, junior of Bennington, kept the momentum going as he pinned his opponent and amassed a 32-1 record on the season. Matt Farrell, sophomore of Skutt Catholic, increased his win

streak to 19 in a row as he beat UCO's fourth ranked Jared Hess.

Matt True, senior of Mitchell, also recorded a win at 149 lbs. as he upset UCO's fourth ranked Shea Timothy. One of the biggest upsets came when Ellenberger beat No. one Jason Leavitt in the final 20 seconds of his match.

"It felt really good to watch the guys wrestle so well and dominate against another really good team," Paul Sutton, junior of Wahoo, said.

Kelsey Empting, red-shirt freshman of Ponca City, Okla., also recorded a win for the Lopers. The final match of the night came down to No. one ranked, Tervel Dlagnev, junior of Arlington Texas, and No. two ranked Josh LeadingFox. The match went into overtime, but Dlagnev pulled out the win to give the Lopers a 24-9 victory over UCO.

"He came out pretty strong and was tough to take down," Dlagnev said. "It felt good to beat UCO the way we beat them. We had some big wins."

The Lopers continued their win streak into Friday night as they wrestled New Mexico Highlands. The Lopers won 47-0 as Highlands forfeited five matches. UNK was led by Rutledge, Taylor May, junior of Imperial, Ryan Etherton, red-shirt freshman of Lincoln, and Sutton.

Sutton is just coming back from an injury and won his first match of the season.

"It felt pretty good, it was a good confidence booster," Sutton said. "I

feel like I am ready to go now."

The Lopers finished the three days by traveling to Omaha and wrestling UNO on Saturday, Feb. 3 in front of a crowd of 1,500.

The last time UNK faced UNO, the Lopers pulled out a 20-19 victory over the Mavericks. Dlganev pinned his opponent in the final match to clinch the victory. This time, it was Ellenberger who pulled out the win.

The Lopers were trailing 12-16 and Ellenberger needed a tech fall or pin in order to secure a victory for UNK.

"I knew I was going to be the last match," Ellenberger said. "I knew it was probably going to come down to me. I knew who I had to wrestle and what I had to do."

With one second left in the second period, Ellenberger pinned his opponent to silence the rowdy UNO crowd, giving the Lopers an 18-16 victory over the Mavericks.

"The whole time the UNO fans were ruthless," Ellenberger said. "After my match, they quieted down a little."

The Lopers have now won 15 duels in a row. This was the first time that the Lopers have ever beaten their rival UNO on home territory.

"It felt like we were all on cloud nine," Charbonneau said. "I don't know how to explain it. UCO and UNO are our biggest rivals, and beating them both in one weekend is pretty neat."

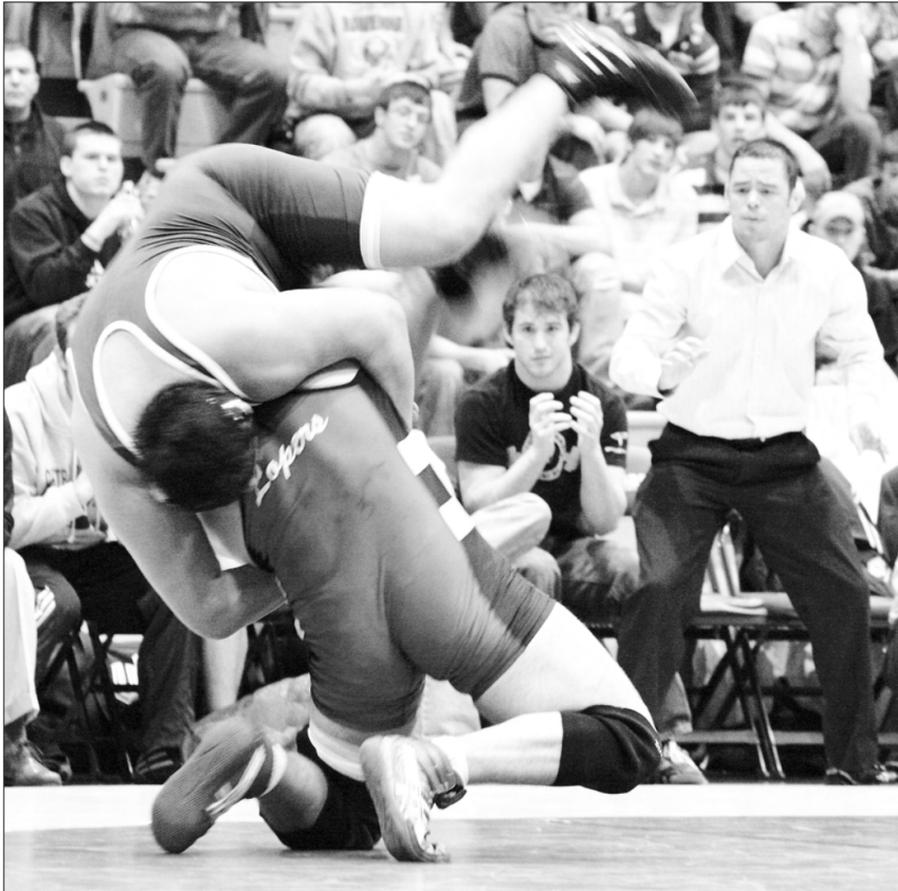


Photo by Luke D. Saulsberry

Junior Tervel Dlagnev wrestles an opponent at the Central Oklahoma Dual on Thursday, Feb. 1. Dlagnev's win helped give UNK the 24-9 victory over UCO. UNK wrestlers will be in action again Saturday, Feb. 10 against Adams State.

