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'Tasteful' Tradition:

International Food Festival 2006 provides food from around the globe this upcoming Sunday

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More than 25 years ago, a 'tasteful' tradition began at UNK, involving students, faculty and community members. This tradition will now be available for global enjoyment.

For the first time, the Cheryl and Scott Morris International Food Festival 2006 will be featured via a live webcast on Sunday, March 5, from 4-7 p.m., in UNK's Health and Sports Center. Visit the International Student Association's, or ISA, Web site at www.unk.edu/studentlife/student_org/iso/index.php?id=11898 to view the live feed.

"We want to make something different," said Andre Portela, a senior from Brazil and president of the International Student Association, or ISA, "so we came up with the webcast."

Darren Addy, multimedia specialist in Information Technology Services, will conduct the webcast. "I think the idea behind it is a lot of interested family and friends [...] and hopefully this technology will allow [the international students] to do that," Addy said.

Addy is providing the webcast free of charge. "I'm always interested in supporting the international community in any way that I



Photo by Julia Stumkat
Alexandra Besen, left, ISA event coordinator, and Yoko Nakaoka, ISA member, create a poster of the world for the International Food Festival 2006 using pictures of international students at UNK.

can," he added.

A fixed camera will be positioned at the west side of the Health and Sports

Center, and it will focus in on certain aspects of the festival, such as performances by the international stu-

dents. "Webcasting is the only way that we can extend

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Global cartoon debate reaches UNK campus

Lucas W. Wright
Staff Writer

and was jailed for life.

Since then, an anti-Muslim party has been in power in Denmark.

Xenophobia is defined by dictionary.com as a "fear and contempt of strangers or foreign peoples." Some say it all began Nov. 2, 2004. In Denmark on that same day Theo Van Gogh was murdered by Muhammed Bouyeri, a Moroccan Muslim. He shot Van Gogh once, stabbed him once, and then pinned passages from the Koran on his body.

Theo Van Gogh, descendant of Vincent Van Gogh's brother of the same name, was a controversial film director. According to BBC's Web site, bbc.co.uk, his murder "came just two months after his highly controversial film 'Submission' about the abuse of Muslim women that was shown on national TV in Holland. Bouyeri claimed 'he acted out of religious conviction'"

"The political parties that are in power in Denmark today reflect an anti-Muslim sentiment that has expressed itself in other ways for some time in different countries in Europe," said William Aviles, UNK professor of political science. "For example, the Danish People's Party, a party in the ruling coalition, has obtained its electoral support, in part through xenophobic campaigns against the Muslim minority in the country, with one of their politicians referring to Islam as a 'cancerous ulcer'."

But Denmark is not the only European country where examples of anti-Arab sentiment occur. Another example can be found in France where soup kitchens had to be closed

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U.S. Supreme Court reviews law banning partial-birth abortions

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Staff Writer

Carhart, the court decided that a 1997 Nebraska statute, which made abortion illegal in the state, was unconstitutional, because it contained no provisions which would allow for an abortion to be performed on a woman with increased health risks associated with giving birth.

The United States Supreme Court will decide whether a ban on partial-birth abortions, passed by Congress in 2003, is constitutional later this year.

The case, Gonzales v. Carhart, will decide whether the Partial-Birth Abortion Act of 2003 is in conflict with the 1973 court decision in Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion in the United States.

Congress passed the ban in 2003, but the act has not yet gone into effect because it was ruled unconstitutional by several lower courts. The law makes it illegal for any physician to administer a partial-birth abortion. A physician who performs the procedure can face up to two years in prison, as well as monetary fines.

The act also states that if a partial-birth abortion was necessary to save the life of the mother, the physician who performed the procedure would have the opportunity to present their case before a medical board in order to avoid criminal penalties. The law does not allow physicians to perform the procedure if a woman's health is at risk.

The upcoming case is similar to a prior Supreme Court ruling. In Stenberg v.

The court now has John Roberts as chief justice; whereas, Samuel Alito recently replaced Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. O'Connor cast the deciding vote in Stenberg v. Carhart, which decided that the Nebraska abortion ban was unconstitutional by a vote of 5 to 4.

Dr. Peter Longo, political science professor teaching constitutional law at UNK, said he thinks this case is not likely to change laws concerning abortion in the United States.

"I think that the laws coming from the states will have more of an impact," he said, referring to a recently passed law in South Dakota, which places a ban on abortions in the state.

The Washington Post reported on Feb. 25, 2006, that legislators from the state passed the bill in order to create a challenge to Roe v. Wade.

Group of students calls for Campus Kitchens at UNK



Photo by Mike W. Gruszczynski
Miguel Rojas, front, senior of Columbia, and Hirotaka Segami, back, junior of Japan, serve food to students at the Chartwells cafeteria.

