



Meet the future president

Watch the candidates debate Feb. 10 and vote for the next president Feb. 16 and 17



Bohn and Vincent

“Simple and Effective: Community Integration and Involvement”

Jamie Dusin
Antelope Staff Writer

Senior Brad Bohn and sophomore Scott Vincent are two of the candidates campaigning together. Bohn is running for the president’s position and Vincent is his vice presidential running mate.

Bohn, a Ravenna native, and Vincent, a York native, are running on the platform of “Simple and Effective: Community Integration and Involvement.”

“We understand that only a limited amount can be done for the campus in the year-long term, but we want to accomplish simple goals that will benefit students the most with the time we have,” Bohn, an exercise science and pre-medicine major, said.

A few of the topics that these two would like to focus on include: student awareness of the Foster Field renovations, the building of a new student wellness center, improving the UNKard discount system and increasing community involvement in events such as Blue and Gold Days and Destination Downtown.

Vincent, a chemistry and business major, said that they are running for these positions “to become more involved with student life at UNK and provide a voice for the students to both the faculty and administration.”

Both candidates have been involved in many campus groups such as the football team, Mortar Board, the Intrafraternity Council and the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Bohn and Vincent would also like to convince every student of the importance of voting. “I encourage all students to exercise their right to vote on Feb. 16 and 17,” Vincent said.

Bohn agrees. “Get out and vote! With the voter turnout very low in the last few years, do your duty as a student; vote for your favorite candidate and be a part of your UNK.”



McCarty and Wilken

“Experienced Leadership and Proven Service”

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Juniors Tom McCartney and Mike Wilken are vying for the positions also. McCartney is seeking the presidential position, while Wilken is seeking the vice presidential position.

McCartney, a Lexington native, and Wilken, a Cook native, are using the slogan “Experienced Leadership and Proven Service.”

“After looking at the other candidates, we feel that we are the most experienced,” McCartney, a political science major, said. “We have proven our service; we’ve both been involved in student government, covering the executive and legislative branches. We have a lot of experiences that would allow us to see all the needs of lots of students.”

A couple of the issues that McCartney and Wilken are planning on looking at include having an enforced uniform unexcused absence policy and sustaining the ride program that goes to Wal-Mart and other destinations for international students and students without vehicles.

Wilken, a criminal justice major, says his motivation for running stems from his current experiences as a student court justice. From working in this position, he has seen some things that he thinks should be changed in student government and specifically in student court.

Along with the student government experiences, these two candidates have been involved in the Greek community, the honors program and the chancellor’s ambassadors.

McCartney said that some of his motivation comes from how other candidates run their campaigns. “Some things that frustrate me during campaign seasons are when people come out and promise the world.”

McCartney thinks that you don’t need to make false promises. “If you’re an experienced candidate, you will make the right decisions.”

Strohmyer and Drinkwater

“Changing the Face of Student Government”



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Juniors Brinton J. Strohmyer and Anne Drinkwater are the third candidates competing for the positions. Strohmyer is running for student body president and Drinkwater is running for student body vice president.

Gothenburg native Strohmyer, and Chadron native Drinkwater, are using the slogan “Changing the Face of Student Government.”

With this slogan, they want to address the issues of greater interactions between campus organizations and student government, online professor evaluations, restructuring parking and improving campus safety.

“The university excels in many aspects, such as academics, athletics and student life. As great as UNK is, we know that it is not perfect,” Strohmyer and Drinkwater said. “We would like to improve the problems facing the university, not for us, but for every student today and tomorrow.”

Strohmyer is a political science and economics double major and Drinkwater is a political science and business administration double major.

Both of them have been involved in many campus organizations. They have both been a member of the Leadership Development Council, involved in student government, and on numerous committees within the university.

Strohmyer and Drinkwater explained that their motivation is to make UNK the premier institution in the state.

“We are pursuing these positions because of the experience we have had here and the fresh, new start we feel the University of Nebraska at Kearney deserves. We have the confidence and belief that a positive change can happen today that will affect tomorrow. We know we cannot change the world overnight; however, we can get the ball rolling,” they said.

Officers work to prevent rape

Julia Stumkat
Antelope Staff Writer

Sexual harassment and rape are preventable crimes if the victims know how to defend themselves and fight back against it.

The Kearney Police Department provides a Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention (SHARP) program at UNK that covers information on rape including survivors, perpetrators, and precautions, as well as self-defense techniques.

Derek Luke, Kearney Police officer, will teach a SHARP class for female faculty and staff at 4:30 p.m. at the Health and Sports Center on Feb. 15. In addition, he will offer a SHARP class for female UNK students at the same time and place on Feb. 16.

“Our goal is to equip women with the knowledge and skills they need to be confident in their surroundings,” Luke said. “They learn what to do when confronted with an unwanted situation.”

Luke said that there are some precautions women can take to lower the risk of becoming a victim of sexual violence.

“Be aware of what is going on around you and always look for an escape,” he said. “Try to pay attention to your gut-feeling.”

Besides the Kearney Police Department, UNK’s Public Safety also offers SHARP pro-

grams throughout the year and upon request.

Dawn Adams, Public Safety Crime Prevention officer, said that many women do not report rapes and do not seek help out of shame or guilt.

“Unfortunately, sexual harassment and rape are the most underreported crimes, both on campus and in the city,” she said. “They think it is their fault, but it is not their fault when they are raped.”

Adams said that rapists usually look for an easy target, not necessarily for a pretty one. She added that rapes are preventable if women take some precautions, such as locking their doors, refusing drinks from others, avoiding unlit areas and being confident.

It is important to stay away from stereotyping perpetrators because nobody can be excluded, she said. However, there are certain characteristics women should pay attention to when they get to know men. Adams said that the possessive and jealous kind of man is more likely to commit sex crimes.

“When a man rapes, it is for the control,” she said.

Adams recommends Garvin De Becker’s book, “The Gift of Fear,” as a good source for learning how to prevent risky situations.

“It talks about trusting your instincts, and how that helped women to survive attacks,” she said.

Adams encourages victims and friends of

victims to report rapes to prevent future violence against women.

“Women help other women by reporting,” she said. “It has been proven that men who rape have already done so in the past and will do it again.”

Besides programs for women, Adams also offers a Rape Awareness Prevention and Education (RAPE) program for men, to make them aware of their sexual limits and a woman’s right to say no. Adams will teach a personal safety program for female and male students at 7 p.m. at the Mantor hall lounge on Feb. 17.

The Counseling Center on campus is a possible place for rape survivors to find help and support.

Tina Chasek, personal counsellor, said that the goal of their institution is to empower rape survivors to regain control over their lives.

“We listen, support, and educate,” she said. “There is hope and healing.”

Chasek said that approximately 90 percent of the survivors knew their offenders. Moreover, she said that one out of four college women becomes a victim of sexual violence.

She also said that the SHARP program is important because females can learn how to defend themselves in the case of an unwanted advance.

Alcohol and drug use can also play a role

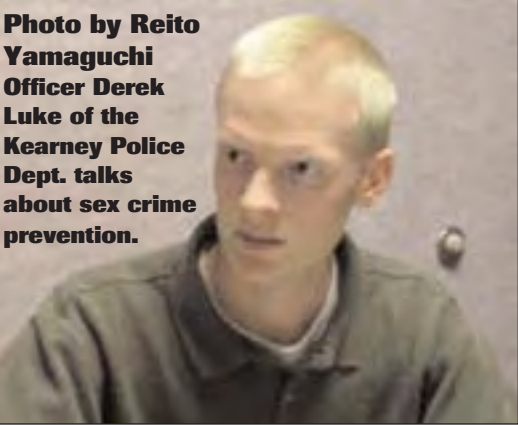


Photo by Reito Yamaguchi
Officer Derek Luke of the Kearney Police Dept. talks about sex crime prevention.

in sexual violence.

