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'Gradu-Nations'

Policy restricts amount of regalia



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Commencement December 2004.

Kathlene Jordan
Features Editor

As a result of a growing number of campus honor groups wanting to wear their recognition, UNK's Commencement Committee has clarified its policies of graduation attire.

The policy requires that students wear only accepted, traditional commencement attire, including cords, medallions, sashes, stoles or other regalia, from a nationally-recognized or UNK col-

lege academic honor society. Kathleen Smith, vice chancellor for university relations and chair of the

Commencement Committee, said university-wide recognized groups were previously the only ones applicable to wear their recognitions.

Then, more and more discipline-specific honor groups started to wear their cords and other regalia, Smith said.

The committee then met to discuss the increasing amount of regalia being worn. We decided that we

would allow it if it was limited to a specific academic achievement, she said.

Corliss Sullwold, International Student Services associate director of international education and student adviser at UNK, requested approval from the Commencement Committee in regard to attire worn by international students. Sullwold wanted approval for international students to wear their recognition, their country's flag on a stole, for academic achievement as well as outstanding leadership.

Allowing students displaying outstanding leadership to wear their recognition would include virtually anyone. "The academic ones wouldn't be a problem," Smith said. "The problem is how do we limit it?"

"I would like to see any international student graduate be able to wear their colors, because it promotes the images of globalization and diversity," Sullwold said. "It's like when people go to the Olympics. Who they are and where they came from is just

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UNK Ride Programs

assist students w/o transportation means

Jacqueline A. Stoltenberg
Staff Writer

Students without means of transportation may now contact the UNK Ride Program or the Campus Ministries Ride Program to set up free rides throughout Kearney.

"The biggest challenge and longest-lasting problem is the transportation and getting around," Corliss Sullwold, associate director of International Education and international student adviser, said.

"Most students save up their money for taxis on the weekend," she said. "Some of [the students] make friends with international students who have cars. Most of our Japanese students walk."

Students arriving at UNK might have a contract saying they cannot have a car. Entry-level students must live on campus and have a parking permit to have a parking place, Sullwold added.

"One of the biggest things the program needed was funding and another thing is to get the word out and let people know about the program," Logan Stickney, president of Leadership UNK and chief of staff for Student Government, said.

Stickney, a senior from Kearney, added, "I think it provides many benefits to students, especially those who wouldn't otherwise have transportation to get to places they need to go to get daily necessity items that might not be available on campus."

He said the program especially benefited members of the international community, as well as freshmen in the past, but any student can take advantage of it.

Mabintou Kane, pre-pharmacy major from Cote d'Ivoire, initiated and achieved approval for the UNK Ride Program four

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Student internship

with the National Geographic Society

Mike W. Gruszczynski
Staff Writer

A UNK student is taking her first step toward a career as environmental-protection lawyer by participating in an internship.

Carlena Seeba, a senior from Bellevue, recently found out that she was accepted as an intern for the National Geographic Society, located in Washington, D.C.

Seeba, graduating in May with a double-major in political science and geography, found out that she had been accepted in December. She will work with the television and film division of the organization.

Professor Stan Dart, chair of the geography department, urged Seeba to apply for the internship. "[Dart] thought that it would be a good idea," she said. "Of course, [the internship] will look good on any application, but it is also a very good chance to learn."

Seeba said she is currently seeking admission into law school and hoping to work as an environmental-protection lawyer. "Environmental law would allow me to do both [political science and geography] in my career," she said.

According to a UNK press release, Seeba is the third student at the college to work as an intern at the National Geographic Society in the last 5 years.

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Photo by Julia Stumkat
Carlena Seeba



"Brokeback Mountain:"

Movie causes controversy

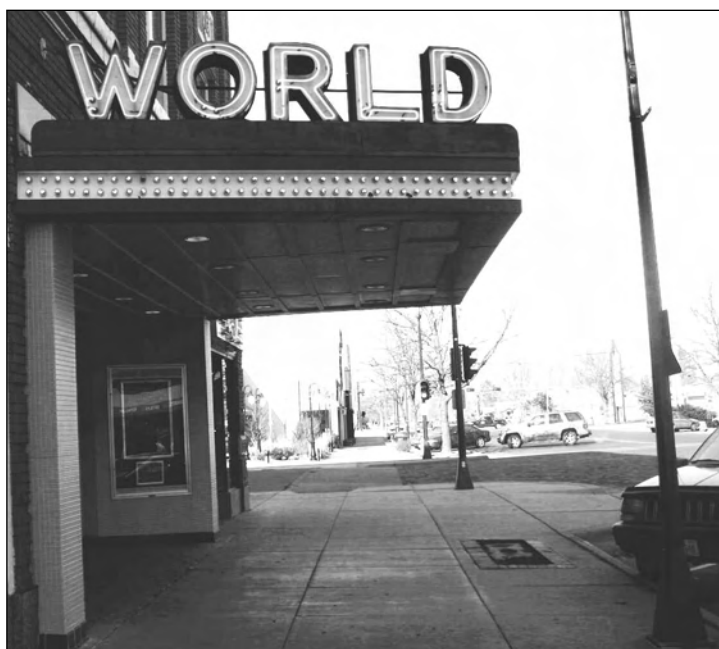


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The World Twin Theatre in downtown Kearney, along with the Carmike Hilltop Theatre, are currently not playing "Brokeback Mountain."

Lucas W. Wright
Staff Writer

"Brokeback Mountain," one of the year's most controversial movies, is a film that many critics and movie buffs expect to take home a number of Oscar Awards later this spring. But if you want to see it you will probably have to travel to Lincoln or Omaha.

This should come as no surprise, given that the movie, a love story about two homosexual cowboys starring Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal, was banned

by several American movie theater chains, as well as the country of China.

Hollywood, on the other hand, has praised on the movie, giving it eight Oscar nominations, four Golden Globes and a plethora of other less known awards.

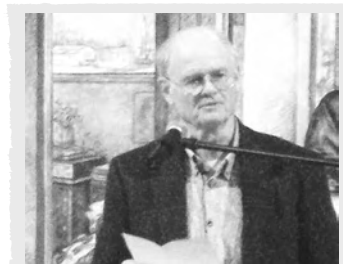
Aaron Dickey, a sophomore from Alliance majoring in English, is the president of Open Door, a student group for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and trans-gendered (GLBT) students and those that support them.

Dickey has seen the movie twice, believes the movie is a fair portrayal of GLBT community and hopes it will change the minds of some who watch it.

