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Run With It

V-Day honors 'Warriors'

Julia Stumkat
News Editor

Combining creativity with activism to make the world a safer place for women, is the purpose of the

benefit performance of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" that will take place for the second time on the UNK campus this upcoming Sunday and Monday at the Fine Arts Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Part of the event will be the honoring of three 'Vagina Warriors' for their dedication to women and girls in the Kearney community. This year's warriors are: Nikki Gausman, director of The Spouse/Sexual Abuse Family Education, or S.A.F.E., Center; Denise Christensen, coordinator at the Family Advocacy Network, or FAN; and Pam Godberson, a sexual assault nurse examiner, or SANE.

"It's great to be honored," said Christensen. "We are passionate about the work we do, committed to help victims and make the mission of FAN a reality. We hope that our victim-focused response is a step toward the healing process." FAN is a multidisciplinary program serving 18 counties in Nebraska. Christensen said the staffs work closely together with law enforcement, health and human services, prosecutors, healthcare professionals and advocates to guarantee an experienced response to victims of sexual assault and abuse.

She added that FAN served nearly 300 children, adults and their families in 2005. Besides supporting

victims, the staffs also give presentations in the community to teach about healthy, sexual relationships.

The performance of the "Vagina Monologues" is an initiative by the Women's Studies Advisory Council and Iota Iota Iota, the women's studies honor society, to increase awareness about violence against women and to raise money for shelters that support victims of violence.

Dr. Diane Wysocki, co-director of women's studies and associate professor of sociology, said V-Day is a global movement to stop violence against women including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation and sexual slavery.

"It was really successful last year," she said. "It was sold out. We had to turn people away. The TRIOTA group wanted to do it again this year to bring awareness to our campus. And it makes sense to show the monologues again since we've had some incidents of violence on campus."

"The Vagina Monologues" resulted from

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Photo by Julia Stumkat
Diane Wysocki, co-director of women's studies, wearing V-Day button to increase awareness.

Meth law myth busted

Lucas W. Wright
Staff Writer

Recent statistics show that methamphetamine lab raids by law enforcement agencies in the state of Nebraska were down nearly 70 percent in 2005 when compared to similar statistics from 2004.

Gov. Dave Heineman contributes this fact to the new legislation that Nebraska lawmakers recently passed, which went into effect in September of 2005. Heineman was quoted as saying that Nebraska is a safer place, thanks to this law.

According to Investigator Doug McCarthy of the Kearney Police Department, the new law demands that stores limit customers' purchases of over-the-counter-medicines containing pseudo ephedrine, a key meth ingredient, to one box per visit. The law also requires this person to be 18 years of age and show identification. The Nebraska statute is just one of many laws passed in the Midwest in an attempt to curb the effect that meth is having in America. There are similar laws in Iowa, Missouri and South Dakota that deal with over-the-counter medications as well.

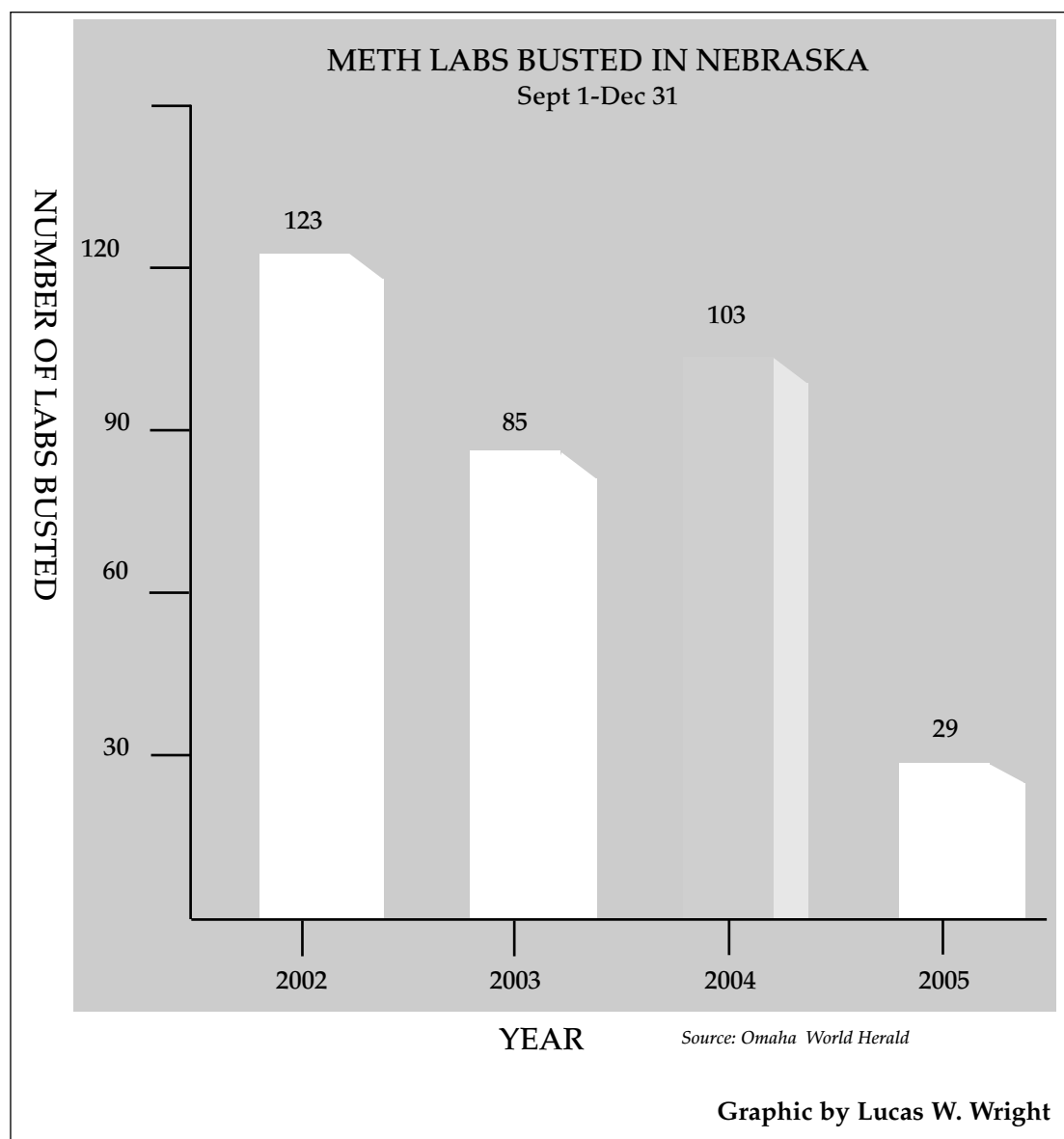
One criticism that other

states have made about similar legislation is that due to low supply, the price of meth has risen, thus creating a corresponding rise in crime. The New York Times recently ran a story that claims the

laws in South Dakota and Iowa have done little to decrease the demand for meth, but law enforcement officers have seen burglaries and robberies "skyrocket" in some counties.