“The perpetrator is still responsible for what he does,” Chasek said. “And being drunk does not mean that women can be sexually assaulted.”

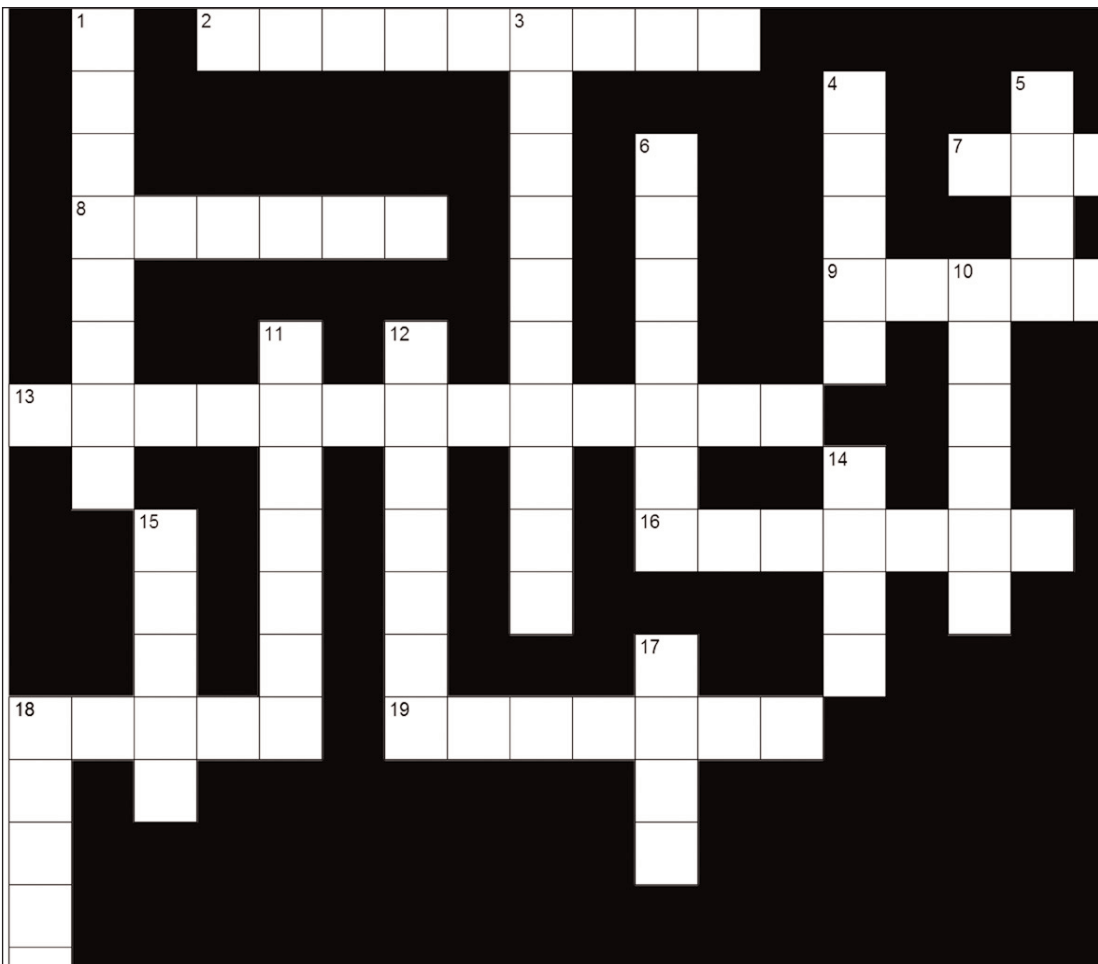
LeAnn Obrecht, the Student Health and Counseling director, said that the information they receive remains confidential.

“No name ever goes out of this office,” she said.

For further information about the Counseling Center, call (308) 865- 8248 or visit the UNK Web site at www.unk.edu/offices/counseling/home.html.

To request a crime prevention program, contact Officer Adams at (308) 865-8517 or adamdsj@unk.edu.

Here's an easy puzzle to celebrate love's favorite day!



ACROSS

2. " _____, bothered and bewildered am I," Ella Fitzgerald sang.
7. I love _____.
8. The roots of St. Valentine's Day come from an ancient festival practiced by these people.
9. A dozen of these would be nice.
13. When you do not have a Valentine, you could be this.
16. An ardent emotional attachment between people.
18. He shot an arrow in the air; it came to earth in his true love's heart.
19. _____ telegram to celebrate.

DOWN

1. Month of the big day.
3. Life is just a box of this, Forrest Gump said.
4. Valentine symbol beats true.
5. Valentine's Day is dedicated to perpetuating this among us.
6. What hearts do when someone receives a Valentine.
10. A loud kiss.
11. A name for one's own true love.
12. The first name of the Duke of Orleans, who is said to have sent the first Valentine to his wife from the Tower of London in 1415.
14. This is often used in a Valentine placemat.
15. Your mood on Valentine's Day if you get a card.
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18. Sweets for the sweetie.

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Campus Briefs

The Museum of Nebraska Art presents "On Ancient Wings: The Sandhill Crane in North America" open March 1 - April 24. Michael Forsberg's internationally recognized wildlife photography captures the majesty of the Sandhill Crane in its various habitats spanning the continent. This artist's work has appeared in National Geographic, the Smithsonian, and many other prestigious periodicals and books. Tickets went on sale Feb. 4 for Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's "The Family Tradition That's Anything But Routine". There will be five performances at the Kearney Events Center from March 10 to March 12.

On Feb. 10 the Museum of Nebraska Art will be presenting an exhibit of art created by UNK faculty members. The exhibit will continue running through March 10.

The Ad/PR Club presents "Get a Job!" on Feb. 10 from 5:00p.m. to 6:30p.m. in Copeland Hall room 130. Enjoy free pizza and pop while listening to people in Advertising, Public Relations and Marketing tell what they look for in a new hire and what students can do to prepare themselves.

Candidates for UNK student body president will answer questions concerning their platforms and issues that affect students of UNK. The debate will take place at 8 p.m. on Feb. 10 in the Nebraskan Student Union Cedar Room.

Phi Alpha Theta, the History Honor Society, presents the film, "A Day Without A Mexican," on Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. In this 2004 movie, California awakens to find that

one third of its population has disappeared. This comic satire explores the issues and emotions of a nation of immigrants.

"Cloud 9," a UNK theater production, will begin showing on Feb. 10 through Feb. 12 with performances beginning at 7:30 p.m. An additional showing will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 13. Tickets are available in the Fine Arts Building. They cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for students, seniors and UNK faculty and staff. Contact the box office at (308) 865-8417.

On Feb. 11 the Women's Studies Advisory Council and Honor Society presents "The Vagina Monologues." All proceeds benefit the S.A.F.E. Center to prevent violence against women. Tickets are \$7 for general admission or 2 for \$10, or \$3 with UNK student ID. For more information contact Amy German at (308) 865-8068.

There will be a Poetry Slam, an open mic poetry event, on Friday, February 18 from 7-10 p.m. in the Nebraskan Student Union, Food Court.

The first annual career fair at UNK will be held on February 23. For more information contact Career Services at (308) 865 8501.