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Printed on the back of UNK business cards is a list of objectives of the university. One of the objectives, as the cards state, is the "advancement of the well-being of the society surrounding this community of learning."

Several UNK students, however, said this does not seem to be the case at the college.

Marty Demoret, a Scottsbluff psychology major, along with John Jensen, a Wayne political science major, Andy Wesely, a criminal justice major from Wahoo and Brian Shreves, an Omaha political science

major, have been coordinating with The Campus Kitchens Project and various student groups in order to provide meals to area residents who live in poverty.

The project, which UNK students would manage, would provide unused food from the Chartwells cafeteria to the poor.

In order to fund the project, the students proposed a \$2 student fee increase to the committee of deans, which was met with no success.

"Not only did [the committee] turn down the proposal, but [the committee] also said that it was a huge burden on students," Demoret said. "The university can find ways to fund

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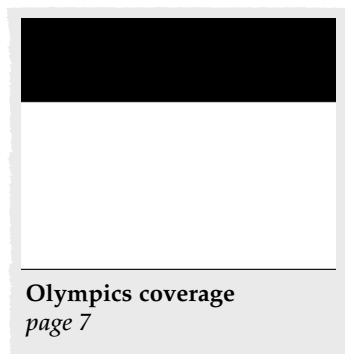
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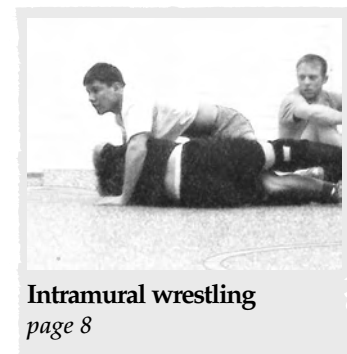
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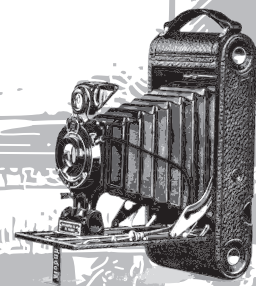


PHOTO of The WEEK

Photo by Sarah J. Stich

The capitol building in Lincoln has many interesting features. This is one of the many paintings found on the second floor.

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ACROSS

1. What they throw at you on St. Patrick's Day in New Orleans if you sing off-key.
5. A tiny, mischievous being, some think real, others think imaginary; ask Shakespeare.
7. This low-growing evergreen shrub makes the hills of Ireland and Scotland look purplish gray to purplish red.
8. The patron saint of Ireland: St. _____.
9. In Irish brogue: "When a _____ meets a _____ comin' through the rye . . ."
10. "May the _____ of the Irish be with you on St. Patrick's Day."
11. That date in March in which all things Irish are honored.
13. Female derivative of the Irish term "lad-die."
16. This small sprite will undoubtedly help clean house while you are abed if you lay out a saucer of milk and sleep soundly; also, a young Girl Scout.
17. Appalachian banjo music is said to have grown out of this musical instrument from the Land of the Scots.
20. They came to the land known as Ireland a thousand years before Christ.
22. The Leprechaun in "Finian's Rainbow" is played by this countryman.
24. Jonathan Swift was so irritated by the political prejudice aimed at Irish potato farmers and famine that he said, "Let them eat _____."
25. Given name of the actress with the red hair; she played in "The Quiet Man."
28. Ye shall find a pot of _____ if you catch sight of one of these Irish elves.
29. A Broadway musical that's a stereotypical look at Scotland; Gene Kelly dances through the heather, even though some thought it to be in Ireland.
30. St. Patrick was actually a native of this country.
31. Surname of "The Quiet Man" who starred in a role in which he returned to Ireland.
34. How they celebrate St. Patrick's Day in New Orleans: with a _____.
35. They might throw one of these decorative green items at you on St. Patrick's Day in New Orleans.
36. Another name for St. Patrick: St. _____.
37. Movie: "Angela's _____."
42. This bit of greenery is considered the national emblem of Ireland.
43. A strong dialectal accent, especially referring to the Irish.

44. The color of beer in the Irish city of Savannah, Ga., on that magical, blessed day.
45. The adjective that describes the Irish rose, in a song by the same name.
46. St. Patrick is said, according to legend, to have delivered a sermon on a hilltop that drove all the _____ out of Ireland.