McCarthy does not believe that this is the case in Nebraska as of yet, but does point out that most violent crimes committed in

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Student elections start next week

Kathlene M. Jordan
Features Editor

Elections for Student Government candidates will take place Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 15-16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the College of Education and the e-mail bar in the Nebraskan Student Union.

Students may also vote via Blackboard on Feb. 15, from 8-10 p.m.

"We would like to see more students go and vote in the elections, because they are essentially deciding who represents the UNK student body," Elizabeth Weaver, election commissioner and a sophomore political science major, said.

Positions on the ballot will include president, vice president and senators from each of the four academic colleges at UNK.

Approximately 19 senator seats are open this year, according to Student Government Adviser Tim Danube.

Applications for all positions were due Monday. If there are not enough applicants to fill the senator seats, "individuals will have the opportunity to be screened in," Danube said.

As of Monday, Mike Eiberger and Kevin Wait were the only applicants for president and vice president, respectively. Eiberger and Wait currently serve as two of the Chancellor's Ambassadors. Wait is also a current justice on the Student Court.

Inaugurations may occur in April, as opposed to March 1, depending on whether the student body passes the voting period change during the elections.

Kleeb talks on war

Kathlene M. Jordan
Features Editor

Scott Kleeb, a democrat and primary candidate for Nebraska's 3rd Congressional District, will speak to Kearney community members on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p.m., about his position on the war in Iraq.

A meeting place has not yet been decided for the event.

Organizers of the 50-member political forum, the Kearney Area Peace Workers, or KAP, have several events in store for the community in the forthcoming months.

A candlelight memorial vigil, in remembrance of fallen U.S. soldiers and Iraqis, is scheduled Sunday, March 19, at the Museum of Nebraska Art's parking lot. The date marks the three-year anniversary of the U.S. bombing and invasion of Iraq, the commencement of the Iraq War.

"We thought that would be an appropriate location," Jessica Isaac, a KAP executive committee member, said.

William Avilés, UNK assistant professor of political science and KAP executive member, said, "It's important we recognize, in a public way, the sacrifices that have been made and are still being made for this war... let's have these people in our thoughts and prayers... I don't think enough Americans are doing that."

The Downtown

Improvement Board and the City Council must first approve the event before further plans can be made. Avilés attended a Wednesday meeting with the improvement board. The City Council will hear the request Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Amy Miller, Nebraska executive director of the Americans for Civil Liberties Union, or ACLU, is planning to participate in an educational debate with an undecided oppositionist in April. The debate will focus on the Patriot Act. A specific date or place has not yet been organized by KAP.

The peace workers are also gearing toward a summer benefit concert for victims of Hurricane Katrina, scheduled near the end of May, at The E.K. and Mary Yanney Heritage Park in Kearney.

For more information about KAP or its upcoming events, e-mail kearney4peace@yahoo.com.



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Scott Kleeb

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PHOTO of The WEEK

Photo by Ryota Hayama

Louie the Loper attempts to get the crowd moving during last Saturday's basketball match between UNK and Colorado Christian.

To submit pictures for Photo of the Week, save pictures as JPEG files and send them to antelope@unk.edu, or call 865-8716 for assistance.

For the love of all crossword puzzles - Val's Day!

ACROSS

3. On the type of morning that love happened without a warning, according to Shelley Fabares
5. Surname of the world's greatest lover, according to movie lore.
7. A beloved would climb the highest mountain and swim the _____ sea for his true love."
9. Clark Gable's true love and romantic lead in "It Happened One Night."
12. He is half-crazy for her love in a song by the same name.
15. The given name of the female romantic lead in the 1963 classic movie "Cleopatra."
17. "_____ than springtime are you."
21. This saint is said to have been martyred for his belief in Christianity by the Roman authorities in 269 A.D.
22. The surname of the romantic lead and "the dread pirate Roberts" in "The Princess Bride."
24. And here the tale unravels for Odysseus' wife _____.
25. The Beatles say the sheik comes from here — whose "love belongs to me."
26. The surname of the actress who played the role of Elizabeth, the lover of the monster played by Peter Boyle in "Young Frankenstein."
30. Lyrics: "Good night, _____, till we meet tomorrow."
32. Surname of America's sweetheart.
33. In 1820, a peasant named Yorgos found her broken body in an underground cavern on the Aegean island of Melos.
34. Frankie's lover who could not be true because he was "a long-legged guitar picker with a wicked, wandering eye."
35. Frank Sinatra sang about his _____ Valentine.
36. In the "Vagina Monologues," to be Sunday and Monday night at UNK, the heart is willing to sacrifice like this.
37. What Buttercup said to the poor farm boy: "As you _____."
39. The role of the female romantic lead in the movie "The Princess Bride."
40. This might be a gift on Valentine's day.

DOWN

1. Who Richard Burton played in the romantic 1963 classic of "Cleopatra."
2. How many kisses were rated the most passionate throughout history, according to "The Princess Bride"?
4. "He loves me; he loves me _____."
6. "Tonight I _____ my love for you."
8. In love.
10. An opposite of dog-dom attracted this "Lady."
11. Many young girls were named after this TV witch who loved an advertising executive.
13. Perry Como is doing this in the rain for Debbie Reynolds.
14. The maiden name of Johnnie Cash's "big-mouthed woman."



16. Gene Wilder played this comic role in "The Compliant Lover" in his Broadway debut.
18. The given name of this former star of "Saturday Night Live" who fell in love with the star of the 1977 "World's Greatest Lover."
19. A true love would bid on a meal placed in this — at a barn dance.
20. Lyrics from a famous lovely song: "Wives should also be _____ too; run to his arms, the moement he comes home to you."
23. Gomez Addams likes to kiss her from the wrist to the shoulder.
26. She's the only one that he adores with the m-m-m-moon comes over the cowshed.
27. "Bewitched, bothered and _____ am I," Ella Fitzgerald sings.
28. What Nellie the Nurse would like to wash out of her hair in "South Pacific."
29. Someone keeps saying good night to this lovely lady in some lyrics of the same name.
31. Pun: Violets are bluer than this flower.
33. "She walks the hills with a long, black _____, and visits his grave when the night winds wail."
35. Surname of the grandfather in "The Princess Bride."
37. Surname of the person who played a paraody of the "World's Greatest Lover" in a 1977 movie.
38. Eve made him bite into "the forbidden fruit-uncle."



the bottom line

"What aspect of the Super Bowl did you most enjoy?"