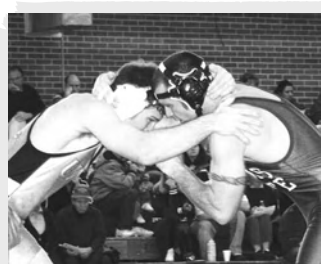
"'Brokeback Mountain' did a good job at portraying

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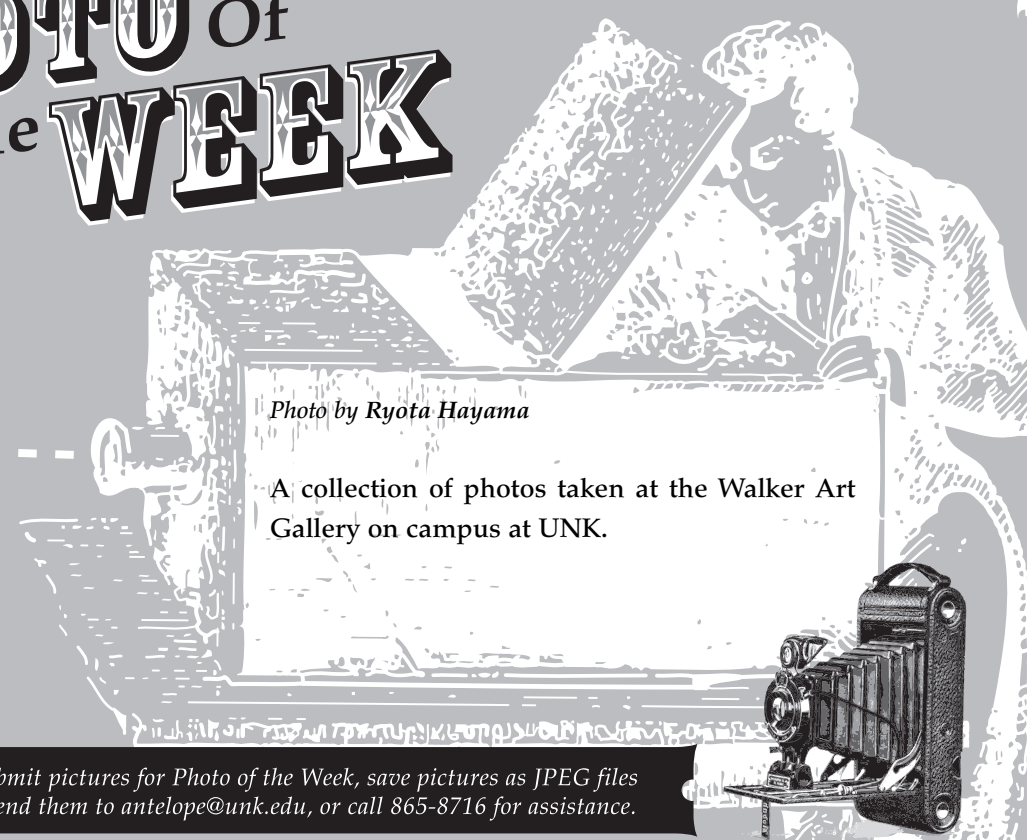
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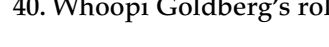
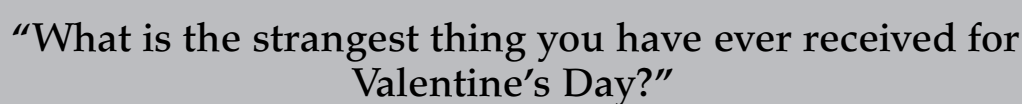
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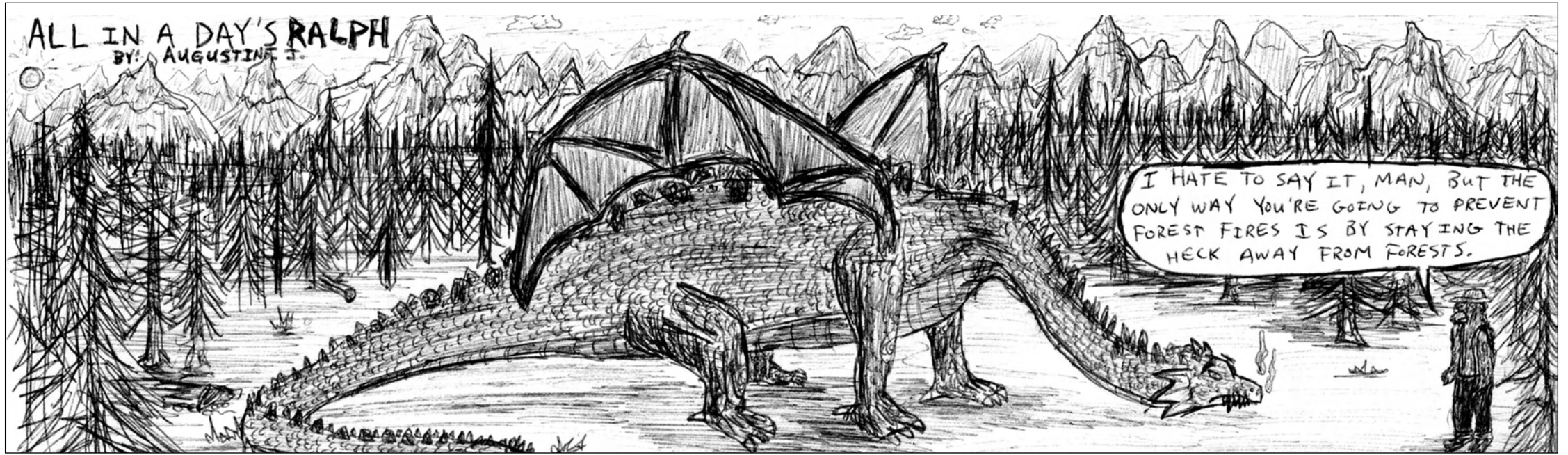
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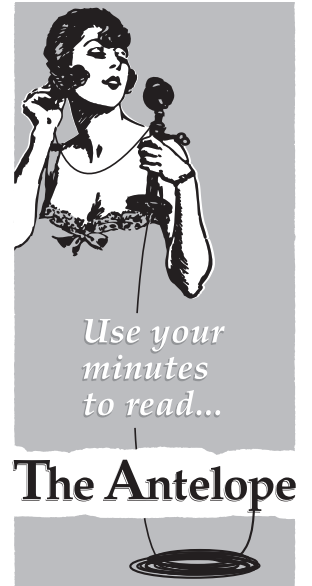
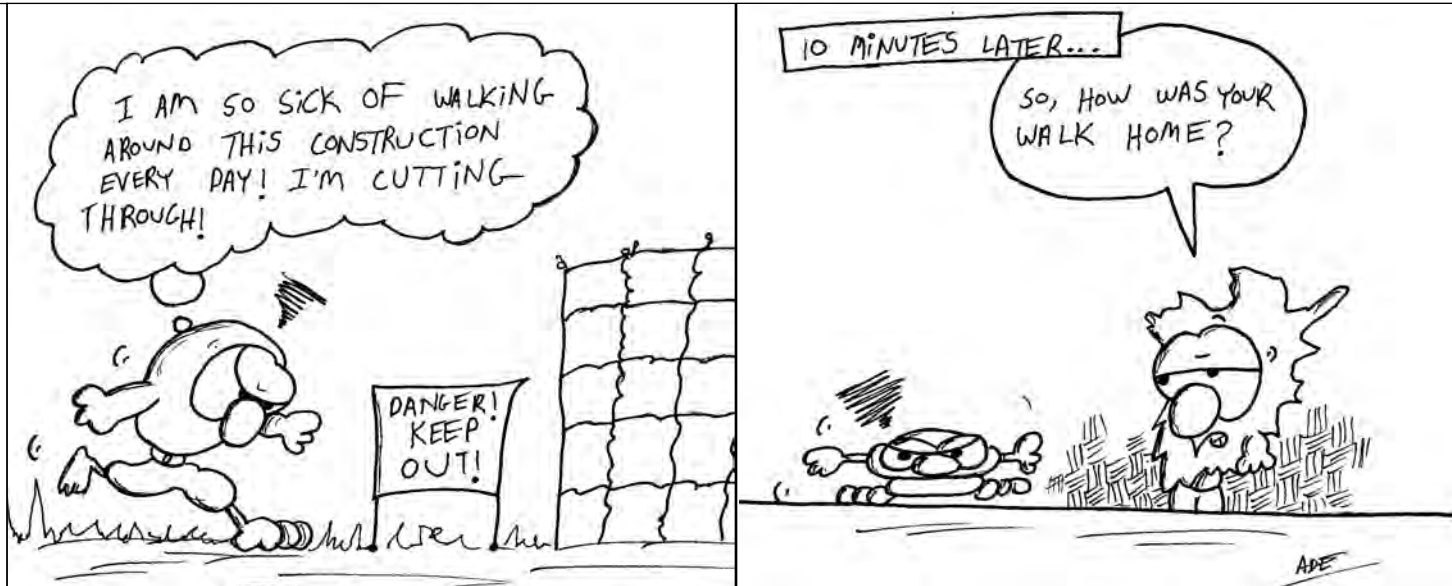
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Internships must not require robbing banks