What makes a good player great?



Melissa M. Hinkley
Antelope Staff Writer

This type of player makes basketball what it is today because they have a pure love for the game. They don't care about their stats or how many points they score in a game.

All they care about is giving everything they have to one of the greatest games ever invented, in order to walk out of the locker room at the end of the night knowing that they are champions.

Why are some players destined to be great while others are stuck in the slew of mediocrity? How does a player make that transformation from a good ball player to a great ball player?

The answer is so simple, yet is overlooked so often in athletics.

It all comes down to one thing: desire.

The greatest players are the ones that want a championship so bad that they will do anything to reach that final game. They have this unquenchable thirst for victory.

They devote their lives to the game of basketball. They make every sacrifice needed to achieve their goal.

They will sacrifice their body

and subject it to hours of running lines and perfecting their jumper. They want to win so bad that basketball is all they can think about. They go to sleep thinking of how they are going to shut down their next opponent.

They visualize themselves sinking a free throw when the game is tied up and there are three seconds left on the clock. They never accept their current status and always find ways to improve and to fine-tune their game.

These are the players who live for the game and these are the players who make championship teams.

The teams that win championships are not necessarily the teams with the most talent. Do they have talent? Yes, of course. But the teams that usually win are the ones that don't have three NBA draft picks, two seven-footers or any All-Americans.

The teams that win championships make up for the slight lack of talent with desire. Championship teams have players diving on the floor to grab that loose ball because they know how

important it is to have the ball in their hands.

Championship teams get the biggest rush out of seeing a teammate knock down a three in the final seconds of a game.

Championship teams play with emotion and a fire burning in their bellies, because they love what they are doing. They know that these are the last few days, months or years they will be playing the game they love. The only thing they know is winning, and they won't settle for anything less.

Great teams know that some things are out of their control. They know that sometimes in basketball, the rim is unkind and it seems like there is an invisible cap on it. It doesn't matter what they throw to the hoop, nothing will go in.

They also know that referees sometimes appear to play for the other team, so they are playing five on eight. They don't make excuses, but rather, they make up for the things they can't control by pouring their souls into what they can control.

What they can control is how to play defense. If they can't make a

shot, then they sure aren't going to let their opponent even take a shot. They are determined to guard their opponent so close that they won't even touch the ball. That's also why some players who play with heart tend to get in foul trouble.

They may work their butts off to get to the ball, but sometimes they forget that they can't take out players to get the ball. So they might get a few extra foul calls here and there, but at least they play with a desire that isn't seen very often.

In order to be one of the greatest players, you have to be a little bit cocky. Not the type of bigheaded, showboating cockiness that is seen so often, but the kind of cockiness that says, "I'm going to shut you down". The best players have that swagger in their step when they step onto the court. They see every possession as a battle between them self and their opponent. They don't back down from a challenge, and they take it personal when the player they are guarding scores on them.

They know they are going to win the battle on the floor because

they have already conquered their greatest enemy, themselves. They have conquered all of their fears, doubts and thoughts of inadequacy. They believe they are the best player out there and they won't let anyone tell them otherwise.

Coaches, fans and teammates have no control over the confidence they have because their confidence can't be broken. They use the booing crowd or screaming coach as fuel to feed the fire of desire. Their desire comes down to one thing; they love to win and hate to lose.

These are the type of players that make championship teams. Championship teams are made up of players who are filled with desire.

In the words of Vince Lombardi, "The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather in a lack of will."

The truth about . . .

Louie the Loper



Louie the Loper

Bridget L. Correll
Antelope Staff Writer

Somewhere far, far away, in the general vicinity of India and Nepal, UNK's Louie the Loper was found

with only one idea in mind – train him to be the best mascot UNK can offer.

Louie left the wild to join UNK and became the well-known mascot we have today.

"Ten years before I debuted, I was captured in the wild amongst my immediate family, one mother, one father and 23 siblings," Louie said.

Before Louie was able to show his face at any sporting events, he had to undergo a very vigorous training camp so he would be prepared both mentally and physically for all types of activities.

"I went through grueling tests, more intense than the Army, Navy and Air Force put together," Louie said. "It was wicked, sweet, awesome!"

One must have the will power and determination to complete such tests, so what inspires Louie to take on such a task?

"I have a dream that one day every student that holds a UNK card will stand with me and support the Lopers as they battle for the 'W,'" Louie said.

Certainly with a job that is this demanding, it has to have both its good and bad times, whether it is dealing with the crowd or the game itself.

"I've had people head butt me and poke and prod me, but what I despise the most is when students don't stand and clap for our school song," Louie said. "On the other hand, the best is when, at the end of a game and the score is close and our dear Lopers may lose, the students rally behind those giving it their all to win."

The best reward of all though is to see the Lopers come out on top in any event.

"I love it when the players win the game, but not just to win the game, not to win for themselves or

the students in the stands, but for the University of Nebraska Kearney," said Louie.

Outside of cheering on our Lopers, one would think that Louie would have other interests in mind but that is not the case.

"My hobbies are attending sporting events, programs, events and other activities as designated by my mother and father," Louie said.

Recently, Louie the Loper has been accused of committing some crimes around campus involving random acts of violence. The mascot was totally taken by surprise when the word spread around campus.

"I am appalled that the student body believes I committed such harrowing crimes. I vehemently reject these accusations," Louie said.

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Spotlight on . . .