"Watching the Rolling Stones suck."

Kevin Wait, Ogallala
Junior



"Caveman commercial and expensive digital effects to have Shaq make a three-pointer."

Greg Wright, North Platte
Junior



"The Steelers reverse-pass gadget play for a touchdown."

Kerri Myers, Garden City, Kan.
Sophomore

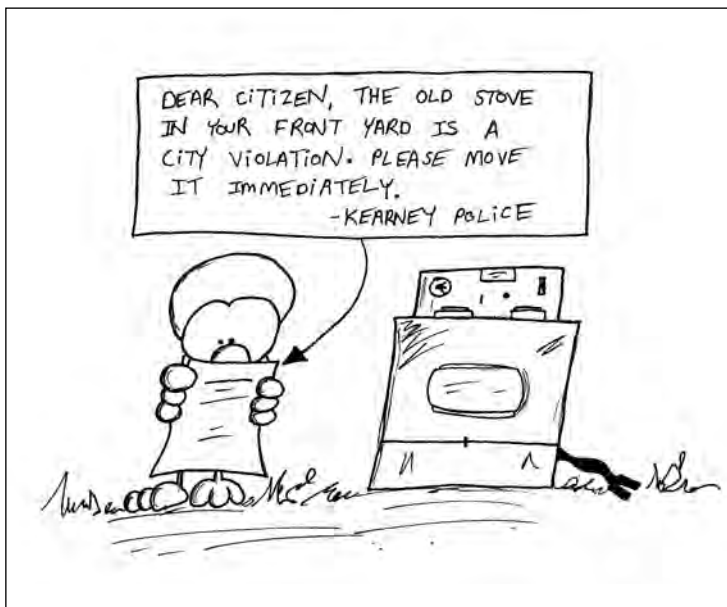


"When Bill Cowher and his wife were making out — they looked like brother and sister! Weird!"

Liz Gunderson, Kearney
Freshman



A lesson in dialect brought to you by Mike Adelman



Lindsey Humston
Reader's Opinion

When making a decision, it is always best to make a positive and negative list. Here is the major benefit and the major detriment of a smoke-free Kearney:

Major Benefit #1: The lives of innocent bystanders will no longer be threatened by air so thick with smoke that they can hardly breathe, let alone enjoy a nice meal.

Major Detriment #1: Those who choose to partake in the inhalation of carcinogenic substances will be inconvenienced by the chore of having to get up out of their seats and walk out of the front door in order to surrender to their habit. (And really, this may end up being a benefit, because not only might it deter smokers from continuing in their addiction, it will also give them some extra exercise).

All joking aside though, I see that there are concerns with banning tobacco from restaurants and bars. However, I do not think that the loss of business should be one of them. If smoking is banned, people will still look for a place to socialize and partake in the consumption of alcoholic beverages, and will therefore still regularly go to local bars.

People will also still be looking for a place to enjoy a nice dinner, and so will still regularly support area restaurants. If, as the members of the Chamber of Commerce proposed in the Jan. 26 The Antelope article on the smoking ban, customers should be allowed to dictate policy, maybe the 77.2% that would support the ban should be the ones involved in this policy decision. After all, 83% of Buffalo County does not smoke.

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A day for Cupid is so stupid!



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Most of us hardly survived Christmas shopping. Then a couple weeks later, no matter what store you go to, there is this combination of pink and red - Valentine's Day shopping aisles - obligating couples to buy gifts for each other and making singles feel uncomfortable.

Do we have to wait till Feb. 14 to take our boyfriend or girlfriend out to dinner? Why can't we do it today or

tomorrow? Do we need a day that reminds us to appreciate the people we love? I don't think so.

So, whom do we have to thank for all that drama? Who was the culprit who had nothing better to do than invent a pointless day like Valentine's?

According to The History Channel Web site, www.historychannel.com, Valentine was a Roman priest who lived during the third century. One day, Emperor Claudius II decided that single men should become soldiers, rather than husbands, and prohibited marriages. However, Valentine secretly continued performing marriages. Breaking Claudius' order, he was put in jail. During his confinement, Valentine fell in love with the jailor's daughter. Before his execution, Valentine wrote her a letter that he signed "From



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Hallmark and Hershey's cash-in.

miserable and lonely on Valentine's Day. Just call this number and find happiness." Who says that singles are unhappy? Who says that singles didn't chose to be singles? Society tries to tell us what's best for us. Thanks, but I am able to decide for myself.

And I say, whether being single or in a relationship, we do not need a day reminding us to treat our partner or friend in a special way. People with common sense should know that. To surprise someone is much more fun anyway.

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'One giant family' moves on

Jael J. Johnson
Staff Writer

Nearly 76 years ago, the first dormitory for women, Case Hall, was constructed on the Kearney campus.

Today, that very building only exists as a mere memory.

The building, which was constructed in the summer of 1930, was named Eva J. Case Hall, in honor of one of the institution's original faculty members.

The building was one of two UNK residence halls listed in the State Registry of Historic Buildings.

The demolition of this brick structure has created a variety of emotions for those that called Case Hall their home at some time in their life.

"I hated to see Case Hall go down, because the process reminded me of after a hurricane or bomb, like you see on TV," said Bev Mathiesen, Chancellor Kristensen's administrative assistant.

Mathiesen lived in Case Hall from 1972-1973 as a Resident Hall Director with her husband, Dave. The two had moved to Kearney after getting married.

At that time, Kearney State College had a low number of students that lived on campus.

Consequently, there were four empty halls that needed to be filled.

The campus started to recruit off campus sororities, moving them onto campus to fill these empty halls. As a result, the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority moved into Case Hall.

"Not the hall, but the community and all the people . . . that is what I'll miss."

Danielle Phillips
Elementary Education

"It seemed very old at the time, and that was only 30 years ago," Mathiesen said.

Case Hall was very dusty and needed cleaning, since it set empty for a couple of years, she said. The ladies of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and the Mathiesens all helped to clean it up.

"It was neat, because it was old," Mathiesen said. "It seemed stately and had a personality of its own, almost like a presence. It just

seemed important."

During UNK's Homecoming Week 2005, there was an open house for Case Hall. This was the perfect time for those who lived in the hall to share their stories about the building.

"My memories are fond of it, and I was very fortunate to have lived there," Mathiesen said.

"It didn't hit me that Case was going to be gone till I saw the bulldozer tearing it down [...] I got teary eyed," said Danielle Phillips, an elementary education major from Hays, Kan.