UNK will host a Jazz Cafe on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Nebraskan Student Union, Great Room. Call the Office of Multicultural Affairs at (308) 865-8127 to make reservations.

He said... She said...

What did you think of Paul McCartney and the Super Bowl halftime show?



Craig Farlee
Grand Island Senior

"It sucked. Paul McCartney is past his time."



Jesus Tena
Lexington Junior

"I didn't see all of it, but I didn't like it."



Julie Haag
Chadron Sophomore

"I just thought it was boring. He's not something our generation listens to."



Kyle Underwood
Alliance Senior

"Terrible. Besides the fireworks there wasn't any true excitement!"



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Editor journeys to Winter X-Games



Lesley Crutcher
Antelope Sports Editor

Aspen...where the beer flows like wine and extreme sports fans instinctively flock. Beautiful Aspen, Colo. was the sight of one of the most action-packed events of the winter season, Winter X-Games Nine. Over 328 athletes strapped on their boards, boots, and helmets to participate in one of action sport's biggest events. Eight events took place from Jan. 29 to Feb. 1 at Aspen's Buttermilk Mountain. Men and women from all over the world came to compete in events including Moto-X best trick, snowboarding Superpipe, Snocross, and Ultracross. The free to the public winter X-Games first came to Aspen in 2002. After attracting over 36,000 people in its debut, the games have continued to draw huge numbers of spectators. It is estimated that at least 70,000 people attended this year's event which was broadcast live on ESPN. I was lucky enough to be able to attend the games this year. After watching both winter

and summer X-Games for the last few years, I decided it was time to hop in the car and head next door to Colorado. Two friends and I arrived in Aspen on Sunday after getting stuck 30 miles east of Aspen in a snowstorm. We had the amazing good fortune to stay with friends who lived about 400 feet from the venues. We got there just in time to see Skier X, snowboarding and Moto-X best trick practice and finals. Since all three of us were motocross fans, we considered that event to be the highlight of the games. From what we could tell, it drew the largest and rowdiest crowd of fans. The venue was set up so that most fans could be pretty much right next to the athletes at almost any given point. This worked out well because my friend and I had the opportunity to speak with motocross legend Mike Metzger who took silver in Moto-X last year. Despite the continuous snow flurries, spectators were warmed by the high-flying stunts and tricks pulled by the athletes - not to mention some snuck-in booze and steaming cups of over-priced coffee. Watching athletes careen off of 100-foot piles of snow in little more than padded sweatshirts was something to see. Snowboarding's Superpipe course was also a wonder. The course was 515 feet of almost solid ice. All of the courses rested at the bottom of one of the most scenic areas in Colorado. Besides enjoying the games, we had the opportunity to sample Aspen's night life.

Since the total population of Aspen nearly tripled in four days, the downtown Aspen area was a hotspot for the athletes and fans after the games were over. Aspen's local paper, "The Aspen Times," reported severe shortages of alcohol and meat at the local businesses. Some taverns and clubs had to make desperate trips to neighboring towns to satisfy the throngs of people that descended on Aspen. A huge stage area in the center of downtown played host to bands like "The Roots" and "Unwritten Law." Little do people know that Aspen and the X-Games attract a huge international crowd. Our group met foreign people at every event and place that we went. We ate gyros with Australians, sat by a bonfire with some Scots and played a delightful game of pool with some French kids. U.S. kids also hopped in their cars and drove hundreds of miles to attend the games. We met kids who had driven two days just to watch Moto-X. The fans' desire and love of these events made it worth the cost of gas and missing out on school and other activities. Another great thing about the

games is the athletes. Some of these kids are 16 or 17 years old. They absolutely love what they do and love the people who support them. The athletes have such a huge passion for their sport that they are willing to take time to sign autographs and have pictures taken with fans. I would not trade this experience for anything, and I would pack up my belongings and go back any day. For an extreme sports enthusiast, the X-Games are the Mecca. It is an event that all fans should consider for an annual pilgrimage, and it is worth every minute of frozen toes, dry skin and 2-hour waits at restaurants - not to mention that all the events are free. Summer X-Games takes place in Los Angeles in August and winter X-Games will return to Aspen for the next two years.



Photo by Lesley Crutcher
The winter X-Games drew fans from around the globe.

Antelope staff works to publish quality paper



Amanda Muller
Antelope Managing Editor

Recently I have received comments from several of our readers in regards to the quality of stories covered in the Antelope. I appreciate receiving these comments. As the managing

editor of the Antelope, I would like to take this opportunity to assure all of our readers that our staff is highly committed to delivering a quality newspaper to the campus community. The Antelope is a conglomeration of the efforts of several classes offered

through the journalism and mass communications department. The articles are written by students in JMC 350, the photographs are taken by students in JMC 352, and most of the advertisements are designed by students in JMC 351. Broadcasting classes add

supplemental coverage to our stories for display on our Web site, www.unk.edu/theantelope. The editors of the Antelope are students who hold paid positions with the paper. I'm a senior math, computer science and political science major. I also have a minor in journalism.

Stephanie Queen, our news editor, is a senior mass media major. Kent Lutt, our entertainment editor, is a junior mass media major.

Lesley Crutcher, our sports editor, is a travel and tourism major.

Scott Barry, our photo editor, is a senior mass media major.

Francisco Itamar Gomes, our advertising manager, is a senior advertising major.

Blake Mullanix, our layout editor, is a senior mass media and business major.

As editors we assign topics to the students, and the students develop angles and cover their stories to the best of their abilities. The stories are published in the Antelope for everyone to read, and our adviser grades the students based on their individual efforts. Almost all stories that students write

are published regardless of the grades that they receive. We make every effort to catch errors in stories before publication.

Unfortunately though, as students, we sometimes make mistakes. We're learning through the process of doing in publishing the Antelope. I would like to apologize for any and all mistakes that have managed to sneak into our paper. Our goal this semester is to publish an error-free paper, and we are still working towards this goal.

I encourage all of our readers to send comments about our performance to theantelope@unk.edu. I enjoy hearing about what we're doing right, but I also want to hear about what we're doing wrong. The only way for us to improve is to learn from our mistakes. We are currently accepting applications for paid positions on the Antelope staff next semester. The only qualification is a commitment to journalistic excellence. Any student, regardless of major, is eligible for a position. If interested in applying send an e-mail to the above address for the Antelope to receive further instructions.

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Shelter Belt gets hip at Cunningham's



Photo by Kent Lutt
Jesse Otto, at left, swoons and croons delicately as Anthony Knuppel, at center, keeps the beat with Chris Ageton, at right.



Photo by Kent Lutt
Chris Sorenson stands ready with trombone in hand. Sorenson provides Shelter Belt with his multi-talented instrument playing.

Jonathan Schilling
Antelope Staff Writer

Omaha dance rock band Shelter Belt played at Cunningham's Journal on Saturday, Feb. 5. The band features a unique sound fusing rock, jazz, hip-hop, and punk.

Many of the members play multiple instruments throughout the show, some of which no one would expect to see used by a band. Their instrumental talents range from the guitar and keyboard to the accordion and even a cooking pot. Many of the band members switched their instruments between songs.

Shelter Belt drew large applause from the audience after each song. Their casual display was enjoyed by many of the people watch-

ing.

"I thought they were great to listen to and watch. You could tell they were having fun," David Silverstrand, a senior from Omaha, said.