Kelli Dring, UNK Track and Field



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Lisa K. Elson
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Some kids struggle to master jumping rope on the playground, but in fifth grade, one of UNK's elite jumpers was working on mastering a different jump. Kelli Jolynn Dring, more commonly referred to as Kel by her friends, has been perfecting her form in triple jump and long jump for 10 years. Dring is a sophomore interior design major and a graduate of Kearney High School.

Early success in high school convinced Dring to continue her participation in track instead of other sports.

"I loved soccer and I had played ever since I was able to walk, but when I went to high school the track team was awesome and they convinced me to try it," Dring said. "My high school team was good! And I found a love for jumping."

During her high school career, Dring was an All-Class and Class A State Champion in long jump.

She was also the only female athlete at Kearney High to go to state all four years of high school in four events every year.

Dring has already made her mark as a UNK jumper and was named freshman of the year for the women's team and female freshman of the year at the RMAC meet last year.

"I wasn't sure if I was even going to do track (in college).

I was unsure of a lot of things, but I knew I wanted to go to school and do something. I had talked to someone on the track team and they convinced me that track was for me and that I could contribute to the team. So I thought why not, I'll give it a shot," Dring said.

She placed fourth at nationals in long jump as a freshman and is off to a great season this year. Dring has a provisional mark in both long jump and triple jump, and has high hopes for the remaining indoor and outdoor season.

"My goal for this season is to go 20 feet in the long jump and break the school record and the Charlie Foster Meet record. Also, I plan to go 39 feet in the triple jump and make it to nationals in both and place second in the long jump and place at nationals in the triple.

I want to be an All-American in both events," Dring said.

Dring's best performance in the long jump is 19 feet 8 inches at the RMAC meet last year. She jumped 38 feet 3 inches in triple jump at the first indoor meet this season. Her long-term goals are to be a national champion in long jump. Dring wants to jump 20 feet 5 inches and 40 feet in the triple jump.

"Track in high school was a social event and something that kept me in shape. In college, it is a passion. It's something that I love and something that I have determi-

nation and willpower to do. It gives me a chance to get away from life and school and let out my frustrations and do something that I love doing," Dring said.

Good coaches and parental involvement have played a role in Dring's success as both a high school and college athlete.

"I love going to a track meet knowing my parents will be there to support me," Dring said.

"My high school coach was not only a coach but also someone who helped me from day

to day. He was caring and would do anything to help anyone that needed something."

Dring likes the individualism

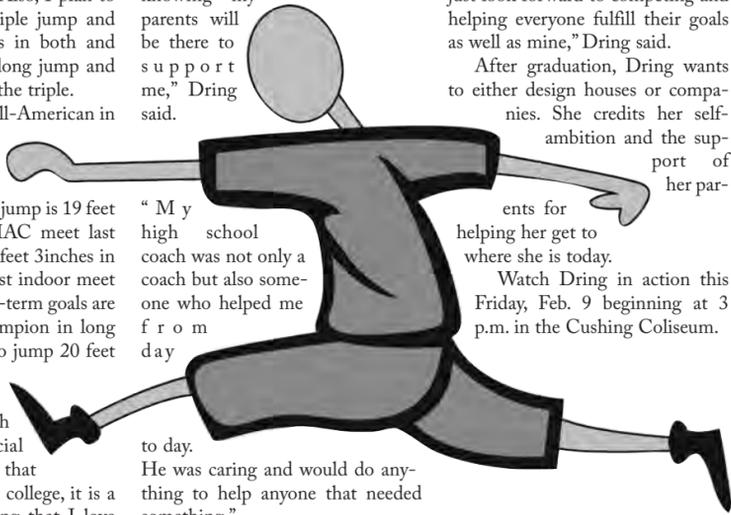
involved in track but had several positive comments about the team this year.

"The track team has had several ups and downs, and I feel that our squad is very tight-knit and can fulfill the jobs that are placed before us. We have a group of strong competitors and the incoming freshmen are doing an amazing job as well. I just look forward to competing and helping everyone fulfill their goals as well as mine," Dring said.

After graduation, Dring wants to either design houses or companies. She credits her self-ambition and the support of her par-

ents for helping her get to where she is today.

Watch Dring in action this Friday, Feb. 9 beginning at 3 p.m. in the Cushing Coliseum.



Spotlight on . . .

Amy Mathis, UNK Basketball



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Erin E. Riedel
Antelope Staff Writer

She has been rockin' the hardwood on UNK's campus for almost three years now as a forward for the

Lady Lopers basketball squad. Amy Mathis, a junior from Omaha, shows no signs of slowing down.

Mathis is second in scoring for UNK, tied for first in rebounding and is ranked fifth in the nation in free throw percentages. Off the court, Mathis is a finance major with a 3.92 GPA, which earned her 2006-07 Academic All-RMAC honors.

She attended Millard North High School in Omaha where she played basketball, soccer and threw for the track team.

"My most memorable moment in high school athletics was getting fifth place in the shot at the State Track Meet, I don't think a lot of people know I was involved in track like that," Mathis said.

When it came to her college decision, UNK seemed like a good fit. "Location was big and, academically, UNK had a finance program, which is what I had wanted to

major in. Then the team, coach and community really all brought it together for me, and I knew this was where I wanted to be."

Her biggest fans are her family, and along with them Mathis credits her faith in her success.

"Faith has been my backbone, whether you are struggling or succeeding I can always rely on my faith, it's something I can always come back to.

Not only that, it's just such a motivation and a comfort."

When she is not in season or practicing with the team, Mathis feels like the biggest remedy to keep in shape and be ready for the next practice is to have fun.

"You have to take a breath and just enjoy the game because it can be so serious.

I have so much fun shooting around with my brother at our house, and in the off season I play pick-up games with some girls from

"You have to take a breath and just enjoy the game because it can be so serious."