Phillips lived in Case Hall for a year and served as a resident advisor there.

"Not the hall, but the community and all the people [...] that is what I'll miss," Phillips said.

She said that Case Hall was known for housing international students as break housing, meaning it would stay open throughout the academic year.

This diverse living environment allowed students to do things like cook food from their country and share it with fellow residents.

"It was like one giant family," Phillips said.

"Where else can you play pool with a guy from India and Germany?" Scott Gamblin, a senior elementary education major from



Photo by Ryota Hayama

Case Hall, shown above before demolition, housed many students, including international students from throughout the world, since 1930.

Chapman, said.

Gamblin said he really liked the community in Case Hall. The environment was fun, because there were open doors all the time and movie nights. The food was great, he said.

"I think a lot of the older people are sadder to see it go," Gamblin said.

"I was very upset at first," said Happy McWan, a junior

advertising major from India.

McWan lived in Case Hall for almost three years. While there, he was the vice president of hall council for two years and spent last year as president.

He said he hopes the new halls being constructed will have a good place to come together for a good community to grow.

International students tend to isolate themselves from others, so they need

that transition, McWan said.

Case Hall was that opportunity for the international students to interact with one another and become close, like a big family.

"It's time for a new building, I suppose," Phillips said.

Mathiesen said that a new building is like a breath of fresh air with new opportunities.

"There comes a point to move on," McWan said.

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Flirt on the road

Ilyse Shapiro
Guest Writer

Ben Philips really wanted to meet the attractive girl in the Jaguar V12 stopped next to him at a red light.

Yet, once the light turned green, both cars went on their way. Philips didn't want to follow the car, for fear of being labeled a stalker.

This young entrepreneur knew he had to develop a legitimate way for people in similar "chance encounter" situations to formally meet.

This past December, Philips launched www.flirtingintraff.com, a Web site dedicated to "connecting people who pique your interest while driving down the street."

Visitors are encouraged to log onto the Web site, complete a simple biography and upload a current "headshot."

Once the registration process is complete, "Flirts" will receive, by mail, a numbered sticker to put on the bumper of their car.

The sticker, similar to the oval "OBX" and "LBI" travel destination stickers found on many vehicles, is printed with a personal identification number, known as the "Flirting ID."

When other "Flirts" see the identification number, they can log onto the Web site, enter the sticker number and learn more about their match.

If the individual wants to correspond with the match, he/she can do so through the Web site's e-mail sys-

tem. No direct e-mail addresses are ever given out.

Currently, access to the site, membership and stickers are free. However, Philips is considering initiating a nominal monthly fee to help defray site maintenance and material costs.

Philips points out that www.flirtingintraff.com is unlike any other online matchmaking or dating service.

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And for those who don't drive or own a car? Philips says people can put the sticker on their purse, book bag or briefcase and still achieve the same results.

"It is not necessarily just for people who own a car. It is for all people who want to meet other people after they've made contact somewhere in everyday life," he said.

For more information, visit the Web site at www.flirtingintraff.com or contact Philips at ben@flirtingintraff.com.

Also contact Ilyse Shapiro, publicist, at (610) 642-7427 or mediamuse1@comcast.net for other information.

UNK pianist travels to Austin



Photo by Ryan J. Downing
Pianist Akina Yura will compete nationally at the Young Artist Competition in March. She is one of only seven U.S. students chosen to compete in Austin, Tex., on March 27.

John C. Ludwig
Staff Writer

Sophomore Akina Yura,
20, of Itaichi Prefecture,

Japan will compete at the national level of the Music Teachers National Association's Young Artist Competition in March.

Yura has been playing the

piano since she was 3 years old. "My grandma bought me a piano when I was four," she said.

While Yura has been ticking the ivories for 17 years,

she didn't begin to seriously play the piano until junior high.

"That's when I met a good teacher, and I realized that I liked it," she said.

The Nebraska Music Teachers Association, with over 300 members throughout the state, is affiliated with its parent organization, The Music Teachers National Association, or MTNA. The organization has more than 24,000 musicians as members nationwide.

As part of its commitment to promote high levels of musical achievement in the state, the MTNA holds an annual Young Artist competition.

Yura won the Nebraska level of the Young Artist Competition in October, and then went on to win the District Regional Competition last January.

"My dad bought me a new piano when I entered into high school," Yura said. "My parents don't play the

piano at all. They like to listen to music, but they don't play any instruments."

"We only had to wait about 30 minutes after the competition was over to find out who won. It was pretty quick, and Dr. Buckner was like, 'Holy Crap!'"

Akina Yura
UNK sophomore

Dr. Nathan Buckner,
pianist and associate profes-

sor of music at UNK since 1997, served as the faculty sponsor for Yura at the MTNA's Young Artist Competition this year.

"I had no idea about the competition here," Yura said. "Dr. Buckner urged me to try it."

"We only had to wait about 30 minutes after the competition was over to find out who won," she said. "It was pretty quick, and Dr. Buckner was like, 'Holy Crap!'"

Now, after winning both the state and district regional competitions, Yura will compete against six other students at the national competition in Austin, Tex., on March 27.

"I'm very stressed, and I'm very happy to be able to go to Austin," she said. "I'd like to do my best there."

Young, Hansen place at competition



Jacqueline A. Stoltenberg
Staff Writer

Photo by Erika P. Dimas

UNK Forensics, from left to right: Kylie Hansen, Rachelle Hafer, Grant Campbell, Kenny Hopkinson, Bodi Umstead, Brook Young and Brandon Pettigrew.

Two members of the UNK Forensics team recently qualified for the American Forensics Association National Events Tournament, or AFA - NIFC, that will be held at Gainesville, Fla., on March 31 through April 3.

Brooke Young, an English education major, placed second in Communication Analysis, and Kylie Hansen, a speech communications major, placed second in Dramatic Interpretation at the Concordia University Forensics Meet in Seward.

Young, a freshman from Eustis, placed in most of the meets this year including one first place. Her qualifying speech is about a camp in Alpine, Ala.

"The camp is called Camp Cosby and what the camp does is it takes fifth and sixth graders and teaches them about slavery by reenacting it," she said. "They treat the kids as slaves so they can learn about slavery. And what I do is I analyze whether or not the camp effectively allows these students to emphasize."

Hansen, a senior from Kearney, qualified for Dramatic Interpretation at

Seward. She cut her play script, "A Woman Before a Glass," down to ten minutes and interpreted the play.