KATHLENE JORDAN
FEATURES EDITOR

Professors are in a frenzy about students applying for internships.

Throughout my two academic years at UNK, I have heard them say time and time again, "You need to apply for internships. They provide a valuable learning experience that will override competition from applicants who have not experienced one."

I understand that internships can be an opportunity for students to gain practical experience that compliments their major, and it most likely would provide a competitive edge for them when seeking employment.

However, this is only applicable when a student is participating in something more critical than licking postage stamps or fueling the coffee maker.

The idea of an internship is somewhat of a contradiction.

First of all, to even apply for one, an applicant must have some academic knowledge of the job's requirements. After spending a couple years in college, racking up loans and other financial debt, some, if not many, internships don't offer paid positions. They expect an educated person to work for free to "gain experience." Any job is going to provide experience to an employee, so why should internships exclude paying their workers?

NBC's "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" offers a 12-16 week unpaid internship in Burbank, Calif. How is a college student expected to financially survive, in Southern California, for nearly a semester of unpaid work? I would suspect that NBC or Jay Leno and his crew could afford to pay an intern.

In addition to not receiving pay for an internship,

many students are required to pay to work for the position. They either are required to account for the cost of academic credits applicable to the internship, and/or they have to pay all expenses that are incurred with travel, lodging, etc.

How can a "poor college student" afford to work for free and shell out money at the same time? Is this not a contradiction?

Professors continually encouraged me to apply for journalism internships at the Omaha World Herald, The New York Times . . . the list continues. Big city internships "look great on a resume." Wait a minute - there's a catch. I most likely would not get paid, and I would have to allot for all costs incurred.

For instance, the University of Dreams, Inc. offers a lengthy list of benefits in its internships available at New York University, NYU, or the University of California at Los Angeles, UCLA, as well as Chicago.

The Web site states, "University of Dreams is a fee-based travel + education + work experience. We make it possible for you to work in a big city internship without the headache of trying to coordinate such an adventure on your own. While we do not charge to coordinate your internship placement, we do charge for housing, meals, daily transportation, weekend excursions, seminars, staffing and the coordination of all these logistics. After reviewing all that we provide, we hope that you find the price of our program reasonable and fair."

The total program fee ranges from \$5,999 to \$8,999. Does that seem reasonable and fair?

Maybe I could rob a bank. Then, I could afford a "valuable learning experience." Oh, and don't forget, it would "look great on a resume."

Last year, as I was voicing my frustrations about my internship dilemma, Mary Ann Lawson, director of business internship programs in the College of Business and Technology at UNK, sent me an e-mail listing internship opportunities. Internships were available in Nebraska, through

the Nebraska Rural Initiative, or NRI.

Much to my amazement, there were six paid intern positions available, ranging from salaries of \$8 to \$10 per hour, in relation to marketing/public relations or technology skills. The summer internships were 10 weeks in duration, and local sponsors provided students housing. Students were required to locate to the community in which they were working.

I had decided to return to my hometown of Atkinson last summer, and one of the internships was located about 30 miles away. A paid, no-expenses-incurred, public relations internship seemed like a much more valuable experience than working at the local potato plant throughout the summer. NRI had a total of 16 interns across the state last summer, and I was fortunate enough to become one of them.

The internship consisted of producing a tri-county industrial facts book, published by the Nebraska Public Power District, or NPPD, highlighting quality of life and industrial data for the area. It also involved working with community groups to organize a tri-county job fair. My academic skills coincided with the

requirements of the position.

The NRI's mission statement is to "focus the knowledge, skills and creativity on the four campuses [of the University of Nebraska] upon stabilizing and enhancing the economy and quality of life in non-metropolitan Nebraska."

Many students have probably never heard of the local internship opportunities available through the NRI. I had no idea about the foundation until I visited its Web site at <http://ruralinitiative.nebraska.edu/>. An online 2006 student internship application form is available for downloading on the Web site.

A synopsis article regarding my internship experience was published in the 2005 fall edition of the Technologies Across Nebraska Newsletter, or Tangents, at http://extension.unl.edu/tangents/Tangents_internkathlene905.htm.

To find out more details about internships available through the NRI, contact Internship Coordinator Kim Peterson at kpeterson2@unl.edu or call (402) 472-9287.

Jessy Hansen
Reader's Opinion

I am writing in regard to the article, "Smoking ban pending," in the Jan. 26 issue of The Antelope.

I think it is great that the city of Kearney is taking interest in this issue. The issue of smoking in public places has always been a part of our society. Citizens have known for many years the dangers of smoking - both first and second hand.

Now politicians are taking a stand for the good of the people. The hard part is deciding if it is okay to make a decision that tells smokers they can not smoke in certain places. In many cases, bars are the top public places that fear the loss of business.

I agree with the members of the city council that a compromise has to be made. I feel this gives a chance to those who have concerns a chance to be heard. I believe Kearney is filled with many people that can come together and create a plan that will suit both smokers and non-smokers in the area.

I look forward to being informed about the smoking ban issue and where it stands.

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Man behind statue reads poetry

John C. Ludwig
Staff Writer

UNK emeritus professor of English and the man behind the statue on campus, Don Welch, came alive to read his poetry at the Reynolds Writers and Readers series.