Amy Mathis
UNK Womens Basketball

UNO and Creighton," Mathis said.

When it comes to having fun, Mathis and the Loper squad keep it light, especially on road trips.

"One of the most memorable parts of my time with the Lopers is when we get on long road trips and take pictures pretending to be America's Next Top Model, it's pretty funny and entertaining on

those long trips," Mathis said.

Her talent and hard work have been a product of some strong athletes that she has seen succeed and tried to mirror.

"I admire J.J. Redick. He played for Duke and he always showed such leadership and class.

I also looked up to Angie Janis, a teammate of mine from high school who was a couple years older than me, but she always had such a strong work ethic and I got to witness how it paid off for her and I wanted to work and succeed like she did," Mathis said.

After her basketball career at UNK, Mathis hopes to have a job in finance in the Omaha area and, in the long term, be married and start a family.

You can catch her and the Lady Lopers basketball team at home for their next four games starting Thursday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. against Colorado School of Mines.

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Super Bowl XLI reflections

Shannon J. Matthews
Antelope Staff Writer

Rain, turnovers and Prince for a halftime show made Super Bowl XLI a game that will not soon be forgotten. Many football fans were excited about the outcome of the battle between the Indianapolis Colts and the Chicago Bears, but the commercials and halftime show were a different story.

Held in Miami, Fla. last Sunday, Feb. 4, Super Bowl XLI was the first rainy Super Bowl in history. The rainy contest made one UNK student think about the turnout of the game.

Mike Christ, a senior comprehensive biology major, said, "The game seemed like it was really sloppy. I felt sorry for those guys because it was raining. I don't think it was a fair contest because it was so wet. This game didn't show the true ability of either team."

Ben Swanson, a senior biology major from Kearney, said, "I am glad it rained. It gave the game character."

Another student shared his thoughts about the game. Marc Lumsden, a junior exercise science major from Jackson, Mo. felt the game was a good one. "It wasn't just a defensive battle, it was somewhat high scoring," Lumsden said.

The MVP award was given to Peyton Manning, the quarterback for the Indianapolis Colts. According to NFL.com wire reports, Manning completed 25 of 38 passes for 247 yards. He also scored one touchdown and caught one interception. Despite the impressive stats, Swanson thought the MVP award belonged to a different player.

"I think Joseph Addai should have won the MVP award. He had ten catches, and he only needed one more for the record. He is also one of the first rookies to start and play in a Super Bowl," Swanson said.

Super Bowl games not only give football players a time to shine, but also give advertisers a chance to prove who can come up with the best advertisements. Viewers from UNK gave some opinions about the advertisements. "My favorite was the Doritos commercial," Christ said. "I thought the commercials were better this year than in the past," Jarryd Schieffer, a sophomore biology major said.

Some had a different opinion about the commercial selection. "I thought there were maybe three or four good commercials," Lumsden said.

Dr. Wubbles, a professor of chemistry at UNK, said, "I was looking forward to the advertisements, I think they need to improve the ads."

The halftime show, featuring Prince, was not a hit within the UNK campus. "I changed it when Prince started singing," Christ said.

"Prince! Well, I ate Dairy Queen during the halftime show for the first time ever," Lumsden said.

Swanson agreed and thought they should have picked a newer artist.

According to YahooSports.com the Super Bowl XLI had over 90 million viewers, despite the commercials and halftime performance. With the next Super Bowl only a year away, advertisers, football players, viewers and performers have a new season to look forward to.

Suggestions?
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The League with Passion and Drive

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Antelope Staff Writer

When most people think of the first African-American to be on a Major League Baseball roster, they think of Jackie Robinson. Indeed, Jackie Robinson was the first African-American to participate in Major League Baseball (MLB) in 1947 but he was not the very first.

Prior to the ban in 1890, there were a few blacks that made it to the majors, but the first being a guy named Moses "Fleetwood" Walker.

Walker was signed in 1884 by the Toledo Club by the American Association.

During this time there were several active blacks on rosters for minor league teams.

Even though blacks were being allowed to play in the MLB there was an attempt to start a league called the National Colored Baseball League in 1887, barely lasting two weeks because of lack of attendance.

Despite failure in 1887, blacks were forced to start their own teams in 1890 when the International League implemented a ban on black players.

For the next 30 years, blacks played on teams that would travel by train in their respected areas surviving off very little money they made from lack of attendance.

Talk began in 1920 in Kansas City, Missouri about starting a league for blacks called the Negro National League.

Andrew "Rube" Foster was named the leagues first president which gave him complete control over every aspect of the game, even who played where.

On May 2 of that year the league began with seven teams.

Within three years, the league expanded by adding five teams from the Negro Southern League and six teams from an Eastern Colored League.

The Negro National League made history in 1924 with the first anniversary of the Negro World Series.



Photo by Sean Takabashi

Phil Dixon talks to UNK students about African-American athletes in the history of U.S. baseball leagues.

The two teams that faced off in the nine game series were the Kansas City Monarchs and the Hilldale Club.

The Monarchs won the series five games to four.

The Depression of the 1930s caused many hardships among team owners causing them to abandon the league.

The sole survivor of the league was the Negro Southern League which was later renamed the Negro National League.

The League began the season with only five teams. More prestigious teams like the Kansas City Monarchs drew themselves from the league and returned back to independent play.

During the off-season of 1936, the

Negro American League was formed creating another league with seven teams from the Midwest.

The league strived for ten years until 1946 when Branch Rickey, owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers, wanted to go against all odds and sign a black baseball player.