"I was very surprised because I qualified in an event last semester that I absolutely hated," Hansen said. "I was not having fun with it, so it was kind of

"It is a lot of work, but it pays off. You meet a lot of friends from different schools, and you see them on different weekends"

Brooke Young
UNK Forensics Team

shocking that it was the first one I qualified for. But it was a relief more than anything to know you're going to nationals and to get that stress off your shoulders."

Rachelle Hafer, UNK's

Forensics team director, said everybody on the team has managed to break into the so-called 'out rounds.'

"Breaking means advancing into the out rounds the top six, but we have advanced into out rounds and have done so in Nebraska where the competition is fiercer and tougher than in most places in the nation," Hafer said.

There are four more tournaments left in the season to qualify for nationals. To qualify, students must earn AFA legs, which means students must advance to the final rounds three times, Hafer explained.

She said that there are approximately 20 competitors per meet and 11 events. If a student competes in interpretation in the final round he or she must rank in the top six in three different tournaments.

"To further explain the point system, first place adds up to one point, second place adds up to two points, third place adds up to three points and so forth," Hafer said. "Your total cumulative ranks must add up to eight or less and then that event is qualified for nationals."

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Lady Lopers shoot with skill

Joy N. Iromuanya
Staff Writer

Twenty-two points, including four three-pointers in the first half, by junior Liz Fischer helped the UNK

women's basketball team defeat the Colorado School of Mines, 75-45, Friday night at the Health and Sports Center, ending a two game winning streak.

Fischer ended the night seven of 11 from the field,

with five rebounds and three assists.

"Once I hit a couple of shots, my shots just kind of fall into place after that," Fischer, a junior elementary education major from Leigh, said. "With Amy [Mathis] out, we all know that we need to step up. She was our second-leading scorer. You can't expect Mod [Kalee Modlin] to do it all. I knew I needed to step up."

Modlin, a senior center from Knoxville, Iowa, contributed 10 points and four rebounds on the night. With that, she became the fifth Loper to reach 1,600 career points. She has 1,607.

The others are Ginger Keller with 1,895, Allison Kruger with 1,682, Jessica Kedrowski with 1,682 and Darcy Stracke with 1,643.

The Orediggers record fell to 12-9 overall and 6-7 in the RMAC.

On Saturday night, the ladies defeated Colorado Christian, 94-50. Wins this weekend improve the Lopers' record to 15-6 overall and 10-3 in the RMAC.

The Lopers will need more great shooting this weekend when they host



Photo by Ryota Hayama

Jonni Mildenerberger drives past a defender on her way to the basket. The Lady Lopers defeated Colorado Christian, 94-50, on Saturday night. The Lopers will face Regis and Metro this weekend in their last home games of the season.

Metro State and Regis if they expect to get a home game in the first half of the RMAC tournament. Two weeks ago the Lopers lost to both teams in Denver.

The last time the Lopers

played Regis, the defending league champs, they only shot 39 percent from the floor. They were unable to make a single three-point shot the entire night.

Fischer said, "Playing at

home we are more confident and play better. We need to defend home so we can get a top-three seed so we can play home."



Men's basketball hangs tough

Joy N. Iromuanya
Staff Writer

Led by junior guard James Lane, the UNK men's basketball team defeated Colorado Christian, 91-84, Saturday night at the Health and Sports Center.

Lane, who scored 18 points in the second half, hit six of six from the free-throw line, ending the night with a career-high 23 points.

"Down the stretch he and Dusty really stepped up and made some big plays," Co-Head Coach Kevin Lofton said.

Lane, a Colorado Springs, Colo. native, was joined in

double figures by junior forward Dusty Jura, senior forward Chris Dean, freshman guard Avery Stephenson and sophomore guard Nick Morrell. Jura finished with 26 points and 13 rebounds, and Dean added 14 points and eight rebounds as the Lopers improved their record to 16-5 overall and 11-2 in the RMAC.

The Lopers were forced to play without starting forward junior Chad Burger who went out midway through the first half of the Colorado Mines game the night before with a bruised thigh. Burger, a Colorado Springs, Colo., native, was replaced in the starting line-

up by Stephenson, a Romulus, Mich., native.

Lofton said, "Chad healthy gives us depth and experience, but we can't use his injury as an excuse. The person in his spot must elevate their game."

The Cougars, 8-13 overall and 5-8 in the RMAC, led most of the first half and used the line-up change to their advantage. Brian Stamer had double digits in points and rebounds in the first half.

However, the Cougars seemed to lose the same intensity once Morrell, an Ogallala native, entered the game. UNK went on a 21-4 run at the end of the first

half and erased the 15-point Colorado Christian lead.

"Some guys off the bench stepped up and made some plays, especially Nick and Avery," Lofton said.

The Lopers finished the night shooting 60 percent from the field and eight of 12 from the three-point line. The Lopers also shot 84 percent from the free-throw line and out rebounded Colorado Christian 18-13.

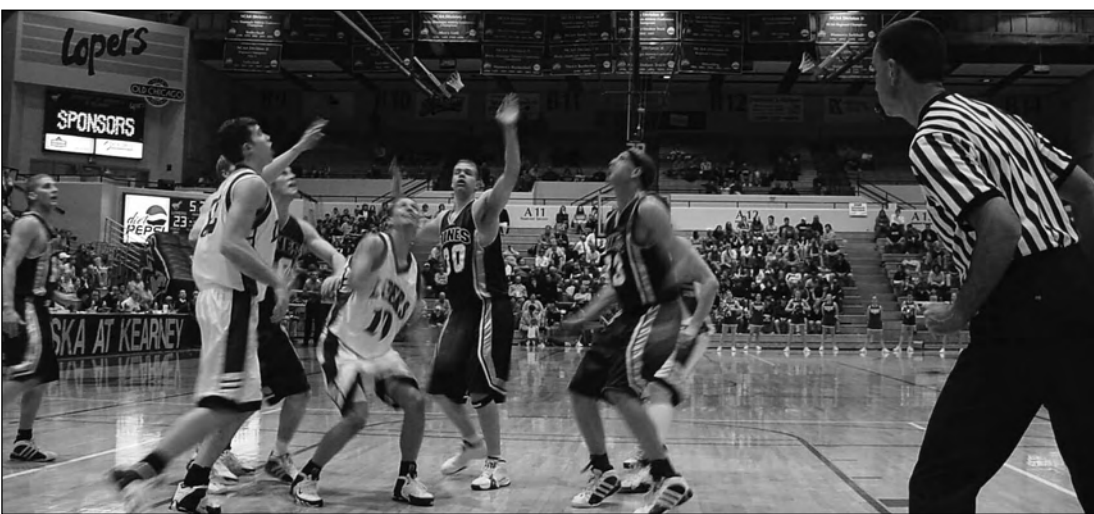
The Lopers will host Regis and Metro State this weekend.