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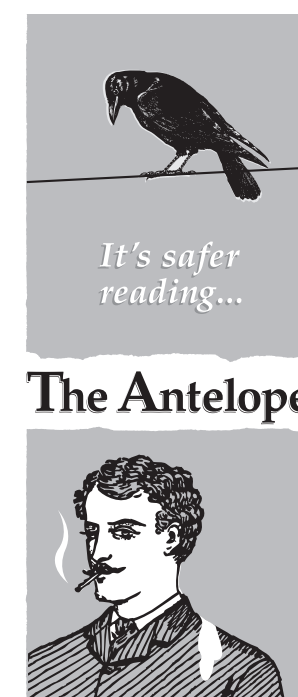
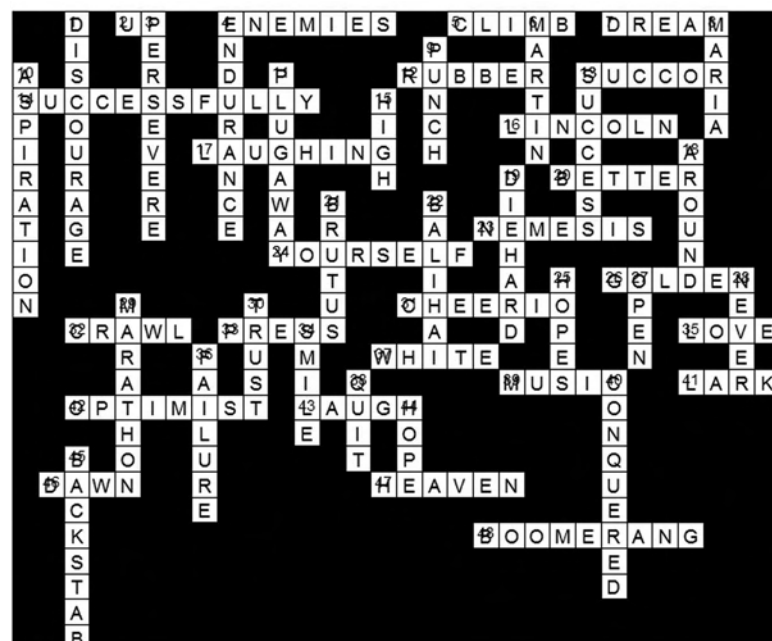
1. St. Patrick wanted the pagans to convert to this belief.
2. A race of elves in Irish Folklore who do not want to be caught.
3. Part of a movie title: a foot that refused to step to the right.
4. A term from the Middle English that is often perceived as Irish; translated, it means "deceive."
5. It plays an Irish tune for an Irish jig.
6. An often mischievous creature, which is said to have magical powers.
12. Blair Douglas is the musician who welcomed this South African leader to the City of Glasgow with Scottish bagpipes and native drums.
14. This white-washed cottage is where Andrew Carnegie was born and reared before coming to the United States.
15. He had a rainbow, but the movie was more about racism in the South.
18. A place where a lot of Irish immigrants settled on the East Coast of New England.
19. Irish lyrics: "Believe me if all those _____ young charms . . ."
21. Much of the lore of Ireland and Scotland comes from the Celts in Ireland and Scotland.
23. These northern neighbors of Ireland are located in the early migration route to Scotland.
26. Some think of this term to describe a hollow inhabited for a LONG time by Washington Irving, who others believe was actually Irish.
27. Refers to the beliefs practiced by the Druids.
32. Surname of the movie director and producer who filmed "The Quiet Man" as a tribute to his Irish heritage.
33. Popular children's song: "'I'm looking over a four-leafed _____."
38. Like King David, as a lad, St. Patrick tended a flock of _____.
39. St. Patrick established these edifices across Ireland, and this made him a saint.
40. You take "that" road, and someone will take the low road.
41. Given name of St. Patrick.

42. Irish eyes are said to do this quite a lot.
43. Those who fled from the Black Blight, the potato famine of 1847, were called _____.

- _____ Irish.
44. The wearing of the _____, which translates to being Irish.



Answers to Feb. 23 Perserverence Crossword



the bottom line

"Where are you going for Spring Break?"



"I am going to a hot rod and restoration trade show in Indianapolis for work."

Tyson Wiegel, Fort Morgan, Colo. Senior



"I am going to volunteer in Louisiana to help clean up after Katrina."

Kevin Sokol, Valentine Senior



"I am planning on going to South Beach in Miami with my roommate and some girls from Washington, D.C."

Katie Baker, Milford Freshman



"I am going skiing in Colorado. It's not easy skiing in Kearney. I've done it once."

Kody Salsman, Grant Senior

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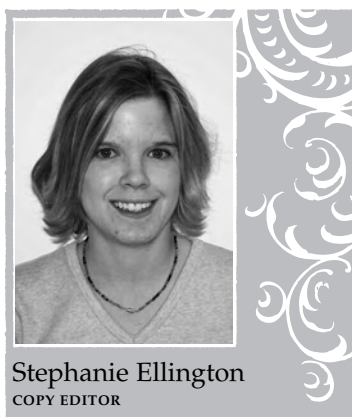
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Did music pull the trigger?