The black player that Rickey had his eye on was Jackie Robinson, who was a current player of the Kansas City Monarchs.

Without asking permission from the owners of the Monarchs Rickey went ahead and signed Robinson for the 1947 season, marking Robinson as the first black player to play in the MLB since the 1889 season.

After the 1947 season many blacks broke their verbal contracts with the Negro

League owners to sign with the MLB.

Negro League Owners were in a lose-lose situation with one of the losses coming from the league losing their top players and the other from not wanting to argue to hold back the advancement of black players.

After over 150 players were signed with the MLB the league struggled to sign new talent and was forced to end their run as a separate league from the MLB in 1952.

The blacks love for the game, their drive to create their own league, and Jackie Robinson's ability to sustain adversity helped open doors for many nationalities around the world in the game of baseball.

For the grammatically challenged

Siobhan H. Duffy
Antelope Staff Writer

people could benefit from quick, concise lessons that would tell them what they needed to know to improve their grammar.

When it comes to her teaching style, Fogarty says, "I don't have a specific technique, I just write about each topic in a way that seems fun to me and hope that other people think it's fun too." Topics include word usage, punctuation and, of course, grammar. Fogarty posts transcripts of each show, which range from three to eight minutes, on her Web site <http://www.qdnow.com>. Listeners can call or e-mail Grammar Girl with specific topics they would like to see addressed.

So why is grammar important to the average University of Nebraska at Kearney student? Dr. Martha Kruse, an associate professor of English at UNK, says, "When non-sturdy grammar and punctuation interfere with meaning or detract from one's credibility, then it becomes a problem to be addressed."

Dr. Joseph Keefer, an assistant professor of Communications at UNK, says, "The advance in technology, the Internet, the Web, have

made good writing, grammatical writing, more important now than ever." Keefer says that a lot of communication today involves writing, whether it is through e-mail or on a Web site. When this is added to the normal amount of writing a college student does on papers and homework, it adds up to quite a lot.

“We have had employers tell us if there is a typo or a grammatical error on a resume, it goes straight in the trash.”

Dawn Lenz
Career Counselor

Communication skills are also an important factor in whether a college student will find a job upon graduating. Keefer believes that grammar is especially important for those students applying for jobs,

saying, "Rightly or wrongly, people really look at your command of the language as a marker for what kind of employee you will be." He says, "In the competition for jobs, companies will generally give a writing test. One of the ways companies make the first cut is to chop those people who show they don't know proper English usage."

Dawn Lenz, a Career Counselor at the UNK Office of Career Services, says, "Employers are polled about the skills they desire in employees."

Communication skills – written and oral – are always in the top five." Lenz feels that it is important for students to be able to communicate effectively, no matter what their field of study.

Lenz also believes it is important for students to be able to communicate on paper. Resumes are a very important part of finding a job. She says, "We have had employers tell us if there is a typo or a grammatical error on a resume, it goes straight in the trash."

Because of this, Lenz thinks it is extremely important for students to have another person look over their resumes. "Proofread is major," Lenz

says. The work is not over once a student lands an interview with his or her perfected resume. "Not everyone is blessed with good verbal communication skills. If you don't have those verbal skills you need to practice beforehand."

So what can a person do to improve his or her grasp of grammar and punctuation? Fogarty has a list of recommended titles on her Web site, including "Eats, Shoots and Leaves," by Lynne Truss. Both Fogarty and Keefer recommend "The Elements of Style," by William Strunk, Jr. and E. B. White. For those writing resumes, Lenz suggests "Resume Magic," by Susan Britten Whitcomb.

What else can a student do? Kruse says, "A student has to be motivated to change."

Fogarty has just one final tip, saying, "I think the most important thing is to just care about your writing."

If you care, you'll take the time to look something up if you aren't sure you're doing it right.

I don't make up the rules; they're right there in books for everyone to see."

Don't judge a bookstore by its cover

Joseph "Chad" Borowski
Antelope Staff Writer

If you have shopped at the Antelope Bookstore, you might have seen the "good side" of the store, and felt that the staff is very helpful and courteous.

For the less optimistic you might see going to the bookstore as a financial burden that comes every semester.

"The bookstore employees are very good at their jobs, and they help me find my books in half the time, but their jobs are to sell overpriced books that get returned for a fraction of the value," an anonymous source said.

Supply and demand is one of the principles of economics.

The students need books in high demand, and the bookstore keeps them in high supply.

It might be easy for the store to be successful when it only has one competitor near campus in Follets.

Follets and the Antelope Book Store do not necessarily have to bring prices down to get students to buy books.

Because it is so convenient to just get the entire process over with while on campus, students sometimes rather pay more to get their books without the hassle of having to go someplace else.

The bookstore is not the only option that a student has to get books though, thanks to the Internet.

The Internet can be a student's best friend in terms of saving money. Joel Pelster a sophomore business major, from Ogallala said, "I saved \$150 dollars by buying my books front Half.com."

Pelster said, "I also saved a lot of money my freshman year by using Amazon.com."

By comparing prices from the Antelope Bookstore, Follets, Amazon.com, and Half.com Pelster was able to find the books he needed for his classes, at the cheapest prices.

Even when students are able to get the books they need for the right price, there comes the issue of selling them back after the class is over.