Photo by Lucas E. Froeschl
Avery Stephenson, a Loper freshman guard, battles for court position against a Colorado Mines opponent. The Lopers defeated the Colorado Mines Friday night, 72-62.



Photo by Lucas E. Froeschl

Loper players, including No. 10 junior guard James Lane, fight for the rebound against Mines' players Friday night in the Health and Sports Center.



Player Profile

Player Profile: Jeff Sylvester

Year: Senior

Hometown: Lyman

Major: Multimedia

Team: Wrestling

Position: 197 pounds

How many years have you done this sport? 15 years

How many years here at UNK have you played the sport?

Five years

Why do you love the sport? "I wrestle because it is the only sport that I was good at as a kid."

Do you have any predictions for the year? "UNK will have multiple All-Americans and a strong finish at regionals and nationals."

Favorite quote? "Throw in the double grapes" - Keenan McCurdy

Favorite movie? "High Fidelity"

Favorite snack? Mug Brownies

Favorite activity? Racquetball

Why did you choose UNK? "I chose UNK because of the strong wrestling family."

What is your favorite thing about UNK? "The great support from the community."

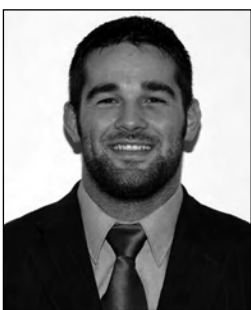


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Wrestling loses two

Wrestlers lose close match to UCO

Denton P. Cushing
Staff Writer

The Loper wrestlers had another busy weekend, taking on the University of Central Oklahoma last Thursday and UNO last Saturday.

Against UCO, the Lopers, ranked No. 5, were looking to prove themselves and to move up in the rankings by defeating the No. 3 Broncos.

Matches throughout this dual turned it into a very exciting finish. Starting off at 125 pounds, junior Trevor Charbonneau posted three points with a 6-2 victory. Things evened out after No. 1 Brett Allgood, a sophomore, was upset by the Broncos' No. 6 Earl Jones.

Excitement brewed after the next match, however. Sophomore Jeff Rutledge pinned his man to boost the Lopers up six points.

Following this momen-

tum changer, the Lopers lost four matches in a row. Junior Matt True, sophomore Joe Ellenberger and red shirt-freshmen Keenan McCurdy and Paul Sutton all came up short, leaving the Lopers with a 16-9 deficit.

Bringing life back to the Lopers were seniors Tanner Linsacum and Jeff Sylvester. With those two wins, UNK led the match 18-16 heading into the heavyweight division.

In the final seconds, sophomore Tervel Dlagnev gave up the final three points to allow UCO to win the match and the dual with a final score of 19-18. With this loss, the Lopers fell to a record of 12-4.

Also last Saturday, the Lopers hosted No. 1 UNO.

Once again, UNK was looking to improve their ranking by defeating the Mavs.

Things were looking good after Charbonneau, a Green,

Kan., native, and Allgood from Bennington posted victories to push UNK out to a six-point lead.

Unfortunately, UNK's hopes of winning were snuffed in the next five matches. UNO rallied for five straight wins over Rutledge, sophomore Brandon Brill, Kasey Kohl, McCurdy and Sutton.

The outcome left UNK trailing 18-6. Linsacum, from Phoenix, Ariz., and Sylvester, Lyman native, brought UNK back into things with two victories, making the score 18-13 and making it possible for a comeback. It wasn't easy for Dlagnev, an Arlington, Texas, native, as he lost to No. 1 Les Sigman, ensuring UNO's 23-13 victory.

The Lopers, who are now 12-5 on the season, have a doubleheader this Saturday against Adams State and Augustana in the Health and Sports Center.

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Super Bowl XL goes in books

Many UNK students say quality of Super Bowl XL left them disappointed

Jamie Dusin
Sports Editor

Super Bowl XL ended leaving many football fans disappointed, even though new records, including the longest rushing run in a Super Bowl, and many controversial plays were recorded.

Those that aren't Pittsburgh Steelers' fans were upset by the Seattle Seahawks' loss, the "bad" calls by the refs, the "poor" quality of the game and the disappointing commercials.

Many UNK football fans felt the same way.

Some UNK students were simply upset at who won.

Matt Sallman, a sophomore criminal justice major from Belleville, Kan., said, "It was pathetic because the team that won wasn't the team I wanted to win."

Others were mad about the lack of "good football" they saw in the game.

Brandon Wright, a senior secondary education major from Benedict, said, "I thought the quality of the game this year wasn't as good as it has been. It seemed like it was kind of a sloppy game."

Carl Corder, a Kearney sophomore, was disappointed in the game simply because as a



Brandon Wright



Carl Corder

you expect that both teams will be phenomenal, but it's really just a normal game all hyped up."

Dana Stubbs, a junior biology major from Kearney, said, "I thought it was a boring game."

There wasn't a lot of scoring - it wasn't action packed. I heard a lot of people say they were disappointed with the commercials, too."

Brad Miller, a junior chemistry major, said the Seahawks were at fault for their own loss.

"I actually went for the Seahawks, but I know they lost. The Seahawks couldn't fin-



Brad Miller

ish what they started - they couldn't finish their drives," Miller, a LeMars, Iowa, native, said. "They beat themselves. They also had poor time management."

Tyler Dunklau, an Arlington junior, said that even though the Steelers won, the team wasn't that good.

"They both sucked, but the Steelers just sucked a little less," Dunklau said.

Other UNK students, such as Jakob Enzminger, who didn't have their favorite team in the game, were simply happy because the team



Dana Stubbs

they were rooting for, the team their friends' didn't like, lost.

"One of my buddies was going for Seattle and just because he was going for the Seahawks, I was going for



Jakob Enzminger

Pittsburgh. Ha, ha, Seahawks lost!" Enzminger, a junior theater major from Columbus, said.

Bryce Isackson was disappointed with the game also because of its lack of quality,

but also because "his" team wasn't playing.

"It would have been a

better game if the refs would have called it fairly," Isackson, a sophomore political science major from Brady, said. "It's all a big conspiracy cause the Steelers suck. Go Colts!"

But some fans were just happy with watching the game, even though the team they were rooting for didn't win.

Reggie Zaruba, a senior special education major from Bennington, said, "I was going for



Bryce Isackson



Reggie Zaruba

the Seahawks because Grant Wistrom plays for them and he's a former Husker, but the Steelers won. ... I was glad it was those two teams because the Seahawks

have never won a Super Bowl and the Steelers - it's been like 20-30 years since they've won."