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Two boys, shot in a local high school, and the guilty party: Eminem and Marilyn Manson. Does this sound obscure? Are you asking yourself why not the person who pulled the trigger? This is my question.

Music is constantly blamed for violent acts. Yes, it is true that songs often discuss and reiterate the violence in society, but is it really the fault of song artists that kids go shoot up their schools?

In 1999, in a town known as Littleton, Colo., two teenage boys took it upon themselves to walk into their high school carrying sawed-off shotguns and took with them in their moment of violence 12 students and a high school teacher, along with killing themselves in the end.

Automatically the two boys' violence was associated with their involvement in a group known as "Goths" who wore trench coats and listened to songs by Marilyn Manson and The Insane Clown Posse. The boys must have committed the violent acts because the music made them do it, right? Forget the fact that they were outcasts at their school, had parents that rarely questioned why their sons were constructing bombs in their garage and carrying guns to school, and had extreme anger and rage issues. No, Manson's music made them kill.

This is ridiculous, and to me is society's way of not dealing with fact that maybe the kids were just out of control. This to society means that there is no answer to violence, which in reality there is no real cause. Some people just kill. Some people just act out in a violent

nature because of who they are not what they listen to. So why was Manson one of the main artists' targeted for the violence at Columbine? Because the kids dressed like him and looked like they idolized him, so he must have been their motivation. Was he there holding a gun with them? No! He was simply one of the many musical groups that Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris chose to listen to.

Where is the justification behind the targeting of music causing violence? I listen to Marilyn Manson and Eminem but never once thought about taking the songs to the point of harming another human being. Music is expressive and it is sometimes extreme, but it goes along with the saying that I remember being told as a little girl: "If your friends go and jump off the Brooklyn Bridge, does that mean you have to?" Just because a song expresses violence, does that mean that we need to take it seriously and act out in a violent nature?

Ask yourself this: what causes violence? There are many things that cause people to result to violence but it is skeptical to say that by a person simply listening to a song they will go out and act violently. If society wants to blame music, though a weak argument that carries no real weight, that is fine, but then shouldn't we blame the President of the United States? Isn't he promoting violence with the war we are fighting on terrorism? Couldn't he be seen as an idol to teenagers? Is he ever blamed for violence? No, because we don't question him, because let's face it, he is the president and we trust that he is doing all the right things.

When a school shooting happens we seldom blame the actual person who was holding the gun and fired the shots. No, we blame the contributing factors. Which means tomorrow if I were to go out and shoot someone for no good reason, people would not place total blame on me; it would be placed on whatever "set me off."

With Columbine the two teenagers killed themselves after killing 13 others, so we can't ask them their motivation. Let's just play the blame game. Maybe the teenagers also listened to Garth Brooks or Frank Sinatra, how do we know? Should they be blamed as well?

Blaming violence on music actually backfires on society. Not only do the artists reach the front page of The Rolling Stone, these music artists sell ten million more albums and make money off the conspiracy. This is funny, because here we are, trying to put a stop to violence in music by blaming music for violence, yet, we then turn around and purchase the same albums we are placing the blame on. Does this even make sense? This also awards these artists with fame. Do you actually think that if the music Marilyn Manson or Eminem promoted did not sell they would still be making the same? No, Manson might join a boy band and Eminem might turn to his country-side. It is all an act. Manson is playing the "Goth" role and Eminem is playing the role of bad boy and they are both making millions. People go and buy their albums and they make money. Why would they want to change their roles? We allow them to remain popular, so is it right for us to blame them for causing teenage violence?

I admit under the right circumstances music could

contribute to violent acts, but never does it act alone. A person, who listens to a song pulls out a gun and shoots someone, had the motivation before listening to the song. If we believe that a song causes a person to shoot someone, then Charles Manson should be a free man because The Beatles once told him he was God.

No matter what happens in the world of music, it will undoubtedly kill many people and be blamed for violence of any nature. Are we really that mindless and identity-stripped that we are going to turn to music for an answer? Music is great to listen to as a leisure activity, but rarely do I go into my room at night and say I need an answer and pop in Eminem. I am guessing that if a person is in that dire need for an answer, they already have issues and music is far from being the contributor.

If we want to blame someone for violence, take a mirror. Look, there is the reason we have violence. All of us are responsible, and that is the truth.

So, the next time you hear about a school shooting or some other form of violence, wait and hear which music artist is being blamed because no one is ever responsible for their own actions.

Two paths for Rural America

John Crabtree
Reader's Opinion

Congress must invest in rural America and focus the 2007 Farm Bill Rural Development Title on entrepreneurial development, rural asset building, agricultural entrepreneurship and beginning farmers and ranchers.