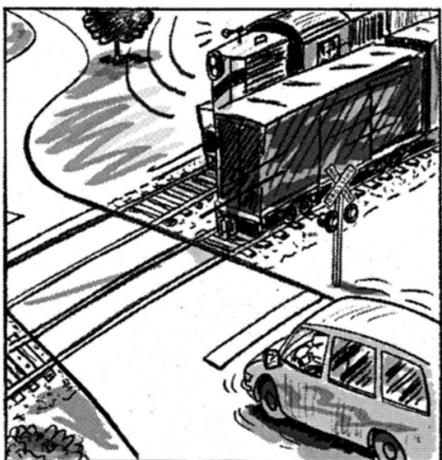
Some students feel that they do not get a fair value for the book once they bring it back to the store.

The same anonymous source said, "I bought my books online for half the price of the bookstores, and I sold them online for twice the price that the bookstore was going to give me."

Students should compare bookstores with the Internet when selling books.

Comparative shopping keeps businesses honest and competitive with the market, which helps consumers such as students get a fair price.

By comparing prices, you can buy books cheaper, sell them back for more, force the stores to compete with the market, and possibly help out another student if they buy the book from you. So whether it is the Antelope Bookstore, Follets, the Internet, or a friend who had the class from a semester before, why not make them earn that money the hard way?



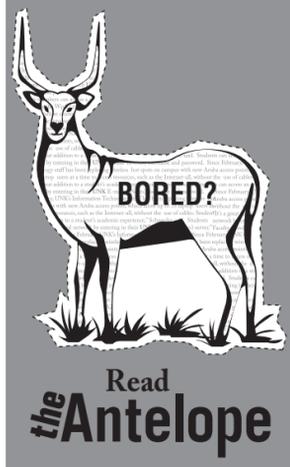
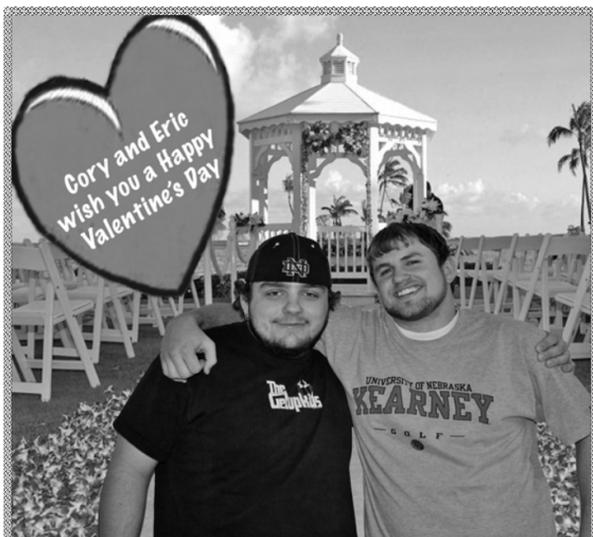
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Muckrakers Investigate Fast Food

Elizabeth A. Stevens
Antelope Staff Writer

It's no secret that America has a weight problem. Currently, obesity is the second leading cause of death in the United States. One of the contributing factors to the growing epidemic is the nations' fast food habit.

One of the most famous attacks on fast food was filmmaker Morgan Spurlock's documentary "Supersize Me: A film of Epic Portions," in which he ate only McDonalds food for 30 days.

"America has become the fattest nation in the world," Spurlock says at the beginning of the film.

"One hundred million Americans are overweight or obese."

Another semi-famous investigator is Eric Schlosser, author of the New York Times Bestseller, "Fast Food Nation," which inspired a fictional film released in theaters last year.

Schlosser reported that 44 million Americans are obese and an additional 6 million are "super-obese."

No other nation has gotten so fat so quickly, he says.

"Although the current rise in obesity has a number of complex causes, genetics is not one of them.

The American gene pool has not changed radically in the past few decades. What has changed is the nation's way of eating and living. In

simple terms: when people eat more and move less, they get fat. In the United States, people have become increasingly sedentary.

And the growth of the fast food industry has made an abundance of high-fat, inexpensive meals widely available," Schlosser says.



Jill A. Kempt
Responsible for America's favorite fries, McDonald's has served billions.

Spurlock reported that one in four Americans visits a fast food restaurant each day.

But eating fast food can have short term as well as long term effects on the body. On day two of his experiment, Spurlock ordered a

double quarter pounder with cheese, and he supersized the meal. Fifteen minutes after he started eating, he reported not feeling well.

"Now is the time of the meal where you start getting the Mc-stomach ache. You start getting the Mc-tummy, you get the Mc-gur-

gles, the Mc-brick and then the Mc-stomach ache. Right now I've got some Mc-gas that's rockin'. . . my arms . . . I feel like I've got the Mc-sweats . . . my arms, I'm getting the Mc-titters going on in here from on the sugar . . ."Spurlock said.

In fact, Spurlock reported that only seven items on the McDonalds menu did not include sugar. Everything else, including the salads, had sugar in them.

"One of the problems with fast food is that it packs a lot of calories even when it doesn't look like much food," said UNK alumnus **Brendan Lesback**, who graduated in December 2001 with a degree in Exercise Science. "A cheeseburger has a large amount of calories when it doesn't look like very much food.

The volume is very deceiving. It could meet the requirements for calories and saturated fat for two meals or even one day, depending on the individual," he said.

By the end of the 30 days, Spurlock had gained 24 pounds, doubled his risk for heart disease, damaged his liver, increased his body weight from 11 percent to 18 percent, experienced constant exhaustion, cravings and mood swings, and low sexual drive.

In "Supersize Me," 100 nutritionists were surveyed and asked how often someone could eat fast food. Twenty-eight said fast food was acceptable once a week to once or twice a month, 45 said never, and two said that fast food could be eaten twice a week. Ninety-five agreed that fast food is a major contributor to the obesity epidemic in America.