And yet other UNK students just watched the big game for the commercial entertainment.

Varying from Budweiser commercials featur-



Josh Wilken

ing the familiar Clydesdales to cavemen in the FedEx commercial to Kermit the frog in a Ford commercial, the in-between-Super-Bowl entertainment didn't lack cre-

ativity.

UNK students disagreed.

Some said they were good, others said they weren't much better than the game.

Mary Wolf, a freshman elementary education major from Windsor, Colo., wasn't completely disappointed

with the commercials, even though she admitted to seeing better in years past.

She said her favorite was the Sprint cell phone one where the one guy kept throwing his phone in the other person's face calling it anti-theft protection.

"The ones that said 'Don't judge too quickly' - those were good too," Wolf added.

Josh Wilken, a senior from Sutherland, said, "The

only thing more disappointing than the game was the lame commercial with the piano players. Weenie commercials have no business in the Super Bowl."

Swimmer prepares

Brandon Siebenneicher
Staff Writer

To finish her UNK swimming and diving career, senior diver Jennifer Atterbury will make her second trip to the National swimming and diving meet March 8-11 in Indianapolis, Ind.

"I will prepare for nationals by improving the dives I already have," Atterbury said. "We will focus on little things such as pointed toes and arm positions on entry. We may also change the times that I practice to the same time that I will be diving at the national meet."

Even though Atterbury is the only AquaLoper who qualified for the nationals, the other UNK diver, Jenn Kirkland, will help Atterbury prepare for the meet.

"I do weightlifting and cardio workouts by myself, and the other diver Jenn Kirkland has agreed to practice with me an extra month, so that helps," she said.

Atterbury said she thinks that competing in nationals last year will help her be better prepared this

year.

"I am excited about nationals because I feel going in the second year I am more prepared for what

is there. I will be able to compete instead of being so unsure as to what is going on - I will definitely be more focused

this year," Atterbury said. "This is the last meet of my college career and I have worked hard to ensure that it is my best."



Graphic by Jaime Flores

Athletes compete in S.D.

Different surfaces affect tracksters

Shannon J. Matthews
Staff Writer

Different competing surfaces can make a huge impact on an athletes' performance. Two UNK jumpers both experienced a different competing surface last weekend.

"The runway was different. It was fast and I had to adjust," Kelli Dring, a freshman sports administration major from Kearney, said.

The track and field team traveled to the University of South Dakota for the Graphic Edge DII Challenges invite last weekend.

"There was good compe-

tition at this meet and I appreciated that," Dring said.

Dring placed second in the women's long jump and sixth in the triple jump.

"I scratched four out of six jumps, which has never happened to me. I was frustrated and taken off guard, then I jumped one that got me back where I needed to be," she said.

UNK jumper Ross Fellows also had to adjust to the different track surface at the University of South Dakota.

"I was having a little trouble hitting my approach right, the cement was not the best surface," Fellows, a sophomore health and phys-

ical education major from Kearney, said.

Fellows placed first in the triple jump last weekend.

"My goal is to become an All-American this year," he said.

Last year, Fellows placed ninth at nationals in Boston.

The UNK track and field team had four first-place winners last weekend. Along with Fellows, Randi Furman-Kuhn placed first in the women's 60-meter dash, Shauna Birchard placed first in the women's shot put and Lance Pfeiffer placed first in the men's shot put.

On Friday, the UNK track and field team with host Fort Hays in a dual in the Cushing Fieldhouse.

Two new coaches join baseball team

Brandon Siebenneicher
Staff Writer

Winning both games on opening day, the Loper baseball team started out the season with a great start. The Lopers defeated the Hastings Broncos Saturday 4-3 in both games.

At the beginning of every season, there is speculation about how the Lopers will fare. This year, the UNK men are picked by the

RMAC coaches to finish in the middle of the RMAC pack at seventh.

However, with three players earning pre-season reviews, the Lopers may have a little dynamite in their bats. Senior Travis Kerkman was named a Pre-Season All-American, junior Ryan Bucher was recognized as one of the top 150 players in Division II as a "Player to Watch" and sophomore Seth Svoboda was named a top newcomer for the 2006 season.

Head Coach Damon Day didn't want to name a specific goal or finishing place for his team this year.

"I am optimistic but I am not going to stick my foot in my mouth and start making all sorts of predictions," Day said. "I do know we are going to be a fun team to watch play and we are going to go out and have a lot of fun doing it. We are going to be competitive."

The beginning of classes at UNK is traditionally a sad day for students, but that's not the case for Day.

"It is my favorite day of the year, better than my birthday, or even Christmas," Day said. "This is my third year at UNK and I can honestly say that this year I finally feel like I am beginning to settle in to being the head coach and the leader of this program."

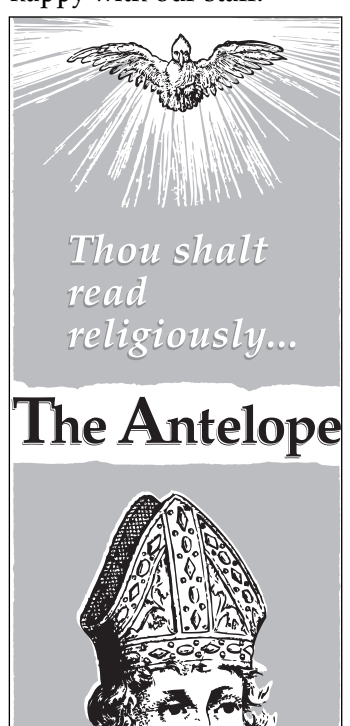
Day's first two seasons didn't end with perfect records, but they have shown improvement.

In Day's 2004 rookie campaign, the team recorded 19 victories and the coaching staff walked away with RMAC Coaches of the Year. The 2005 campaign improved by one victory.

Helping Day lead the crusade in 2006 will be two new assistant coaches. Coaches Craig Martin and Chad Cooke have both previously played for Day.

"In this situation, I needed guys around me who knew exactly how I do things and believe in the things that I believe in," he said.

"Coach Martin believes in the system we run and I believe in his abilities as a coach," Day said. "I always knew Coach Cooke would coach for me from the first day I met him because he is a baseball junkie just like me. He has a great passion and knowledge for the game. Overall, I am very happy with our staff."



Democratic call and ... Republican response

Mike W. Gruszczynski
Staff Writer

The Democratic gubernatorial candidate said Nebraskans need to pay attention to "real issues" when voting this November.

David Hahn, chief executive officer of New Digital Group in Lincoln, is preparing his campaign for governor of Nebraska. He is the only Democratic Party candidate.