Last Friday, Welch and his daughter Shannon Vessly read their poetry at the Museum of Nebraska Art.

Welch and Vessly maintained a light tone throughout the reading.

The father-daughter duo decided to start off with more humorous poems, and read a broad selection of their writings.

"Most poetry readings begin with very serious stuff and move on to deadly serious stuff," Welch said.

They read poems ranging from the tight bonds and love of family to mid-afternoon walks, the beauty of nature, children – and adults – who eat crayons, and observant pieces about the world, death and war.

Takeshi Morisato, 23, of Tokyo, Japan, a senior philosophy and German double major, attended the poetry reading.

"I had a seminary philosophy of poetry class with Don Welch," Morisato said. "The class was incredible. He just made this textbook. He copied poems from all over the world and put them together for us in three sections- beauty, truth and goodness."

Morisato appreciates the unique way Dr. Welch encourages students to look at poetry.

"We looked at meters and different styles and how they can help to enhance the meaning of the poem to readers," Morisato said. "Some of the teachers just focus on the meaning of the poem, and they never focus on how the author created the poem."

"Not many people teach this way," he said. "I think he gives students a strong backbone for reading poetry."

Welch read selections from his latest published

collection of poetry, "Gutter Flowers," which is designed to showcase the stark differences, the black and white, which exists in the world around us.

Vessly read several poems, including selections from her latest chapbook of poems, "Davis County Psalms."

The bulk of Welch's "Gutter Flowers" was composed while walking around the city of Kearney, scribbling down notes and passages.

"He walks around town, down all the alleys in town, and by looking at the city, he makes the ordinary things extraordinary and beautiful," Morisato said. "He always has a memo pad with him, and it's just impressive to see him composing poetry by walking around."

Ryan Killion, 23, of Kearney, a senior English creative writing major, has attended several of the poetry readings in the Reynolds Writers and Readers series.

"I was in a poetry class last semester [...] and I went to a couple of the readings, and I enjoyed them," Killion said. "I like the more personal [poems] that you can relate to, or the ones that have some humor in them."

"I think, more than anything, I liked Don Welch's stories," he said. "I could've sat there and listened to him talk all evening about walking around Kearney and the stories he has from doing that."

Welch held both the



Photo by Chelsie L. Flanagan

Don Welch reads selections from his book of poetry, "Gutter Flowers," at last week's Reynolds Writers and Readers series at the Museum of Nebraska Art.

Martin Chair of English and the Reynolds Chair of Poetry, the first two endowed chairs at UNK.

He has won seven poetry prizes, including the prestigious Pablo Neruda Prize for Poetry.

He is also the author of numerous collections of poetry and has also had his poetry printed in publications along with William

Kloefkorn, the State Poet Laureate of Nebraska, and Ted Kooser, the Poet Laureate of the United States.

Despite his renowned accomplishments and having a full statue of himself on campus, just north of Thomas Hall, Welch's students say he's still down to earth.

"It's amazing to see how humble he is," Morisato said. "He goes to elementary schools and teaches poetry to the kids. He says that you can share a story with the children."

"It's a wise person who can teach to both the educated and children," he said. "It's really honoring for us students to have him in this university and this small

town."

The Reynolds Writers and Readers series will feature the poetry of Terrance Hayes on Friday.

Hayes won the Kate Tufts Discovery Award and the Whiting Emerging Writers Award.

The next reading at MONA, on Friday, Feb. 24, is "Slamma Lamma Ding Dong: An Anthology of Nebraska's Slam Poets."

While Killion said that he's excited about the slam poetry in a couple of weeks, he also commented that he would like to see a little more in the reading series.

"I think it'd be cool if they would bring in some fiction writers – that would be great."

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Students' research travels to congress

History students honor war veterans

Jael J. Johnson
Staff Writer

UNK history students recently honored our nation's war veterans by participating in The Veterans History Project.

The students spent time gathering information by conducting interviews with veterans, and have sent these interviews to be archived in the Library of Congress, in Washington D.C.

Their contribution to the permanent collection of the Library of Congress Folkllore Center is a way of preserving, the veterans' stories for future generations.

The Veterans History Project, which began in 2000, relies on volunteers to collect and preserve stories of wartime service.

The project receives funding from the United States Congress and a generous grant from the Association for the Advancement of Retired Persons, the corporate sponsor of the project.

UNK joined the Veterans History Project in the fall of 2004 when Linda Van Ingen, assistant history professor, first heard about the project from a community organizer

in Grand Island.

Van Ingen was co-teaching a World War II course at the time and interviewed World War II veterans as part of an assignment for the course.

It was then that she had a willingness to become more involved.

"We don't often sit down to listen to others' life experiences, and sometimes, talking to somebody who actually experienced a historical event brings history closer to you, makes it more real," Van Ingen said.

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Linda Van Ingen
Assistant history professor

She shared her idea with two other history professors, Mark Ellis and Roger Davis, and they decided to integrate the project into their American history survey courses.

Davis took the lead in organizing a research grant from the Undergraduate Research Council.

There were eight tape recorders, external microphones, black briefcases to carry the equipment around in and 100 cassettes that were available for the UNK history students to conduct these interviews.

"We need to get to the World War II veterans before they die off. There are 1,000 that die every 30 days, which means that by next December, they should be all gone," Davis said.

The students are encouraged to audio record their

interview and then write a word-for-word transcript on what was recorded.

The tapes, transcripts and any other materials are digitized by the Library of Congress and made available to the public at its Web site, www.loc.gov/vets/.

The work done by the UNK students this year was given to the staff in U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel's Kearney office on Friday, Feb. 3.

The materials are going to be transported to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Davis said that they are sending the materials for the project in this form because it cannot be sent via the U.S. Postal Service.

The Library of Congress has a security screening for all mail received by the Postal Service, and by doing so, the result may be damage and undue delays of those materials. The materials can be sent by FedEx, UPS, or DHL.

By sending the materials with U.S. Senator Hagel's staff as a personal carrier, it will be costless and more efficient for UNK.

Van Ingen said that so far, the response from students has been tremendous.

"This has been especially

meaningful for students to interview their relatives—grandpas, uncles, fathers, aunts," she said.

One of 236 UNK students to participate was Greg Wright, a junior biology major from North Platte.

He interviewed his grandfather, a World War II veteran, when he took the fall 2005 history class.

"I am glad that I participated and learned some valuable information," Wright said.

"We are just trying to have the students get a unique, appreciation for what the military service is all about," Davis said.