Shelter Belt's lead singer is Jesse Otto from Pierce, Neb. Jedediah Vondracek, from Vertigree, Neb., plays the guitar and keyboard. Anthony Knuppel, from Appleton, Wis., plays drums, keyboard, and guitar. Chris Ageton, from Battle Creek, Neb., is the band's bass player. Rachel Hospodka, from Omaha, is a singer, keyboardist, and bassoon player. Nick Prybl, from Minneapolis, plays trumpet, guitar, and keyboard. Chris Sorenson, from Exira, Iowa, is the most versatile musician in the band. His instrumental repertoire includes the trombone, keyboard, accordion, guitar, and the clarinet.

"He plays pretty much anything," Vondracek said.

During the show, lead singer Otto took drinks from one of Cunningham's famous big beers and later chugged the rest of it, much to the delight of those in the establishment. Otto even joked around with the crowd members.

For one song, their featured instrument was a cooking pot. Hospodka quipped that she was the best cooking pot player in the world. "If anyone out there plays the pot, I challenge them to a pot duel," Hospodka said.

Shelter Belt was started by a few musicians during high school. Today, much of the band is comprised of college

friends. Jesse Otto and Chris Ageton are the only remaining members from the original band.

The current band members started performing about a year ago in Omaha and the surrounding areas. Lately, the members of Shelter Belt have been able to make it big out of state. Their goal is to be able to do nationwide tours. "It'd be nice to make a living out of it," Vondracek said.

They draw their inspiration from several different styles and bands. Their favorites are Johnny Cash, Bjork, and Tom Waits. "We try to play a lot of different styles of music," Vondracek said.

"Lately we've been into Fear is Calm," Otto said. "But Marvin Gaye is my hero."

The name Shelter Belt comes from lead singer Jesse Otto's dad. He got the name from the term "shelter belt," referring to trees planted in a row to prevent erosion. He thought it would be a good name for a Midwestern band to have. "It's a term that means something, but a lot of people really don't know about it," Vondracek said. "He's a dad who is really in touch."

Shelter Belt has released three albums and is working on a new album for possible release later this year.

For more information on Shelter Belt, their music, and their upcoming shows, go to www.beltcave.com. You can also contact the band at shelterbelt@beltcave.com.

Hastings professor joins Buckner onstage

Megan Kulhanek
Antelope Staff Writer

Jonathan Sokasits and Nathan Buckner provided nighttime entertainment in the Fine Arts Recital Hall for a Concerts-On-The-Platte piano recital on Monday, Feb. 7.

Sokasits and Buckner performed pieces by Jan Ladislav Dussek, Ludwig Van Beethoven and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart during the first half of the performance. Sokasits, an associate professor of piano at Hastings College, said, "The music selections for the first half were chosen with our students in mind. We teach a lot about these composers, and we wanted our students to have the opportunity to hear them."

The second portion of the concert was a tribute to Sergei Rachmaninoff. Sokasits said that the second part was for Buckner and himself. This was a selection that they wanted to perform, so they did so for themselves.

The first part of the concert consisted of duets performed by Sokasits and Buckner on the same piano. During the Rachmaninoff pieces the performers used two grand pianos facing one

"The music selections were chosen with our students in mind."

-Jonathan Sokasits
Associate professor at Hastings College

another. For an encore performance Sokasits and Buckner performed another piece by Rachmaninoff.

Andrea Marshall, a freshman Music Education and Vocal Performance major from Norcat, KS, said, "I

really liked the music. The pianists were amazing!"

Among the many others in attendance for the duet performance was a family from Kearney. Max Richardson, who graduated from Kearney State in 1976, said, "I loved the Mozart pieces. The runs and flairs were wonderful. Both of my children are taking piano and I thought that they would enjoy this concert."

Kristie Bonner, a sophomore majoring in music business from Battle Creek, Neb., said of the performance, "It's very interesting how they played on the same piano. That's very difficult. And then when they brought out both pianos it sounded amazing."

Nathan Buckner is an associate professor of piano at UNK. He said of working with Sokasits, "It is always a pleasure working with Jonathan. We have already planned our concert for next fall. Next year we will perform duets on forte piano, a period piano, which should be very interesting."

Both professors utilize their summers to continue to educate students in music. Sokasits serves as an accompanist for the North American Children's Chorale in New York City. Buckner and Sokasits are members of the piano faculty at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Michigan during the summer months.

The Concerts-On-The-Platte recital series features UNK music faculty as well as some guest artists.

For more information, visit www.unk.edu/departments/music/programs.html.



Photo by Kathleen Jordan
UNK faculty member Nathan Buckner, at right, rehearses with Jonathan Sokasits, at left, for Monday night's duo-piano recital

Celebrating African American Heritage Month on UNK's campus

Michael Saniuk
Antelope Staff Writer

The University of Nebraska at Kearney will be hosting events to help celebrate African American Heritage Month during February.

To start off African American Heritage Month the university held a showing of the movie "Roots." The film "Roots," by Alex Haley, was shown nightly last week on Tuesday through Thursday. "'Roots' recaptures the experience and the journey to freedom of one American family," Bryan Samuel, Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, said on UNK's Web site, www.unk.edu.

In celebration for this month, the University of Nebraska at Kearney will be hosting a poetry slam next

Friday in the food court of the Nebraskan Student Union. The poetry slam will start at 7:00 p.m. and last until 10:00 p.m. Students, faculty and staff will be given the opportunity to share poetry they have created themselves, along with the works of others. The event is free and open to readers and nonreaders both.

As a way to close the celebration of African American Heritage Month, the University of Nebraska at Kearney will be hosting a Jazz Café on Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. The Jazz Café will be held in the Nebraskan Student Union Great Room. The night will consist of a dinner provided by Chartwells and entertainment from those in attendance. Students and faculty from the university who vol-

unteered to perform at the event will then perform. The Jazz Café is free and open to all faculty, students and staff.

"Many people are unfamiliar with the contributions of African Americans," Samuel said. "This month is a time to reflect on all that they have given to us."

Throughout African American Heritage Month all events are free and open to the public. Call the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 865-8127 for more information. For dinner reservations for the Jazz Café call by Feb. 21.

"So far we are very pleased with the response that UNK has shown towards this month," Samuel said. "We hope that more and more people keep coming out for these events."



Photo by Kathleen Jordan
Nathan Buckner, at left, and Jonathan Sokasits, at right, walk onstage together for their piano recital.

Parking proves problematic for UNK



Photo by Jonathan Rouse
Because the grand stand is being extended near Foster Field, students living in nearby residence halls have even fewer parking stalls than before.

Jonathan Rouse
Antelope Staff Writer

Finding a parking spot on campus is now harder than ever.

Reduced parking space is a concern facing students that live near Foster Field because of a renovation to the grand stand at the football field. That means less parking stalls for students living in nearby residence halls. The grand stand is being extended, which will

usually find some spot, but it's like half the lot is gone."

The primary lots near Mantor, Randall, Stout and Mens' Halls that are available for students to park in are 11 and 12. These two lots are open to anyone with a green parking permit.

Michelle Hamaker, director of Public Safety, said, "When it's all finished we'll have more stalls than we do now. We will be inconvenienced for one semester, and I think it will be worth one semester."

Public Safety has anticipated construction for quite awhile and they expected something to happen soon. Hamaker said it was just a question of when.

"We try to do as much notice as we can," Hamaker said. "Everything happened very quickly."

Wilma Heinowski, Parking Services coordinator, started her job this semester with the parking lot project. She said there were consistently about 48 to 50 open stalls before construction started.

"We emptied about 70 stalls," Heinowski said. "Over the next couple weeks we're expected to get a few more stalls back, maybe seven or eight."