“One of the problems with fast food is that it packs a lot of calories even when it doesn't look like much food.”

Brendan Lesback
UNK Graduate

Obesity has been linked to a number of other illnesses, including heart disease, colon cancer, stomach cancer, breast cancer, diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, infertility and strokes among others. The Centers for Disease Prevention and Control estimates that about 280,000 Americans die every year as a direct result of being overweight.

Research shows that portions have increased over the decades. McDonalds, for instance, used to sell fries in only one size. Today that is the smallest size available, and the Super Size Fries are three times the original size. Super Size Fries have 610 calories, whereas the original size had 200 calories.

Soda sizes have increased as well. According the Schlosser, the typical size soft drink in the 1950s was eight ounces. Today, twelve ounces is considered the "kiddy size."

"Commodity prices have fallen so low that the fast food industry has greatly increased portion sizes, without reducing profits, in order to attract customers. The size of a burger has become one of its main selling points," Schlosser reports, citing Hardee's "Monster Burger" and Wendy's "Triple Decker."

Despite the widely publicized facts about fast food and its negative effects, Lesback doesn't think people will change there eating habits.

"People are generally educated about the quality of the fast food. They know it's bad for them, but they eat it anyway, because it's convenient and it tastes good. They will choose to look away from the nutrition facts," he said.

Lesback said it would take healthy alternatives that are equally accessible and inexpensive for Americans to start eating better.

"I don't know if you can do that," he said.

Cory J. Helie
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Antelope Editors/Love Doctors

With Valentine's Day right around the corner, are you looking for ways to sweep that special someone off their feet? Well, look no futher we are here to assist you in your romantic queries.

We've been in college for over two years now, and after never actually going on a date, we feel we are experts on the subject of love. Just playin' we go out all the time, and no, not with eachother . . . we know what you've been thinking. After digging through our hundreds of fan mail letters from you, the readers, and a few celebrity fans; with questions on love, sports, and beer . . . we have found a special few which we would like to answer, the topic of course will be romance.

Dear Cory and Eric,
My boyfriend Justin and I have been together for two years now. The past three months have been horrible! I feel like we are getting closer and closer to breaking up. He spends all his time pursuing his career in music. What should I do to mend our recently troubled relationship?

Dear Ms. Diaz,
Don't fret about your relationship just yet. You've made it strong for two years, you will have no problem making it through these troubled times. Take his "passion" for music and use it to your advantage. Make yourself available to assist him with his new projects, he

will be thankful for your willingness to help. Don't give up just yet, pursuing something like a music career is not an easy step. Success is definitely in his future though, after all he did bring "sexy back."

Dear Cory and Eric,
I often find myself exaggerating stories about my love life to impress my friends. What can I do to make these "stories" more of a reality?

Dear Mr. Bloomberg,
You should not be ashamed that you made up these stories. It is natural for a man to "beef" up his stories to impress his friends. For example, do you really think Wilt Chamberlin slept with over 20,000 different women? Ok, well he actually did, so that doesn't help you any. If you can't convince a special someone to commit these acts, you could always Photoshop it . . . that's real enough to be used as proof.

Dear Cory and Eric,
I am currently in a relationship with a notorious "child star" and I want to know what special things I can do to impress this one-time Hollywood A-lister?

Dear Mr. X,
One quick question before we tackle your query. Does this certain child star have a certain "taste" for Salt and Vinegar potato chips? If so, we hate to break it to you . . . you are in fact not dating Macaulay Culkin, but rather you are in a relationship with Antelope Managing Editor, Steph Ellington. The resemblance is uncanny so don't get too down on yourself for making



the mistake. Break it off easily by telling her that you are going into the priesthood.

Dear Cory and Eric,
What do I do!!! Someone just asked me out via Facebook and I don't really know how to respond to such a thing. What would you do if you were in my shoes?

Dear Concerned Student,
With the emergence of Web sites like Facebook and MySpace, it is no longer uncommon for people to ask out others online. If I were in your shoes, I'd lace up my size six pink checkered tennis shoes and confront this person face-to-face and let them know that you prefer reality over cyber reality dating.

Well from the Antelope Newsroom, we hope that you have a safe and romantic Valentine's Day. If you are dateless, as we are, don't become distraught, there is plenty of time to find someone to spend this "economic" holiday with.

If you are shy, take a stab in the dark and ask out the person you've been stalking on Facebook. If not,

get out there and don't be afraid to get rejected. Did George W. Bush give up after losing the popular election? No.

Peace,
C&E

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Table talk allowed

Conversation Tables encourage International student interactions



Photo by Katrina B. Campuzano

From left: Joey Andersen, Sayka Nakashima, Yoko Numata and Albaro Carrasbo practiced conversing with each other, while learning about each individual's different cultures.

Kyle E. Petersen
Antelope Staff Writer

Imagine if simply talking could earn you extra credit or improve your proficiency in a foreign language. Perhaps this is what is making Conversation Table a growing activity at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

In Conversation Table, international students are paired with native English speakers, the two speak, and while the international student learns to perfect his or her English speaking abilities, the American student may receive extra-credit in a class for cultural diversity work.

According to Lisa Terry, coordinator of the UNK English Language Institute, Conversation Table was initiated in 1998 when a couple of students in her class mentioned that they would like to talk more to improve their English speaking abilities.

Terry said the early events drew about four or five individuals, and now Conversation Table is attracting nearly 100 participants.

According to Terry, the mission of Conversation Table is to provide a relaxed atmosphere for international students to practice their English with native English speakers.

She also said that it gives the two groups of students an opportunity to learn more about each other.