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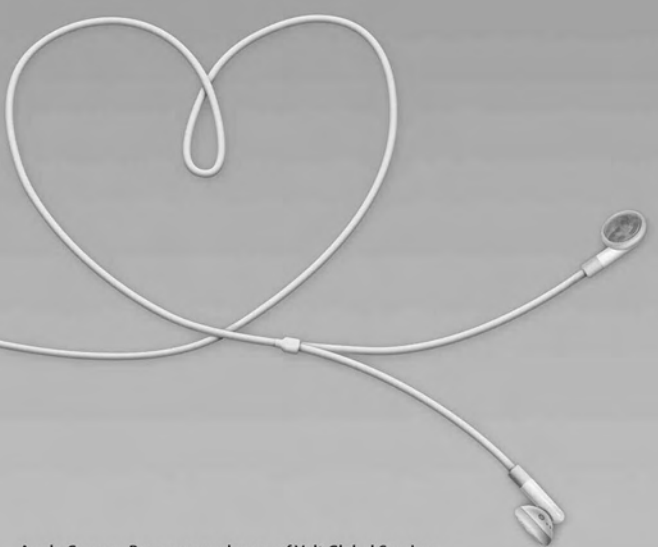
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UNK Wrestlers 1-1 at triangular

Denton P. Cushing
Staff Writer

UNK wrestlers had their hands full again last week with a triangular on Saturday in the Health and Sports Center. Augustana and Adams State came to dual the Lopers and each other.

"We did good in the first match, but gave up too many bonus points in the second," Jeff Sylvester, a senior from Lyman, said.

Firstly, the Lopers squared off against Adams

State. The first match went to Adams State as Trevor Charbonneau, a junior from Green, Kan., was upset, 3-2. However, following that match came a major decision win from Brett Allgood, a sophomore from Bennington, at 133 pounds.

Snuffing out the possible momentum, Adams State came back with two more victories by defeating Jeff Rutledge, a Lincoln sophomore, and Brandon Brill, a Kearney sophomore.

After that, UNK showed the Grizzlies no mercy by not giving another win. Six straight wins from Joe

Ellenberger, an Omaha sophomore, Keenan McCurdy, a Lincoln freshman, Paul Sutton, a Wahoo freshman, Tanner Linsacum, a senior from Phoenix, Sylvester and Tervel Dlagnev, a sophomore from Arlington, catapulted UNK to a 29-9 win. This match left the Lopers at 12-5 on the season.

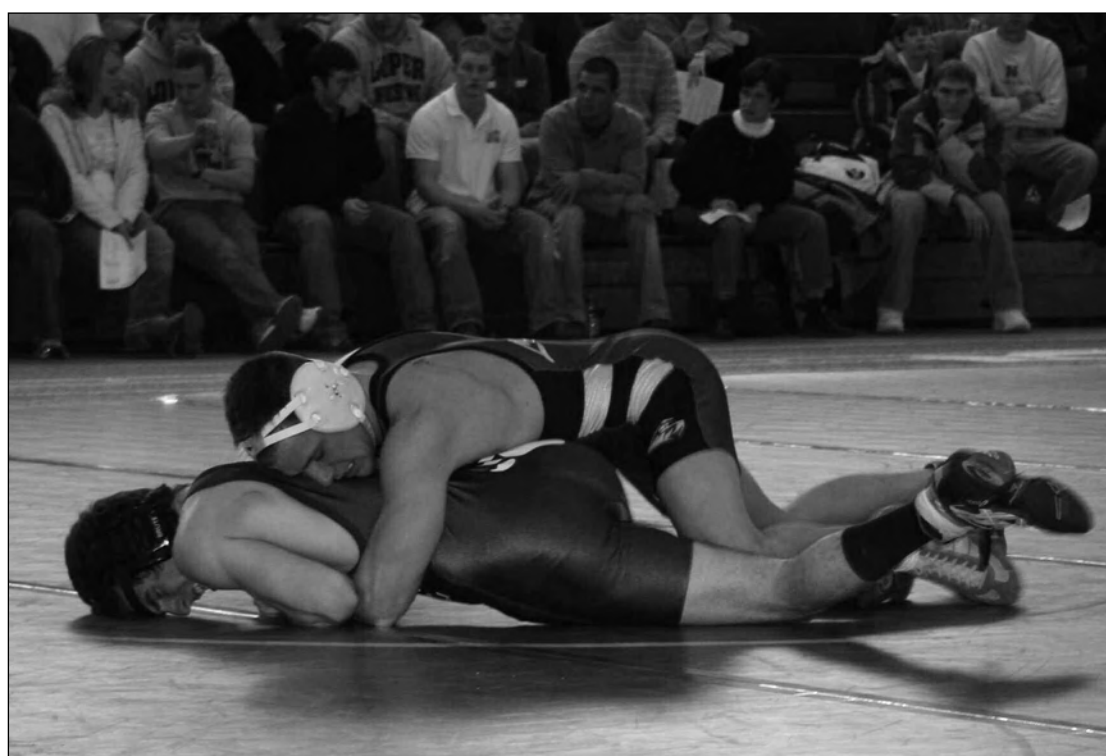
Next, ranked opponent Augustana hit the mat with the Lopers. This match, however, did not end like the first.

"It was a tough loss to a tough team," Sylvester said.

An 18-16 loss would go to prove it. Snagging victories in this match for UNK were Charbonneau, Allgood, Kasey Kohl, Linsacum and Dlagnev.

With these wins, the Lopers were only able to post 16 points. Falling in the match were Rutledge, Matt True, a junior from Mitchell, McCurdy, Sutton and Sylvester. This allowed Augustana to put up 18 points and come away with the victory.

With his two wins, Linsacum stretches his winning streak to 18 matches. He will have a chance to finish lossless in his last 19 matches this Thursday at Fort Hays State. This is the last dual of the season for the Lopers.



Photos by Hajime Nagao
Top: UNK's Trevor Charbonneau, an Ord junior, wrestles at 125 pounds against Adams State's Rob McCabe, a senior from Nucla, Colo.

Right: Brandon Brill, a Kearney sophomore, fights for control against Adams State's Dave Welanko, a senior from Clarkston, Mich.

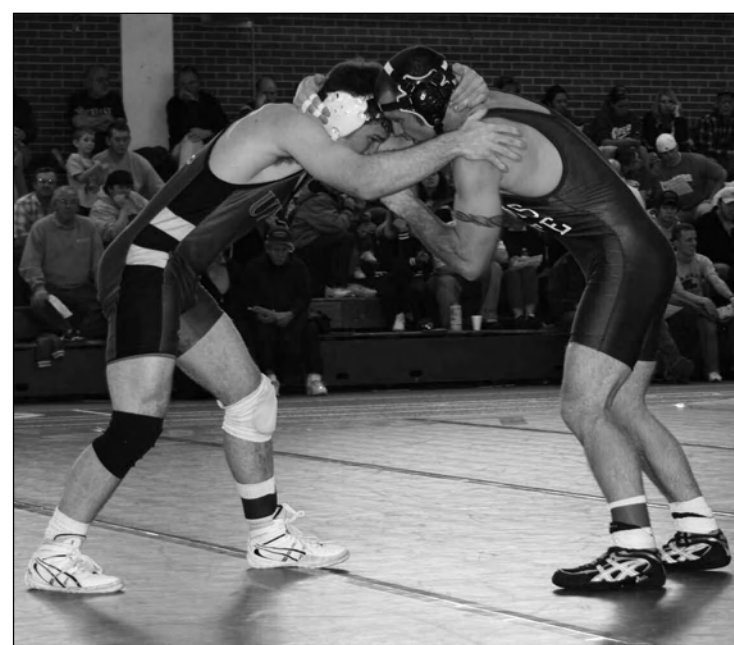


Photo by Hajime Nagao

Omaha sophomore Joe Ellenberger battles the Grizzlies' Scott Cleve, of Escondido, Calif., senior, at 157 pounds.