Heinowski said she has

received two e-mails from students who are concerned with the safety of parking long distances away from their buildings.

Some students have said that they were not given enough time to prepare for the construction, and they also believe it happened very quickly.

As soon as Public Safety found out what the plans were, Heinowski immediately began informing the campus. According to Heinowski, e-mails were sent, there were signs in dorms, flyers on cars and she personally put up the signs in the fenced area. Heinowski also sent notices to the directors of the halls. She said everyone should have known it was coming.

"We hope it won't impact many people," Hamaker said.

"I'm still a little angry for having to walk so far," Stark said. "When they're finished it will probably be a lot better than it was before."

The tennis courts, which used to be surrounded by lots 11 and 12, are now gone. The loss of the courts is the primary reason why there will be room for more stalls when the construction is finally finished.

The new stalls will run

east and west. According to Hamaker, the construction is supposed to be finished at the beginning of next year's football season. Hamaker does admit it's an inconvenience, but safety is still the number one priority for students on the campus.

"We do make sure students stay safe," Hamaker

said.

For students who are concerned with their safety because of an increased walking distance from their cars to their residence halls, Public Safety does have an escort service available for students. To reserve that service, contact Public Safety at 627-4811.

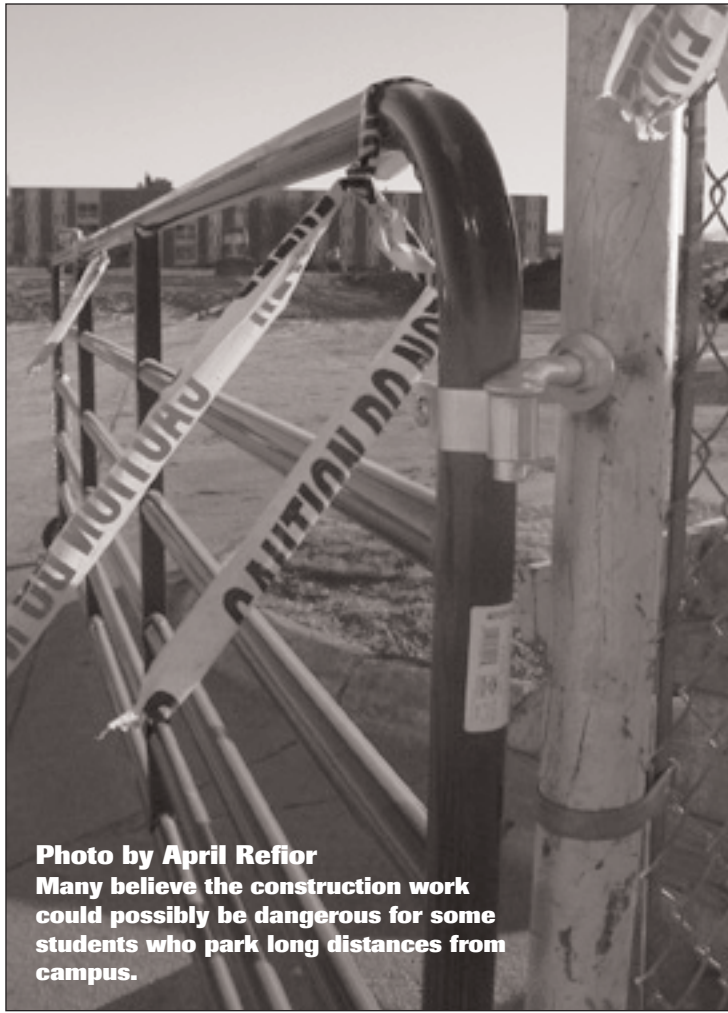


Photo by April Reflor
Many believe the construction work could possibly be dangerous for some students who park long distances from campus.

Supernatural force haunts West Center

Heather Berney
Antelope Staff Writer

In the year 1939, a structure was erected to treat those suffering from "the white plague." In 1972, this building was sold to Kearney State College. Now that the dust has settled on the renovation known as West Center, students and staff of UNK are wondering what remains of the old tuberculosis hospital.

In 1920, tuberculosis, then called "consumption," was the eighth leading cause of death among children. No vaccination existed to prevent the disease, and no antibiotics were available to treat the disease upon contraction.

Buildings called sanatoriums provided patients with fresh air, heat, sunlight and various surgical procedures that were typically of little

use to the patients. "Natural therapies" and "miracle cures" may have provided peace of mind, but still no cure. Many families were forced to place their loved ones in the care of the hospital, often with the known inevitability of their death.

The tunnels that connect West Center, the Ockinga Theatre and the communications building remain in the ground. Within these tunnels, nurses would cart food or cleaned laundry to the patients upstairs. The room now used as the custodian's office was once a morgue where the dead were prepared for burial. A desk has replaced the cadaver table, but the drain below it that was used to dispose of bodily fluids is still intact. The smell of formaldehyde was detectable for years after the renovation.

The elevators that teach-

ers prefer to the alternative stairs were once used to transport the day's dead to the morgue below. Many physical features remain as a reminder that the College of Business and Technology was once a haven for the deathly ill.

"When I was a kid, we would sneak into the tunnels to play games. One day, I saw many dead children lined up along the walls. The double doors on the east end of the building is where the hearse came to pick them up," said Pati Heaton, custodian at West Center. "We meant no disrespect. We were just kids and those were different times."

Heaton and co-workers, Kenny Van Horn and Gary Clark, often speculate the prospect of supernatural influences in the building.

"I forced myself to become a disbeliever. I used

to work in this building all night. I've done hours of laundry in the old morgue.

"Sometimes I'll catch the tail end of something moving...It's without shape. It's just a feeling."

-Gary Clark
UNK Janitor

I've always forced myself to stay busy and ignore any noises," Heaton said.

Van Horn said of the phenomena,

"Opening the building at 5:00 a.m. is when you really hear the noises. I unlock the doors and there are no cars in the parking lot, but you can still hear creaking sounds, or sounds like someone walking. I've gotten stuck in the elevators about four times. I told Gary we should put a deck of cards in there. We can play Solitaire the next time we get stuck. It doesn't really scare me. I know someone will come get me, sooner or later."

Gary Clark is the only janitor that has physically seen something that could be interpreted as a metaphysical influence.

"I think this place is haunted. This one stairwell will really make the hair on the back of your neck stand up. Sometimes, I'll catch the tail end of something moving up the stairs. It's without shape. It's just a feeling,"

Clark said. "Sometimes the lights in the tunnels will be on in the morning when we open the place up. We don't know if they were left on from last night. Kenny and I just look at each other and say 'Spooks!'"

Speculation is also rendered at the thought of the "spirits" being evil.

Van Horn said, "I do think this place is haunted to tell the truth, but I'm not scared. They won't hurt me. I just keep pluggin' away."