"This is a campaign about the real world," Hahn said. "There are issues in this state that we need to deal with now, instead of waiting for Washington."

Hahn said state spending needs to be decreased in order for Nebraska to remain stable, and that tax cuts are not a viable option for the state at this time.

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David Hahn



"The tax cuts which are being proposed are unacceptable," he said. "Playing politics with marginal tax relief doesn't serve the citizens' interests." He said that if state spending is not controlled, it will ultimately hurt schools, businesses and citizens.

"A more responsible approach [for the state] is to save and invest," he said. "While [the other candidates] are talking about tax relief, I'm talking about tax relief."

Hahn said he is also concerned about the state of education in Nebraska. "The state cannot compete without educated people," he said. "Tuition is up, and student aid is down, which makes it a lot tougher to get an education."

He explained that his campaign is currently working on a program that

would help Nebraska college students pay for school. Hahn also said there needs to be more opportunities for students following graduation. One way to do this, he suggested, is to attract more companies to the state.

"Nebraska can provide companies with lower wage scales than coastal states can, because the cost of living is lower," he said. "We need to target the industries we want [in the state], such as businesses that offer more than just low-wage positions."

Hahn also said that technology is an important part of his campaign.

"The business climate in Nebraska cannot be improved without technology," he said. "We need to get farms and ranches into the technology world in order to compete." Hahn noted that Nebraska needs to increase its connectivity to assure that its citizens remain competitive.

According to his campaign Web site, located at www.hahnfornebraska.org, he represented family-owned farms and ranches as an attorney early in his career. He received his law degree from the University of Nebraska.

"I'll lead with a vision," Hahn said. "People understand that the state of things is not good and that we have a lot of issues [in Nebraska] to deal with, but instead, we're playing around with tax relief."

Mike W. Gruszczynski
Staff Writer

There is reason to be concerned with the direction that the state of Nebraska is headed in, Rep. Tom Osborne said.

"I'm really concerned about the fact that the state is divided so much between urban and rural areas," he said. "There are not enough people in this state to pull in different directions." Osborne is seeking the Republican nomination for governor, which will be decided in the May 9 primary.

The congressman said he possesses the leadership needed to pull the state together, and cited his experience as head coach of the Nebraska Cornhusker football team. He said that, while there are a lot of differences between coaching and acting as governor, there are also similarities. "In both instances, you're trying to get a lot of people moving in the same direction," he said.

One of his highest priorities, he said, is to ease the tax burden on Nebraskans. "This is the most heavily taxed state in the region, and the eighth highest in the nation," he said.

In order for tax cuts to be effective, Osborne said, state spending must be decreased. "The recent tax cut proposal [of Gov. Dave Heineman] is a roller coaster," he said, citing the recent 7 percent increase in state spending. "If we don't

address the spending side, we'll never get off of the roller coaster."

Osborne said one way he would reduce spending is by instituting government performance audits, which use experts from the private sector to make the state more efficient. "California has a similar program which saved \$32 billion over a 5 year period, so it makes sense to me," he said.

The congressman said state spending is not his only concern. "We need to turn the population exodus around and pull young people back to Nebraska."

The congressman said the state needs to offer more incentives for young Nebraskans to remain in the state. He explained that he would create more tax credits for new businesses and focus on attracting more companies from the bio-science industry in order to provide more opportunities to Nebraskans.

Osborne said he has a few words for those who are undecided about which candidate to choose when voting.

"The defining moment in the next four or eight years is something we don't know about," he said. "The main question is, who do [voters] think will make decisions based on the best interests of

Nebraska?"

Osborne added, "I'm not doing anything out of my own personal interests, because I care about the state and its citizens."

Sean Attwell, majoring in political science and economics, is skeptical of the congressman's campaign.

"I think that, because [Osborne] is such a popular figure in this state, he has a sort of celebrity status among Nebraskans," Attwell, a senior from Fremont, said. "And that doesn't necessarily translate into [being] governor."

Osborne is competing with Gov. Dave Heineman and Omaha businessman Dave Nabity for the Republican nomination.

Photo by Mike W. Gruszczynski
Tom Osborne



Meth

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Nebraska are drug or alcohol related.

"Meth does not discriminate on age, income, or social class, and there is no known cure for the addiction to this drug," he said. "You would never believe who uses meth. It would really surprise you."

"The reason the Midwest is a perfect place to cook meth is because there are a lot of wide open spaces in the rural areas where meth cooks have plenty of ventilation," McCarthy added. "This is good for those making meth because the pro-

duction of the drug creates a rather foul smell, which is often the reason many meth labs are busted."

However, the decrease in labs has not created a decrease in demand for meth. McCarthy said the demand for the drug has steadily risen over the last 10 years and has passed cocaine as the drug of choice because it is more readily available and cheaper than cocaine. He also said it is too soon to make claims about the effectiveness of a law that has only been implemented for three months.

"I disagree with the governor. It's hard to see a dramatic change in such a short time," McCarthy said. "The law has made it harder to buy the drug, but as long as there is access to the

Internet cooks can still get the supplies they need. It's only made it more inconvenient for people making meth."

"All they have to do now is get a few cooks together and they all go to a different store and buy one box a day from a few different stores for a few days. They still get the supplies they need, it just takes a little longer now," he added.

With fewer people producing meth in the Midwest due to the restrictions on the cold medicines, demand is met with a steady supply from Mexico.

McCarthy also said many illegal immigrants sneak meth across the border and bring it into the Tri-Cities area via Interstate 80.

"Dealers take advantage of illegal immigrants and

pay them to sneak the drug over the border and they are willing to take the risk to fulfill the 'American Dream,'" he said. "As long as there is money to be made there will always be a drug problem. One solution to this problem would be more security at the border by way of more border patrol officers."

"I expect to see federal involvement with the issue in the future," McCarthy stated. "Congress is beginning to understand the problem and I hope they will do something about it, whether it be more border patrol or restrictions on the selling of certain items, like we have now in Nebraska."

V-Day

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the author's trip around the world conducting interviews with hundreds of women regarding their experiences with their bodies. Her book has been translated into 35 different languages and is performed on stages worldwide.

Among the event's sponsors are The S.A.F.E. Center, the Nebraska AIDS Project, the Follett's book store and Eric Wysocki of Hunt Realty.

Stephanie Fehringen, manager of the Follett's book store, said Follett staffs will sell the book "The Vagina Monologues" at the performance and donate the money to The S.A.F.E. Center.

The tickets are \$3 for UNK students, \$7 for community members or two tickets for \$10. The event's proceeds will benefit The S.A.F.E. Center and 'Comfort Women', organizations that counsel survivors of violence and educate the community about healthy relationships.

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