The torch is lit on the 2006 Olympics

The world-wide sport draws attention from Americans, but some UNK students aren't interested

Brandon E. Siebenneicher
Staff Writer

With a record-setting performance medal wise in the last Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah, this year's U.S. Olympic Team was hoping to add to the legacy they started four years ago.

All the excitement from the games hasn't traveled through the whole UNK campus, though. According to a non-scientific poll, most students knew the Olympics had started, but weren't paying very close attention to them.

Jesse Riens, a freshman from Deshler, said, "I've been watching the events

that I like, but some of the events I could care less about."

Jon Reed, a sophomore from Oak, said, "I can't believe they didn't advertise the Olympics better than they did. I didn't even know they were coming up, and then as I was flipping channels, there they were. I can't wait until they put the hockey on television."

From a group of 12 UNK guys and eight girls, snowboarding and curling tied for the most votes, with six apiece, as the favorite sports. Women's figure skating came in a close second with five votes. Other sports getting votes were the luge, bobsled and hockey.

With the 2006 Winter Games starting last Friday in Torino, Italy, it hasn't gone as well as some of the American athletes would have liked. Apolo Anton Ohno was hoping to repeat his gold medal win in the 1,500-meter short track ice skating race, but failed to qualify.

Sitting second, good enough to advance to the finals, Ohno tried to overtake Li Ye of China for first place with 1.5 laps left. Coming out of a turn, Ohno got too close to Ye and ended up stumbling and being passed by the whole field of six racers.

"It hurts," Ohno said on the Yahoo Winter Olympics page. "In my heart, I felt like

I could have been there." Ohno still has three

events to attempt to add to America's medal count.

Another blow to the U.S. team was the withdrawal of Michelle Kwan from the figure skating event.

Kwan is one of the most-recognizable figure skaters in the world and has been for many years. Kwan

dazzled the world when she skated in her first Olympics at the age of 13.

Although Kwan has skated well at the Olympics, she has never won gold, and she said she feels this was her last chance.

"It's always been a dream to win the Olympics," Kwan said on the Yahoo Olympics page. "But I've learned it's not about the gold, it's about the spirit of it and

about the sport itself."

At press time, the United States was in second place, tied with Russia, with six medals in the overall medal count. America currently has four gold medals and two silver. The United States has by far the most gold medals, but Norway leads the way with one gold, three silver and four bronze for a total of eight medals.

The Americans are coming on strong with first- and second-place finishes in both the men and women's snowboarding half-pipe competition.

The Winter Olympics will continue live from Torino, Italy, through Feb. 26.

Track headed outside

Shannon J. Matthews
Staff Writer

Two weeks until conference and the last indoor meet has the UNK track and field team headed in the right direction. UNK had 28 athletes in the top three places at the UNK All-Comer Open Feb. 10.

"This was a great meet, we really had good marks," John Corkle, a graduate assistant volunteer track assistant from Grand Island, said. "We are two weeks out from conference and we had a few athletes perform their season bests."

Al Stahlnecker, a senior exercise science major from Omaha, said, "My goal is to perform better and improve

my time to put me higher on the list to qualify for nationals."

Stahlnecker placed first in the 55-meter hurdles and had a provisional qualifying mark for nationals last weekend. He is also ranked first in the conference for the 55-meter hurdles.

"I qualified for nationals last year, but did not get to go. I would like to get to nationals for both indoor and outdoor this year," Stahlnecker said.

Lea Schneider, a sophomore exercise science major from Grand Island, competes in the women's 55-meter hurdles and placed fourth on Friday.

"I didn't run as well as I did at USD [University of South Dakota], but I feel that

I am at the right spot for conference. We [the UNK track and field team] all want to win conference," Schneider said.

Next week the track team will compete in Lincoln at the Nebraska Wesleyan Invite.

"Devany is a good place to run, it will be a relaxed meet before conference. I am hoping to bring my time down," Schneider said.

Corkle said, "Next Friday, the meet is held at Devany where UNL competes, but Wesleyan is hosting the meet, which means we will see a lot of the same competition."

The Lopers will compete at 3 p.m. in Lincoln on Friday.

Player Profile

Name: Shauna Birchard
Year: Senior
Hometown: Central City
Major: Business administration and finance
Team: Track and Field
Position: Thrower

How many years have you played your sport? Nine years
How many years have you played for UNK? Four years
Do you have any predictions for the year? "Hopefully, as a team, to give Adams State a run for their money."

Do you have any goals for this season? "I hope to do well at nationals."

Favorite Quote: "Going that extra round when you don't think you could makes all the difference in your life."

Favorite Movie: "Red Eye"

Favorite snack: Orange slices

Favorite activity: Playing volleyball

Why did you choose UNK: "To participate on the track and field team, and also because my sister goes here and is a really good friend."

What is your favorite thing at UNK: "How supportive all the athletes are to each other."

Anything else? "I am a thumb war champion."

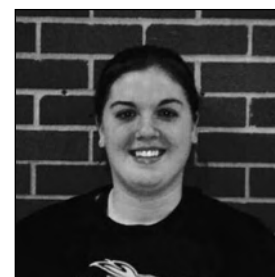


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SPORTS

The Antelope 7

Loper men keep Regis win streak

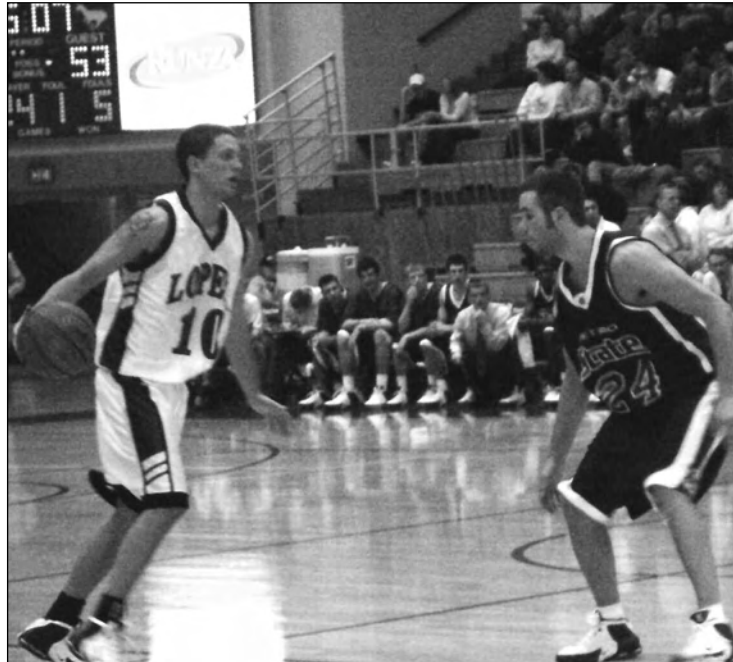
Joy N. Iromuanya
Staff Writer

The UNK men's basketball team marked its 15th-consecutive win over Regis, 87-67, Friday night at the Health and Sports Center.