Economic development based on industrial recruitment simply does not work in rural communities. But rural entrepreneurship does work.

In the rural Great Plains, nearly 70 percent of job growth in the 1990s came from small businesses and micro enterprises.

Chronic economic decline and depopulation in rural places is not some natural phenomenon, guided by an invisible hand of economic fate. There is another path.

Giving rural communities the tools to create their own opportunities is the best way, perhaps the only way, to address deep-rooted poverty in many rural places and the growing economic disparity between cities and rural communities.

Robert Frost said, "Two paths diverged in a wood, and I, I took the road less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

Two paths are diverging in rural America. I suggest we heed Robert Frost and take the road less traveled.

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our reach [...] a video webcast is available to almost anyone in the world," Addy said.

People should be able to view the festival via webcast on any computer platform they use, providing they have a broadband Internet connection, he said.

Scott Morris, co-owner of Morris Press, remembers when he first became involved with the International Food Festival in 1996. "It was really small. They used to have it over at The Nebraskan," Morris said.

He then volunteered to sponsor the festival. "I give them \$5,000 to buy the food," he said.

"I care about the international students and what they've done for Kearney,"

Morris added. "This is a thank you for helping our community grow."

University Program and Facility Funds, or UPFF, also sponsors the event. However, ISA President Portela said Morris Press donated 90 percent of the money.

Morris also sponsors the organization and printing of an International Cookbook each year, containing recipes donated by various international students. The cookbooks are then available, free of charge, to anyone at the festival.

Last year, about 2,000 people attended the International Food Festival, and Morris said that the students usually cook for 3,000-3,500 people.

Burty Macwan, a junior from India and board member of ISA, is organizing the festival's showcase of foods. He has collected food entries from 16 different countries and expects more

by Sunday. There will be a mixture of hot and cold dishes.

"They can expect a lot of varieties in rice," Macwan said. "From Japan and China, you can expect

"It's kind of an opportunity for international students to present their cultures."

Alexandra Besen
ISA Board Member

seafood, Nepal and India - curry."

Over 400 students from 40 different countries will partake in the festival's

events. In addition to cultural food, students will perform dances, songs and martial arts traditional to their countries. Some of the highlighted countries will include Brazil, India, Japan and Nepal.

Imene Belhassen, of Tunisia, and Harry Ngondo, of Africa, in addition to Julia Stumkat, of Germany, and Happy Macwan, of India, will emcee the festival's events.

Alex Besen, of Germany and organizer of the festival's decorations and construction, said, "It's kind of an opportunity for international students to present their cultures. It's an opportunity to give the Americans a chance to learn about us."

Since we have so many international students here, I think the food festival helps make a better relationship between Americans and other cul-

tures, Portela said.

"They can learn about different cultures, and they can see almost all the world

in the gymnasium of UNK," said Belhassen, a Fulbright and English literature graduate.

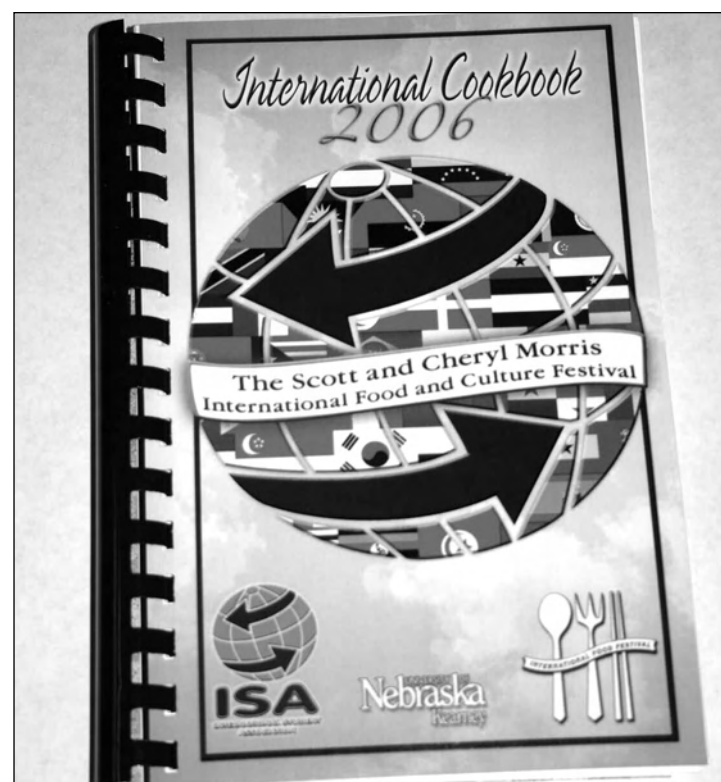


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International Food Festival 2006 Cookbook.