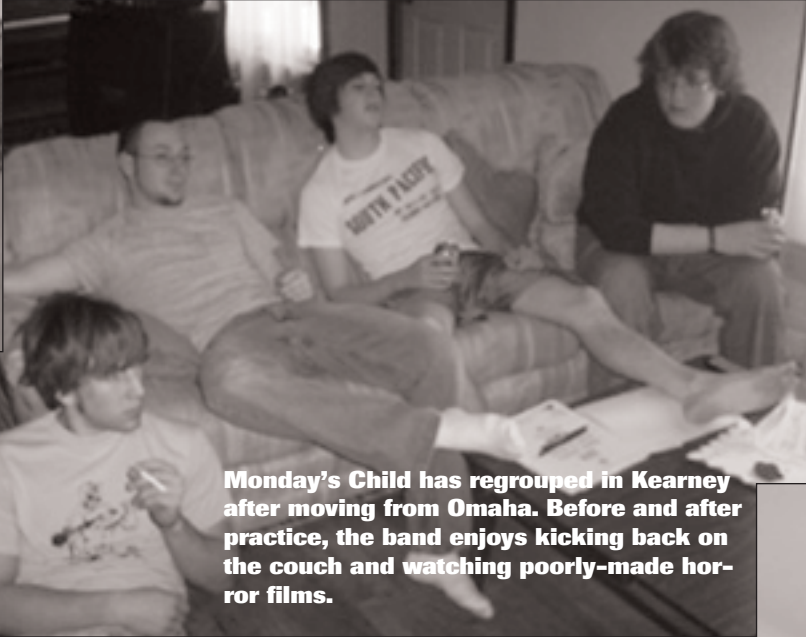
No research exists to prove or disprove the theories of supernatural existence. Some people will always refuse to even speculate, some will wonder, and some are absolutely certain. Some will dismiss this subject and never think about it again. Some might ask their friends after reading this article. Some might already know.

Rock with pure EMOTION

A fresh look at Monday's Child



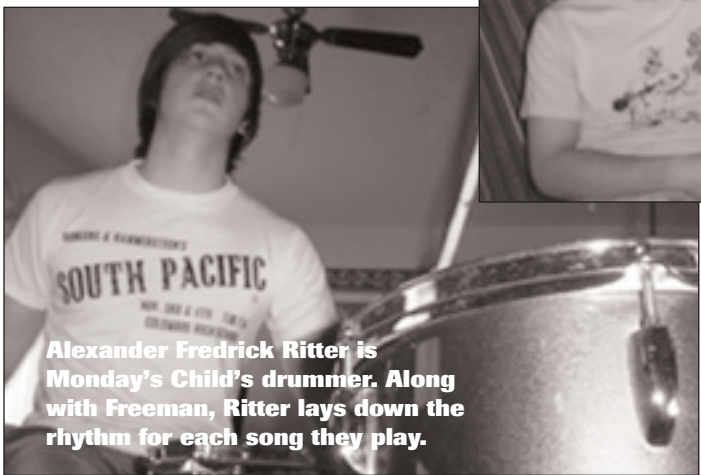
James Daniel Nickel, guitarist and singer for Monday's Child, prepares for practice. Nickel is one of the primary lyricists and writers for the band.



Monday's Child has regrouped in Kearney after moving from Omaha. Before and after practice, the band enjoys kicking back on the couch and watching poorly-made horror films.



The newest member of Monday's Child is Jonathon Louis Augustine. The addition of Augustine brings ambient, effects-laden guitar playing to the group.



Alexander Fredrick Ritter is Monday's Child's drummer. Along with Freeman, Ritter lays down the rhythm for each song they play.



Bassist and singer Benjamin Charles Freeman straps on his bass guitar. Freeman provides the low end sound for the band.

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Levinson leads Lopers

Jason Miller
Antelope Staff Writer

The Lopers defeated the Wayne State ‘Cats last Tuesday scoring five points in the last eight seconds. UNK needed all 40 minutes and some last minute heroics by two players to seal the game. The Lopers were down by six in the last minute. Bellevue senior Marty Levinson made two free throws to draw the Lopers to within four, 81-84 with 45 seconds left. After two misses by Wayne at the free throw line the Lopers brought the ball down the court.

The Lopers took a timeout to design a three-point play. The play did not develop the way the Lopers wanted and they had to force a three-point shot. Colorado Springs sophomore Chad Burger pulled up for a long three

and found nothing but the bottom of the net. With eight seconds left, UNK immediately went into a full court press to contend the inbound pass. The ‘Cats attempted to bring the ball up when, with four seconds left, Levinson stole the ball and dribbled in to make a lay-up with less than two seconds left.

Wayne made one last ditch effort to score in the last 1.7 seconds but failed, giving the Lopers their third straight win 84-85. In the end the Wayne State ‘Cats fell to the Nebraska-Kearney Lopers for the second time this season. Levinson finished with 15 points, five assists and three rebounds.

“[Marty] does a good job because of his maturity level and competitive mentality. He will put everything on the line, every game to help lead the team to a victory,” said Assistant Coach Louis



Marty Levinson, Guard

Cuellar.

Coming off two games where he led the team Marty Levinson came up big in a clutch situation.

“It needed to be done,” said Levinson, “I am a senior so it is now or never for me.

Every game is important to for our seeding in the regional tournament.” Whether Levinson is making a lay-up to win the game, leading the team in scoring or making a basket to stop an opponents scoring run, Levinson has

became a leader for the Lopers.

Against Regis, Levinson scored a career-high 25 points. The next night he again led the team in scoring 18 points against Metro State, who at the time was the No. 2 team in the nation. “It was a big play,” said Columbus sophomore Dusty Jura about Levinson’s four-point play against Metro State. The play came after two UNK turnovers and two easy baskets by Metro State. Metro was making a run at the lead and building momentum. Levinson’s timely four-point play sparked the Lopers on a 13-4 run to close out the game.

Levinson sat out the first two games of the season for playing in a basketball tournament last summer. Since the suspension he has started in all 19 of the Lopers’ games. He is currently aver-

aging 15 points a game and is leading the team in assists with 66 and three-point shots made with 47.

Marty Levinson is in his third season at UNK pursuing a degree in Physical Education/K-12. He red-shirted and sat out last season with an injury. Before his injury Levinson played in all 33 games of his junior season averaging 18 minutes a game and was second in scoring amongst reserves.

As a sophomore he played at Southeastern Community College where he was named to the All-Nebraska Community College Athletic Conference. He was also named to the Omaha World Herald’s All-State junior college team. As a freshman he played with Cody, his older brother at Augustana in South Dakota.

Baseball opens 0-3

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Antelope Staff Writer

In what is believed to be the earliest season start in Kearney history, the Loper baseball team opened last week-end with three losses to Metro State.

The tournament was moved up to Friday and Saturday due to the forecasted bad weather on Sunday. The Lopers played the Metro State Roadrunners in a single game Friday afternoon and then had a double-header Saturday in Denver. The three game series was the season opener for both teams, but does not count in the RMAC standings.

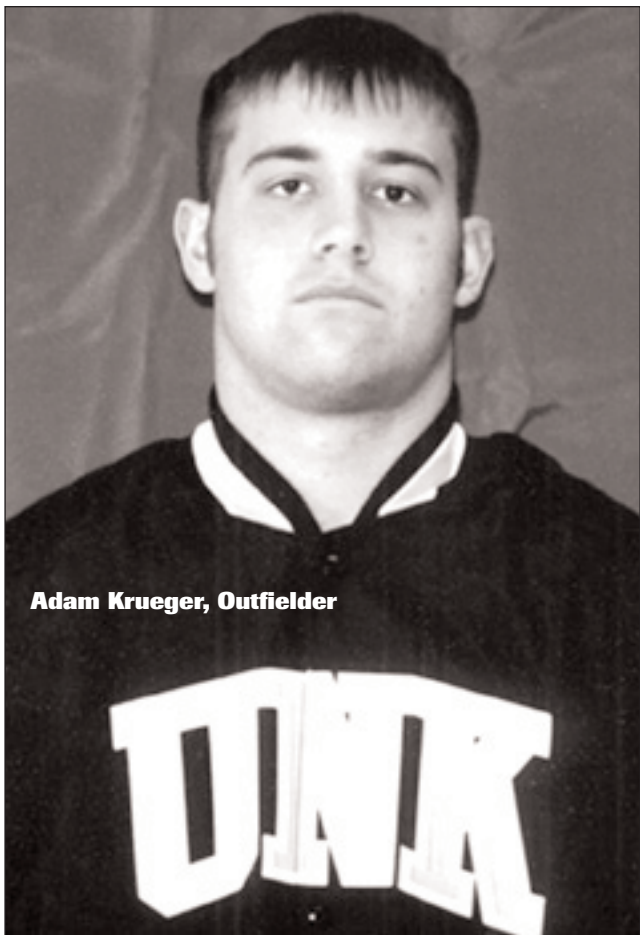
The Roadrunners won all three games by a single run. The series’ final scores for the Kearney baseball team were 7-8 in the Friday game and 5-6 in both Saturday games. Metro scored the game-winning run in the ninth inning of each game.