UNK led for the entire game and Regis never stood a chance.

Photo by Lucas E. Froeschl

Junior guard James Lane faces off against Metro State's Drew Williamson in an offensive drive.



"I usually go to the games. I like watching Dusty Jura. He impresses me. He is a heck of a player," Hilary Moscrip, a sophomore broadcasting major from Alliance, said. "I have had classes with him and it's awesome to see his performance on the court and his ability in the classroom. He is super-smart."

According to www.Cosida.com, Dusty Jura was one of three UNK basketball players to earn "ESPN The Magazine" College Division Academic All-District 7 honors, as selected by CoSIDA [College Sports Information Directors of America].

The other two are senior Erin Jones and junior Chad Burger. Jones has a 4.0 as a secondary education major, while Burger holds a 3.83 cumulative GPA in sports administration.

Jura, a forward from Columbus, leads UNK in points at 18.8, rebounds at 9.1, assists at 3.2, steals at 1.5 and blocks at 2.0, while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.93 as a double major in sports and business administration.

Jura scored a team-high 22 points on 10-of-13 shooting from the field, while adding six rebounds, three assists and two steals against Regis.

AshLea Millsap, a freshman business administration major from Kearney, said, "I was happy to see that Cole [Salomon] got some

playing time. We have class together, he is my friend and only a freshman, so it was cool to see him get in."

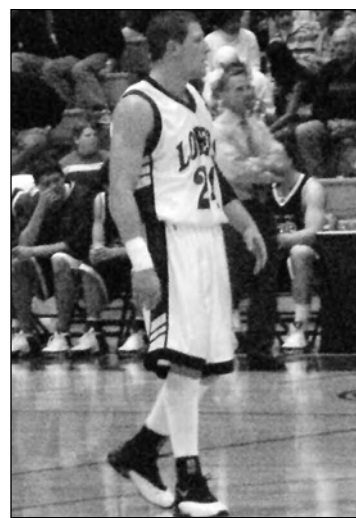
UNK ends the home season with a 18-5 overall record and 13-2 in the RMAC. The Lopers will close out the season playing Colorado Christian, Colorado Mines, Chadron State and Fort Hays State on the road.

"It was a fun night," Jade Gunther, a freshman deciding major from Kearney, said. "I wish attendance was better though. I don't understand why more people don't go to the games. We always have good teams. I also thought it was cool how they worked the games into Loper Preview Day."

Loper Preview Day gives high school seniors the opportunity to learn more about the campus by taking a guided tour of the campus, having lunch in the cafeteria, going to a panel of current students and attending basketball games.



Photos by Lucas E. Froeschl
Top: Chad Burger inbounds the ball halfway through the first half Saturday night against Metro State University.



Left: Nick Morrell takes a quick breather as the players wait for a Metro State substitution. The Lopers won the game 85-75.

Lady Lopers leave home on two wins

Joy N. Iromuanya
Staff Writer

The UNK women's basketball team won both of its final two home games of the season this weekend, Regis, 83-66, and Metro State, 104-72, at the Health and Sports Center.

"God had me focusing on glorifying him and encouraging my teammates, they responded to it. At the end

of both games, I would look at Mod [Kalee Modlin] and say, 'Wow, We did it!'" Erin Jones, a senior secondary education major from Lexington, said.

"I didn't want anyone to think it was the end. I'm blessed that I wasn't thinking about everything coming to an end during the game. I would have been emotional, I would have been a mess," Jones said.

UNK has been working

hard to secure the fourth seed in the RMAC tournament. The top four seeds host a first-round game March 1.

The Lopers knew they were facing an uphill battle. Regis, No. 7 in the North Central Region, had won three straight over the Lopers and six of the last eight meetings between the two. That includes a 78-64 victory in Denver on Jan. 28.

Metro State had a four-

game win streak over the Lopers, which included an 86-81 overtime win on Jan. 27.

"Nobody saw the potential we had, we just need to bring it all together. We are a better team than anybody thought we were. Last weekend we all came together," Jones said.

The wins this weekend moved the Lopers ahead of Metro State [14-8, 11-4 RMAC] in the conference

standings and broke the Regis 10-game win streak.

Regis hadn't lost to an RMAC team all year and was looking to go undefeated. No RMAC women's team has ever gone 19-0 in conference play. The closest UNK ever got was 16-0 in 1995-1996 and 18-1 in 1996-1997 and 2002-2003.

Jones said, "It's easy to take these games for granted. But just because we are doing good doesn't mean

all of the other teams are going to roll over and die. We need to continue improving and getting better."

UNK could host a first-round game in the RMAC tournament, but they still have four-road games left - Colorado Christian, Colorado Mines, Chadron State and Fort Hays.

Intramurals heating up

Denton P. Cushing
Staff Writer

UNK intramurals had a three-point contest last Thursday in the Health and Sports Center.

"There was a really good turnout with a lot of good competition," Eric Seitz, a member of the intramural staff, said. Five balls were shot from five different locations on the court and the

shooter who made the most baskets won. Four places were awarded with first place going to Blake Sloan.

Current events in the intramural department include walleyball, water polo and basketball competitions. A pitch tournament will be today and wrestling will be Feb. 22.

"The program is very successful so far this year, but we haven't done anything new yet," Intramural

Coordinator Shelly Urkoski said.

Information about the wrestling matches and upcoming events, including the intramural sports calendar, can be found in the intramural office in Cushing room 119.

"I strongly urge students to pick up the intramural calendar. It has all the information and deadlines for all of the sports and events," Urkoski said.

Men's tennis starts on low

Shannon J. Matthews
Staff Writer

"Where can we go from here?"

This is the question the UNK men's tennis team seems to be asking one another as they prepare for their next match.

The men began the 2006 season on Feb. 5 in Des Moines, Iowa. The team lost to both Drake and Western Illinois.

"This was the first weekend of play and we already have two losses. What we want to think about is where can we go from here," Jesse Plote, head coach of the men's and women's tennis teams, said.

"The weekend went well, we played some tough competition. Drake is

picked to win the Missouri Valley Conference for Division I. This weekend let the team know where we needed to get to by the end of the year," Plote said.

Nate Wiegand, a senior tennis player, said, "This was overall a good learning experience. The weekend was a good bench mark to tell where we are, and where we want to be."

Wiegand, an accounting major from Grand Island, is excited about UNK tennis.

"I attended Augustana College for my first year and the school did not have the competitive edge that UNK provides," he said.

"This year we really want to come together as a team and overcome diversities. We have most everyone back from last year, and we want to make it back to the national tournament,"

Wiegand said.

"Last year we attended the Sweet 16 and got exposed to a whole new level of tennis, which also taught us a lot about where we need to be," Wiegand said.