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due to racist operators.

According to the BBC Web site, "Charity groups with far-right links serving pork soup to homeless people face a crackdown by French officials. Protesters

have accused the groups of deliberate discrimination against Jews and Muslims, who do not eat the meat."

Not so funny cartoons.

The political cartoon controversy started in Denmark and has spread its way into the United States. In Denmark, on Sept. 30, 2005, the Danish newspaper "Jyllands-Posten" printed 12 political cartoons with an

editorial piece by culture editor Flemming Rose, to which many Danish Muslim organizations took offense.

According to the Muslim groups, the cartoons depict stereotyped images of Muhammad and others mock Islam or show Muslims in a negative light. In addition, the mere portrayal of the prophet Muhammad is blasphemy according to Islam. Those at "Jyllands-Posten" stand behind the cartoons as satirical humor or opinion and are thus protected by free speech.

Since then, newspapers

across the world, from over 50 countries including the United States, have printed the political cartoons, which have led to a number of protests from the Muslim community, some ending in violence and even death. The controversy has raised an international debate about the rights of freedom of press and has heightened sensitivity about Islam.

Nyla Khan, professor of English at UNK, explains why Islam takes offense to the depictions of Muhammad.

"Islam, like other religions of the book (the

Koran), is an iconoclastic and monolithic religion," Khan said. "In other words, any form of idol or relic worship is forbidden in Islam. The worship of relics and idols is taboo and Islam, so there is no visual representation of the prophet Mohammad."

Aviles added, "Imagine the publication of a series of racist images of Martin Luther King in a major newspaper in this country. Don't you think there would be major public protests and criticisms against that paper?"

Khan elaborated on her

opinion of the Danish cartoons controversy. "The Danish cartoons were in bad taste. The purpose of printing and reprinting those cartoons in various newspapers in a post 9/11 world seems to have been to incite anger and create antipathy," she stated. "The derogatory representation of the founder of Islam reinforced Orientalist stereotypes that enabled the uninformed categorizing of a culture, a religion, and a people."

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multimillion dollar building projects, but [the committee] can't find the funds for this."

Demoret said The Campus Kitchens Project has already offered to pay for half of the \$10,000 it takes to operate the program each year. He added that students from every UNK college, as well as several of the university's on-campus organizations, have expressed support for the program.

"We've done a lot of the work, but we need assistance," he said.

Dr. Randal Haack, the Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance, said one reason why the proposal was turned down was because of the way in which the university allocates funding.

"A Campus Kitchens-type project falls under what is referred to as Fund A," Haack said, referring to the University Program and Facilities Fees (UPFF) guidelines. "Fund A is used when students want to tax themselves, as was the case with the weight room fees, which students voted for in the past."

The UPFF guidelines state that student-initiated activities must be funded through Fund A and require that students vote on any fee increases. The other fund, Fund B, is used to finance the operation of the university itself.

Haack also said he regretted the fact that he could not help more with bringing Campus Kitchens to UNK.

"If I would have known more about it, I could have channeled people in the right directions," he said.

Demoret said that the group is looking into other ways to obtain funding for

the project.

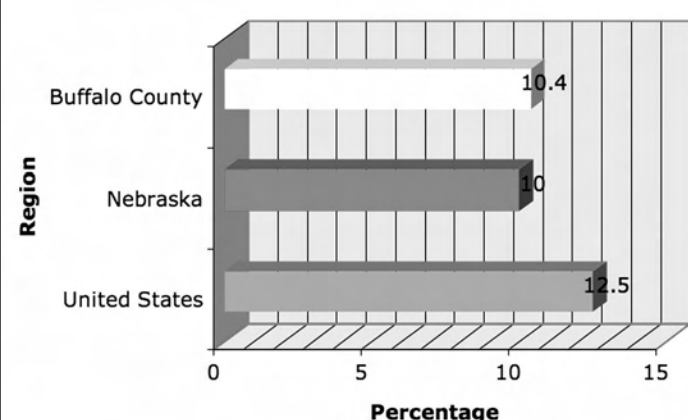
"There is a real need to address rural poverty issues in the area," he said. "Taking leftovers and utilizing them makes a lot of sense."

He added that they are thinking about forming a coalition with other student organizations in order to help fund community service initiatives.

"A lot of the organizations on campus aren't coordinated," Demoret said. "We could set up a fund, and the organizations with the best proposals, especially service organizations, would get access to the money."

"We might not make this just about Campus Kitchens."

Citizens Living Below the Poverty Line



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Virgins 'for the very first time'

Students abstain from sex and save themselves until marriage

John C. Ludwig
Staff Writer

According to a 2005 study on college sexuality conducted by the United States' Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of college students who are waiting to have sex until they're married is changing.