"[The international students] have a lot of questions about American culture and American lifestyle," Terry said. "This gives them a place to actually sit down and ask questions. When you are sitting in class beside somebody, you maybe have two minutes before the class and maybe two minutes after the class. That's no way to have a conversation."

Terry said that Conversation Table creates an environment that fosters dialogue between American and international students.

"We have more than 400 inter-

national students on this campus, and still many American students have never talked to a foreign person," Terry said.

Terry said Conversation Table allows American students to "find out about the other cultures, ask questions, and sit down in a relaxed, non-threatening atmosphere and know that they can talk about whatever they want."

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Nuevo! Neu! Nouveau! New!

Ethnic studies minor now available at UNK

Sarah E. Schreiter
Antelope Staff Writer

UNK now offers an ethnic studies minor for students to explore.

Kurt Siedschlaw, chair of UNK's new ethnic studies minor program, first met someone outside of his own ethnicity in high school.

By visiting an Indian reservation near his hometown of Woonsocket, S.D. to attend powwows in the 1950's, he met individuals of a race different from his, and experienced a different culture firsthand.

Realizing that not everyone has the opportunity for such a personal encounter with different ethnicities, Siedschlaw, a member of the criminal justice department, oftentimes challenges students in his introductory classes to define their own ethnicity.

"Some of the students of the dominant European background have never even had to think about it [their ethnicity]," said Siedschlaw.

"My hometown is predominantly Norwegian, Swedish, and German, but I never thought of them [the Native Americans on the reservation] as being any different [from me]."

Siedschlaw has been a member of several committees dealing with multi-cultural

issues on campus, working with other faculty members, including Francis Harrold, Claude Louishomme, Nita Unruh, Daryl Kelley, Tami Moore, William Wozniak, Eduardo Gonzalez, and Glen Powell.

"[The ethnic studies minor program] is the result of the collaborative effort of a group over a number of years," said Siedschlaw.

Siedschlaw has a strong interest in the success of this program because of the belief that students need to be educated regarding stereotypes and prejudices.

"I wasn't taught to be prejudiced . . . I think that this program will give students the opportunity to go out and explore, learn more," said Siedschlaw

Brooke McGee, a senior political science major from Bertrand, Neb., and a member of Student Senate, is enthusiastic about the new program.

"I think that in a campus as small as Kearney, it's hard to see a diverse representation of our country in our students. I think that the ethnic studies minor will help UNK students realize that there is more diversity in our country than in the average small town in Nebraska. It's something that UNK needs," said McGee.

The demographics of students who have taken the introductory course have spo-

ken volumes to Siedschlaw.

"This is the second semester the course has been taught, and there have only been about five to seven students each time [the course has been offered]. About half of those students have been international students, and that adds a real honesty to the course," said Siedschlaw.

"You learn to be incredibly sensitive to every different racial issue, especially Japanese internment during World War II," he continues

This minor is different from most because it is composed of three courses offered under the Ethnic Studies (ETHS) program, rather than being exclusive to individual departments.

After completing those three courses, the ETHS minor will take 15 hours from at least two of three categories: arts and humanities, social sciences, and applied and professional studies.

Instructors can submit an application to Siedschlaw to have courses approved for ETHS designation.

Siedschlaw has been teaching at UNK as a member of the Department of Criminal Justice since 1989. His classes cover topics such as legal studies, corrections, probation, and Native American issues.

Say "Cheese!" for required passport pic

Sarah E. Schreiter
Antelope Staff Writer

Any UNK students looking to travel to Cancun over Spring Break should be thinking of more than a lowered legal drinking age and the tan that they will acquire—they need to be thinking of finally getting that passport.

With the new year came a new passport law: passports are required for citizens of the United States if they choose to travel to Mexico or Canada as of Jan. 23.

These countries had previously

been exempted from the requirement, but passports are now required to ensure the security of the country.

The law requires citizens to present a passport upon re-entry of the United States.

The law, known as the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, requires a passport or other official documents when traveling back and forth between the U.S. and Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean, and Bermuda.

The Student Youth Travel Association, at syta.org, issued a

press release on Nov. 6 announcing the passport law.

"The ability to misuse travel documents to enter this country opens the door for a terrorist to carry out an attack. We can not continue to allow loopholes that could facilitate access to the United States through false claims of citizenship or fake identities," said US Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff.

According to the press release, by now requiring only one type of an identity verification document, rather than the previous multiple types accepted, more efficient and secure airport borders will be created.

Increased security measures will be proposed to address land and sea travel requirements for individuals entering the U.S. through land and sea border crossings as well.

Plenty of previous notice will be provided to allow the public enough time to obtain acceptable documents for all kinds of international travel.

Those wishing to view the final rules may visit www.dhs.gov or travel.state.gov.



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MULTICULTURAL EVENTS

February 15 Film - "A Time for Justice: America's Civil Rights Movement" 6:00-8:00 p.m., Copeland Hall, Room 140 Free and open to the public. Free refreshments
February 21 Brown Bag Lunch Presentation by Charles Fort, Professor in English - "The Writer at His Desk and Poetry" 12:00 noon-1:30 p.m., Cedar Room, Nebraskan Student Union Bring your lunch.

ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH EVENTS

February 12 Dramatic Presentation and documentary film about the Japanese Internment, "Time of Fear," 7:00-8:30 p.m., Copeland Hall, Room 140 Free refreshments

EVENTS

MUSIC & MOCHAS

Tuesday February 20 Student Union Food Court 8p.-10p. Best America Album Of The Year Martha's Trouble. Come check it out!
March 2 Shevy Smith

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