The women's tennis team did not compete with the men in Des Moines.

Plote said, "The weekend was an opportunity for the men's team, and the scheduling just didn't work out for the women to compete."

"We [the men's and women's tennis teams] are close, but coach keeps us as separate teams," Wiegand said.

The women compete on Friday at 5 p.m. and the men compete again on Saturday at 1 p.m. here against Concordia.

Wins lead off season

Brandon E. Siebennecher
Staff Writer

The UNK Baseball team continued its winning ways this weekend as they traveled to Denver to take on Metro State. The Lopers took both games from Metro in the doubleheader with scores of 6-5 and 8-3.

Jason Stergiadis, a senior pitcher from Pickering, collected the win for the first victory with junior Ryan Wrobel picking up the save.

In the second game, sophomore Seth Svoboda got the win as the Lopers out-hit Metro 13-6 en route to the victory.

After the victories this weekend, the Lopers sit at 4-0 in play and have not yet played a game against an RMAC opponent.

In the 8-3 victory, every Loper starter had at least one hit. The big bat of the game was junior center fielder Aaron Hampton driving in three runs while going 2-3 at the plate.

The Lopers committed three errors in the field, but Metro State gave them back and then some, committing five.

The second game was a lot closer as the Lopers squeaked out a 6-5 victory to improve to 4-0 on the season. Metro State matched the Lopers with ten hits apiece, but UNK

just made more of their hits as they grabbed the victory. Senior Rich Eber, a catcher for Tampa, Fla., led the way for the Lopers going 1-2 with two runs batted in.

The Lopers played a doubleheader against Concordia University at

Memorial Field Tuesday, which they won 13-0 and 4-3.

Their next matchups are in Colorado this weekend against Colorado Christian, Northwest Nazarene and Montana State - Billings.



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Ride

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years ago and transferred out in 2003. Baljit Singh, medical technician major from India, was the next international representative to the Student Senate who worked on the program. He transferred to the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

There was not a consistent international representation on Student Government this semester. This was one reason Leadership UNK and Student Government made sure they started the program, Stickney explained.

"What we thought was important is to look out for the needs for all the students," he said. "The UNK Ride Program is one means of help for international

students."

He said the one-time payment of \$5 goes toward getting the vehicles, fuel and any other direct expenses for the program.

Tim Danube, sponsor of Student Government, explained that Student Government and Leadership UNK have partnered with the city trolleys to provide rides. The University Programming and Facilitating Fees (UPFF) fund the program, Danube added.

Another program available for students is the free Campus Ministries Ride Services. Katie Van Zee, second-year criminal justice major from Prairie City, Iowa, said, "I attended the University of Iowa and they did it there, so I brought the idea here. I saw a lot of international students take taxis and that is expensive."

Van Zee did not know

the UNK Ride Program was in motion when she began to plan the service. The Campus Ministries Ride Program is similar to the UNK Ride Program. About twenty Navigators and Campus Crusade for Christ students and adults provide free rides every Friday starting at 4 p.m. to Wal-Mart. They use their own vehicles. If students request to go to Target or K-Mart, they will give the students a ride there.

Van Zee saw the need and has a roommate from Korea, which adds a personal perspective.

"I hope this is an ongoing service as long as there's a need," she said.

To use the UNK Ride Program, call 865-8523 or sign up at the Welcome Desk at the Student Union. The Campus Ministries Ride Program can be reached by Van Zee's e-mail at vanzeekj@unk.edu.

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real important."

International Education Office Assistant Sandra Ramirez, a 2005 MBA graduate from Colombia, wore her country's flag on a stole during her first graduation at UNK, in the December

2003 commencement ceremony.

"It was a huge deal for my family and for me," Ramirez said. "Everyone was so proud."

She qualified as a Summa Cum Laude, with a grade point average ranging from 3.9 to 4.0.

Ramirez explained that international students pay twice as much as traditional students to attend UNK, in

addition to learning and studying in a new language, dealing with immigration and working. She thinks that academically achieved students or those with outstanding leadership skills should be applicable to wear their international stole. "If they do it with good grades and leadership, they deserve that distinction," she said.

Photo by Julia Stumkat

Commencement at the Health and Sports Center Coliseum in May 2005.



Intern

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The internship will last from May 15 through Aug. 18. Seeba added that she would receive more details about the internship later on in the semester.

"Internships are a good thing for students to take part in," Nancy Kneen, director of UNK's Career Services, said. "It is good for students to take advantage of the resources that are available to them."

Kneen estimated that, nationally, about 50 percent of students who intern end

up receiving permanent positions at the same companies.

"From an employer's perspective, internships are a great way to hire employees," she said. "Internships allow employers the chance to see if a person is right for a permanent position, later on."

Kneen said the Career Services office keeps lists of internships available to students. In addition, she said individual departments at the college often have their own lists of internships available to students in their respective majors.

"My advice to students is to start fairly early, when seeking out an internship position," she said. "Another thing to keep in mind is

that, a lot of times, internships aren't advertised by companies, so students sometimes need to approach employers about opportunities to intern."

Although some internships are not paid, Kneen noted that they are still good resources for students to use. "Internships are very good for students wishing to gain experience in their field," she said.

The Web site for UNK's Career Services, located at www.unk.edu/offices/careerserv/, offers listings for internship opportunities to students.

Movie

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what we want as a community and the internal acceptance of ourselves," he said. "It is just a love story like most movies, except the main characters are gay. There is a tender love scene and it takes a familiar topic and puts a new twist on it."

"I think that if the movie were to play here in Kearney that some might protest and be upset about it simply on the plot line, without even seeing the movie. It is a big issue to most people because they don't understand homosexuality and they aren't ready for it. We are people too, we just act and love in a different way. In Nebraska especially, I think that homosexuality is an issue that is pushed under the rug and if 'Brokeback Mountain'

were to come to Kearney, it would really be an asset to this town. I think it would open the eyes of some and they would have a change of heart," Dickey added.

Xavier Chavez, lecturer in Spanish and French in the Modern Languages department at UNK, works at the World Twin Theatre located in downtown Kearney. Chavez said that "Brokeback Mountain" may still make it to the screen here in Kearney. Initially, he believed that the movie would begin showing at the World this Friday, but was later informed that the theater's agent couldn't find a copy of the film, due in large part to the film's popularity.

"The reasons that movies don't come to town or do so late in a run are many," Chavez said. "Kearney isn't considered a first run town, the population base is too small, and there aren't enough screens in town to run everything.

Plus we are considered to be in Bible-belt territory.

"Since we are a business, our booker looks for movies with a broad appeal that will maintain public interest. Right now that means comedies or fright movies. All of our booking is done at the corporate level. Even though we try to give them some input on the matter, they really don't listen to us," he added.

In a random survey of UNK students, staff, faculty and visitors to the campus, 37 respondents said they would see "Brokeback Mountain" if it came to the theater, 10 said they would not, while 3 said they would wait until it came out on video/DVD before watching it.

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