The study found that number has increased by 10 percent within the last decade.

Virginity is becoming a treasured commodity.

A 23-year-old UNK senior, who requested to go by the name Nigel Warwick, said that he's still a virgin.

He's waiting to have sex until he's married.

Warwick says that this isn't a decision that was forced upon on him in any way by his parents, but credits his choice to religion and upbringing, but he said the decision was up to him.

"There's a lot of scary crap out there that I don't want any part of, all of the STDs and stuff; I just don't want to be around it," he said.

Warwick said no matter how much faith sexual partners put into condoms or birth control, there's still a chance for pregnancy.

While many contraceptive techniques boast a 99 percent success rate, and the

likelihood of pregnancy increases with each successive sexual encounter.

A study was done at the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a nonprofit organization focused on sexual and reproductive health research.

The study found that 34 percent of women get pregnant at least once before the age of 20,

Warwick said.

There is a perceived societal pressure on students to have sex in college and many people simply associate college life with promiscuous activity.

However, the numbers, and the college virgins themselves, are speaking against that stereotype and embracing their virginity.

No longer looked at as an indicator of social backwardness,

is also a college student waiting to have sex until she is married.

"I think there has been a revival of sexual abstinence until marriage," Christie said. "It's something that people need to talk about."

While the possibility of pregnancy or contracting STDs plays a role in deciding to abstain from sex, Christie says that her decision has much deeper implications.

Christie said that if someone is considering making the decision to wait for marriage, the most important thing to do is to consider the choice beforehand.

"It is a big decision, but a lot of people say they'll think about it when it comes up, and most likely, when it does come up, you're going to be with someone," she said. "You're going to be in the heat of passion, and

"No pamphlet, no movie, no high school, college or church program is going to make that decision for you," he said. "Someone can try to get you into bed, but it's going to be you who makes the final decision. It's up to you."

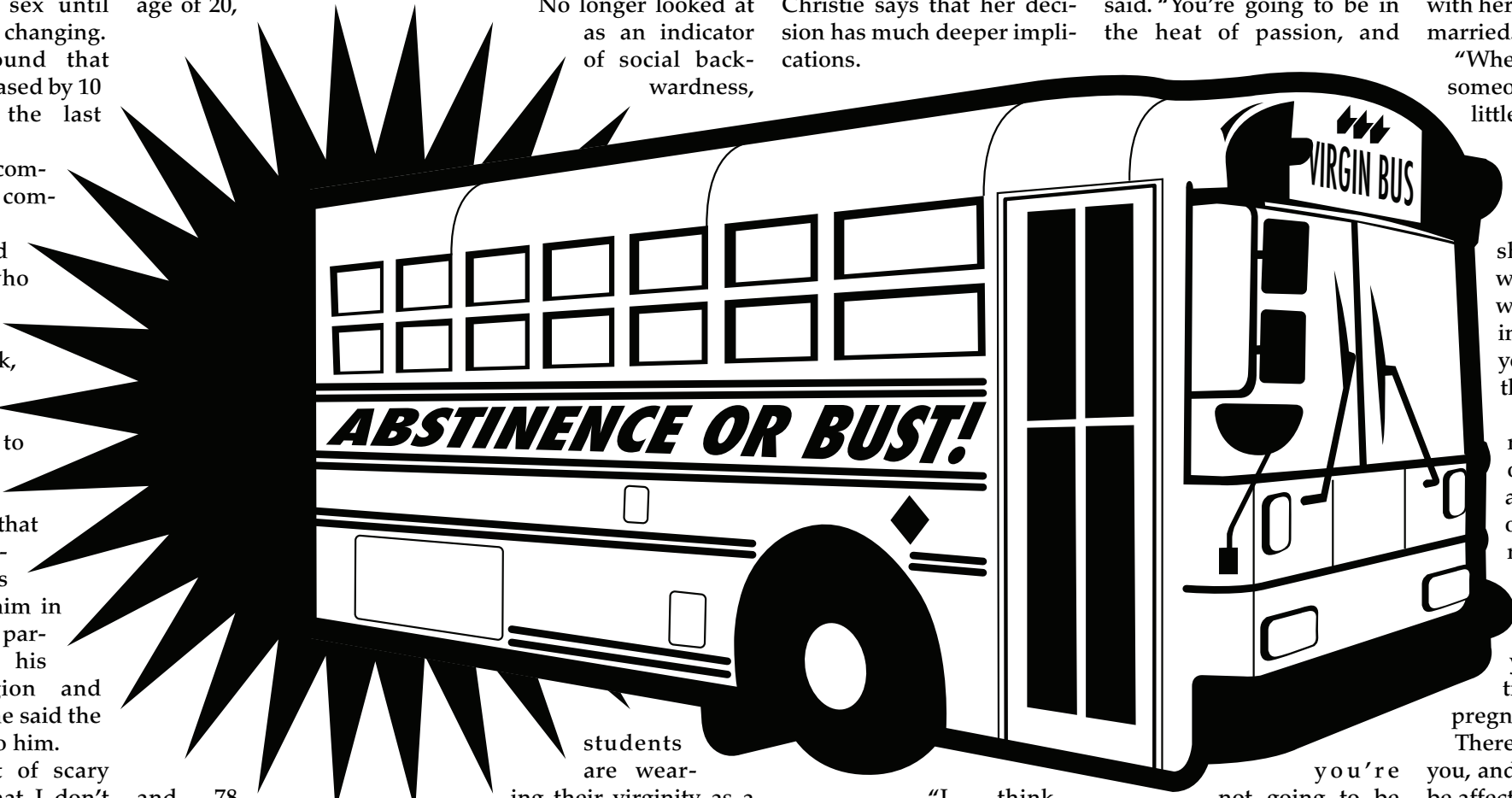
Christie, who became engaged last year, is still going to wait to have sex with her fiancé until they are married.