In the Friday game, the Lopers had a 7-6 lead in the top of the ninth. Metro quickly tied the Lopers in its half of the inning with a double and then a single to right field. On the throw home, the Roadrunners advanced to second base. Then Metro senior Logan Pape hit the game winning single straight up the middle in the bottom of the ninth inning.

In Saturday’s first game, Kearney took a 5-4 lead in the sixth inning. The Lopers had a two-out double that scored. In their half of the sixth, Metro began the batting set with a home run. After two ground outs, the Roadrunners hit a single to the center and then stole second base. Metro then scored from a single hit by Pape. The Lopers got one runner on in the seventh inning, but the Roadrunners ended the game with a double play.

In the series last game on Saturday, Kearney had a 5-4 lead in the

seventh inning with a ground out to first knocking in a runner. The game was sent into extra innings when the Roadrunners started off the seventh inning batting set with a home run from Pape. In the eighth inning, the Roadrunners first two batters had a walk and hit-by-pitch. Metro then attempted a sacrifice bunt to advance the two runners. However, the two were allowed to score due to a throw-



Adam Krueger, Outfielder

ing error by Kearney’s pitcher. The Lopers did out-hit the Roadrunners, 9-4, but that was not enough to win the tournament. Loper player Rich Eber also hit the first dinger of the year.

Kearney’s baseball roster still has a lot of underclassmen (19) and newcomers (15). However, according to a press release on Lopers.com, the Lopers hope to contend for one of the four berths in the RMAC Tournament, an event the program has not qualified for since 1997.

Former Loper baseball player Landy Walker said, “There are a few seniors that are good leaders and will lead this year’s team well.” Walker is a

senior at UNK and is double majoring in sports and business administration. He is a fan of this year’s team and says that he will follow their games.

Marcus J. Clapp, the assistant baseball coach, also feels that returning players will be beneficial to the success of this year’s team.

Clapp said, “I feel that a few of our strong points this year will be our depth and experience.”

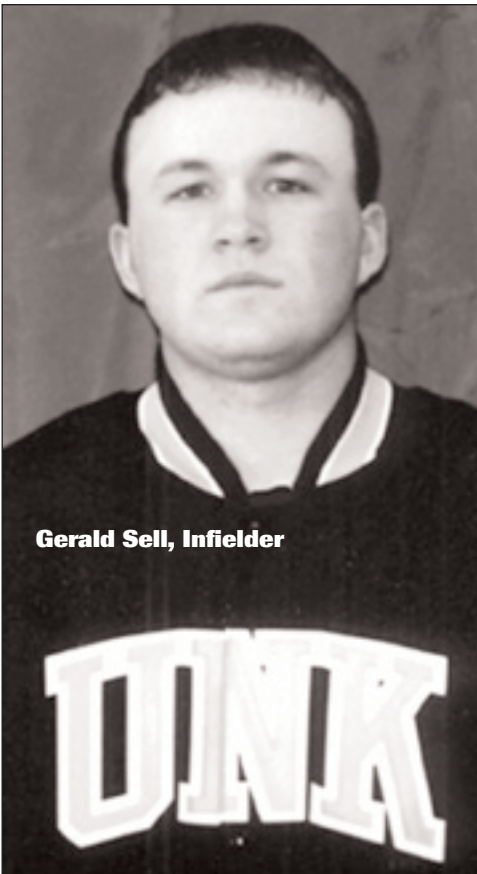
He added, “We return 1st team RMAC all conference first baseman Travis Kerkman.”

This year the Lopers also had RMAC honorable mentions return. Those include pitchers Nick Abegglen and Blake Beebout, third baseman Cody Lusero, and shortstop Gerald Sell.

Clapp feels that experience alone will not lead the Lopers to success.

“I feel the players need to work on having that winning attitude and the confidence to know they can win,” he said.

“Metro was a great test for Kearney as they have a great team and gave the Lopers a huge challenge,” Clapp said.



Gerald Sell, Infielder

Track sweeps field at Doane College

Women’s medley breaks record

Mik Dickson
Antelope Staff Writer

The UNK track and field team was at Doane College on Saturday to take part in the Fred Beile Track Classic.

However, the men’s and women’s distance medley team’s parted ways over the weekend to attend the Frank Seveigne Husker Invite in Lincoln.

At UNL, Lexington senior Andrea Andersen and Springfield senior Denise Kolar, teamed up with Kearney freshman Jordan Pallas and Imperial freshman Michelle Dill to break a 19-year old school record in the women’s distance medley. The ladies finished fifth in a time of twelve minutes and nine seconds to break the old mark of twelve minutes and ten seconds, that was set in 1986 at the NAIA National Championships.

“I was ecstatic when I first heard the news,” Coach Wiens said. “They all ran right near their personal best times.”

Also at UNL, the men’s distance medley team had a strong performance, finishing in a time of ten minutes and thirteen seconds. The team comprised of Kearney seniors Luke Garringer, Nolan Little, Kearney freshman Brock Steinbrink and Matt Bjornsen, went into the event ranked 18th in the nation with a time of ten minutes and eighteen seconds.

At Doane College, the Lopers had 22 top-three finishes.

“We were coming off a pretty heavy training

week,” Coach Wiens said.

“The track at Doane is really congested, not a lot of room, it is a tough meet to gear up for.”

Marshland junior Randi Furman and Kansas junior Kellen Jacobs were added to the NCAA provisional list over the weekend.

Furman had a first place finish in the 55-meter dash in a time of 7.23 seconds. This is Furman’s third win of the year and fourth of the campaign. Minden junior Amber Burke finished in third place with a time of 7.44 seconds. Burke also finished third in the 200 meters in a time of 27.01s. Finishing first in the 200 meters was Bellwood senior Kate Semin in a time of 26.40s.

Central City junior Shauna Birchard finished first in the shot put with a distance of 44-7. Birchard also finished second in the weight throw with a distance of 53 feet 4 inches.

Elkhorn senior Lesley Crutcher tied her seasonl best in the high jump with a height of 5 feet 6 inches and placed second based on number of misses at earlier heights. Hooper junior Cali Cordes tied her own school record with a height of 11-6 in the pole vault to finish third also based on misses.

Walthill senior Derek Frese finished second in the weight throw with a distance of 59 feet and 1 inch. Right behind Frese was Kellen Jacobs with a throw of 56-2.5.

UNK is on the road again this weekend to take part in the Prairie Wolf Invite in Lincoln.

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2/12 Women’s Basketball @ Regis University-Denver, Colo. 6:30 pm

Wrestlers defeated at UNO

Brittany Johnson
Antelope Staff Writer

The UNK wrestlers met their match in Omaha on Saturday. UNO, who is ranked first in the nation as a team beat the Lopers with a final score of 32-4. UNK only managed one win against UNO during the entire dual. Both teams went into the competition with six ranked wrestlers on each team.

The first four matches of the night were close, with UNO only winning by one, two, or three points. Bryce Abbey, a senior from Goodland, Kan., broke his winning streak with a loss by one point at 125 lbs. Abbey is ranked No. 6, and his opponent was Dustin Tovar who is also ranked No. 6. Adam Keiswetter, a junior from Kearney, who is ranked No. 2 in the nation, lost his match by two points, the final score being 6-4.

Matt True, a sophomore from Mitchell, Neb., said that he saw the dual as a "learning experience." He felt as though his team wrestled very well, but the competition was tough. He added, "A lot of the matches came down to the wire, and we just didn't pull through."

Head Coach Marc Bauer said, "We didn't get off on the right foot." He spoke of Abbey's loss at the beginning of the dual. He also said, "When a team gets on a roll like UNO did they gain a lot of momentum." Bauer thought that his wrestlers did well because six of the matches were only lost by three points or less. To Bauer this proved that these close matches could have really gone in either direction for each team.

Jeff Sylvester, a junior from Lyman, Neb., gave the Lopers the four points that they ended the dual with by beating Ben Strandberg of Omaha with a major decision after the third period.

Tervel Dlagnev, a sophomore from Arlington, Texas, who is ranked No. 2 took on Les Sigman, of UNO who is ranked No.1 in the nation. This ended in a win by a major decision for Sigman. Brett Hille, a freshman from Ransom, Kan., also wrestled a No.1-ranked wrestler from UNO, J.D. Naig with a loss. Hille was also added to the line-up, wrestling at 165 lbs.

Caleb Young, a sophomore from Perry, Okla., is still out with a back injury. This moved Zac Rice, a junior from Pocatello, Idaho, who usually wrestles at 174 lbs. to fill this weight. Aaron Dalton, a junior from Fremont, Neb., moved up to 174lbs., and David Bossardet, a freshman from Bunnell, Fla., wrestled at 157 lb., in the place of Lewis Hyatt, a freshman from Canon City, Colo., who is temporarily not wrestling due to an injury.

The Lopers' new dual record is now 13-4. Next weekend at Chadron State, the team will come up against the No. 2-ranked team in the nation, Augustana.

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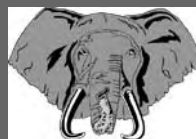
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Kristin’s story urges outreach for rape and depression victims

Anne Cady
Antelope Staff Writer

An avid university speaker came to UNK Feb. 1 to share the story of her daughter, Kristin, a victim of rape who later took her own life.

“The focus of this presentation is to help the men in the audience understand what it feels like for a woman to be raped,” Kristin’s mother, Andrea Cooper, said.

Kristin Cooper was raped by a friend of two years at his apartment. “She was raped by someone she thought she could trust, and she couldn’t handle the pain anymore,” her mother said.

Cooper shared the events leading up to Kristen’s suicide with the audience. The rape occurred the summer before Kristin’s freshman year in college. After Kristin’s rape, she began to drift into a state of depression. She did not go to the police or tell her parents, against her friends’ advice.

Kristin attended Baker University, a small private college in Kansas, in the year following the rape. She fell deeply in love with a student she met while she was there. However, the new relationship did not com-

pletely relieve her depression. She dated her new boyfriend for almost a year until he broke up with her a couple of months into the first semester of her sophomore year.

At the time, Kristin told her mother that he gave no apparent reason for the break up. “Kristin was destroyed,” her mother said. “She called me every single day bawling her eyes out. After awhile I asked her to start calling me every other day to try to wean her from it. I wanted her to get on with her life.”

Kristin came home for Christmas that year, 1995, with a changed attitude and her parents thought she had finally recovered from the break up.

On New Year’s Eve, Kristin told her parents she was going to a party with her friends. Her parents went out and returned home late that night. Kristin’s car was still in the driveway, which they found odd since it was still early for a college student.

They walked inside and heard music blaring from the speakers downstairs. Andrea went down and saw Kristin on the couch, where she appeared to have passed out, with the speakers an inch away from her head. She kneeled down and saw a gun in Kristin’s

hand. Her daughter had shot herself in the head.

The police came and did a routine investigation, finding a journal that Kristin had been keeping. The journal revealed why Kristin chose the fate that she had and the event that began her downward spiral.

In the journal, Kristin didn’t say she was raped in so many words. She wrote a poem about what it felt like to be raped. The rape was news to Kristin’s mother, and she began calling Kristin’s friends in an attempt to determine the person who did this to Kristin. Andrea is sure she knows who the perpetrator is, but without Kristin’s testimony, she can bring no case against him.

As Andrea read Kristin’s journal, she began to understand why Kristin had been so heartbroken when her boyfriend left her. When Kristin told him she had been raped, he ended their relationship. Kristin could not handle the impact of the person she loved leaving her because of the rape. It became obvious why she took the break-up so hard.

Kristin’s mother now realizes why Kristin was so happy when she came home for

Christmas. Kristin knew it would all be over soon and the thought of ending her life brought her joy.

Andrea Cooper has shared her daughter’s story with 80,000 college students. “I wasn’t able to help Kristin. I hope and pray by being here tonight that I can help someone in this room.”

There is help on campus for sexual assault victims. Tina Chasek, a UNK counselor, was pleased that so many men came to the presentation.

“Students should know there is help out there. The counseling program gives presentations on rape prevention and education on campus and all are welcome to attend,” Chasek said.

Andrea provided tips on how the family and friends of rape victims can help. “Listen. Do not judge. Offer shelter. Be attainable. Give comfort. Be patient and understanding. Do not be overly protective. Encourage action. Offer to go with her. Accept her choice of solutions. Put aside your feelings.”

Third annual UNK Chess Classic plays out a-”pawn” student union

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The Third Annual UNK Chess Classic and Scholastic Team Chess Championship took place on Saturday in the Nebraskan Student Union.

This tournament features teams from Kearney and the surrounding areas. There were a total of 70 contestants in the tournament, ranging in age from seven to 72.

The tournament’s winning team came from Columbus, Neb. and consisted of a family of players.

Kevin Swartz, 15-year-old son of Jim and Karen, was the individual tournament champion with a perfect score of 4.0 points. Earning second place with another perfect score was his father, Jim.

UNK Mathematics and Statistics Professor Randall

Heckman was the coordinator of the tournament.

“There are methods of breaking ties and what they do is they add up the cumulative score of the competition that they played,” Heckman said. “Kevin’s competition score was slightly larger than his father’s and that’s how he ended up in first.”

Rounding out the team and sealing the sweep of the event was Kevin’s mother, Karen. She took home the individual third place trophy with a score of three points.

Although his son has only been playing the game for ten years, Jim Swartz has no problem losing to his son.

“He’s a better chess player than I am,” Swartz said.

Kevin started playing chess at the age of five. His father taught him and then, according to Kevin, “it just

developed” into a very rewarding hobby.

Jim Swartz is proud of his son’s accomplishments, mentioning many of his achievements beyond the scope of chess. Although Kevin certainly excels in this event, it is not the extent of his abilities.

Kevin has also taken home awards in the Tree ID Contest in Platte County, which he has won for five years in a row. He has also won that county’s Horticulture Judging Contest for two years straight. He chose not to go to the National Contest in Horticulture even though he earned a spot.

There were no UNK student teams entered in the tournament, but the competitors are already looking forward to next year’s tournament.



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