"When you have sex with someone you're giving a little bit of your heart away," she said. "Therefore, when you're sharing your virginity you're sharing your heart with your husband or wife, and I can't imagine anyone else you'd want to share that with."

And remember, no matter what the odds, the percentages, the packaging or your friends might tell you, "safe sex," using a condom or birth control, only lowers your chances of contracting an STD or pregnancy.

There's still a chance that you, and your partner could be affected for a long time to come by a sexual act.

As Bob Rubin, the 70th United States Secretary of the Treasury said during a sexual awareness convention, "Condoms aren't completely safe. A friend of mine was wearing one and got hit by a bus."



"I think sexual and intimate relations are very sacred and they should only be shared with one person [...] the person you're going to spend the rest of your life with," she said.

"Your virginity is one of the most intimate things that a human being can share with someone," she added.

you're not going to be able to think about your decision clearly until the next morning."

Warwick, who has also made the decision beforehand, agrees that it's something that each person must decide for themselves.

"At the end of the day it has to be a personal decision," he said. "No one can make that decision for you."

Professor, transsexuals diversify society



Photo by Kathlene M. Jordan
Drag queen show host Monica West, an Omaha native, poses at a drag show in Minneapolis' The Gay '90s.

Jennifer L. House
Staff Writer

"I've seen some pretty hot she-males," Jason House, of Kearney, said. "At the Gay Pride Festival in New York City, some of those guys had legs way better than a lot of women I know."

Now the terminology "she-males" may not be correct, and those words coming out of my husband's mouth are certainly not correct.

But he is correct that there are some pretty hot transsexuals out there.

Transsexuals are men or women who dress or live as the opposite sex.

Some of these people will have operations to completely transform their bodies into the opposite sex.

At UNO, a professor underwent male to female surgery last summer after living a life the way she did not want to live.

Dr. W. Meredith Bacon is a professor of political science at UNO.

Previously, she went by Wally at the school she has taught at for the past 29 years before making the decision to physically become Meredith.

Her wife of 37 years, Lynne, has decided to stay beside Meredith throughout the surgery.

According to Oasis Magazine, while Meredith is truly happy for the first time in her life, her wife is mourning the loss of Wally, while she donates Wally's designer suits and ties.

Another school, the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, boasts a member of its faculty that has had a sex change operation.

Lynn Conway had male to female surgery nearly 40 years ago.

Conway teaches engineering and computer science and has also done extensive research on transsexualism in academia.

According to the same magazine, Conway estimates that every college has a handful of men and women who are transsexuals, on their staff and as students.

"I don't know of any faculty members here at UNK," said Aaron Dickey, a sophomore English major and president of Open Door, "but it would definitely be interesting to find out."

Dickey has been the president of Open Door for two years.

He says the best thing the group can offer to transgender individuals is moral support and an environment to be comfortable and open with themselves.

"It's hard for people who have known someone who was always a man, to now know them as a woman."

Aaron Dickey
Open Door president

Dickey said he doesn't know of any students or faculty members who are currently in transition, but depending on the personality of the person who is going through the transitions, he or she may want it like that.

Some individuals can be radical, depending on their

personality.

Other people might be very open about the changes they are going through.

The hardest thing faced by men or women who are going to have an operation, to transition them to the opposite sex, is getting other people to accept that change.

"It's hard for people who have known someone who was always a man, to now know them as a woman," Dickey said.

Amber Hruby, a senior and the vice president of Open Door, feels that acceptance is an issue for transsexuals.

They have to deal with the fact that their peers have known them to be either a male or female their whole lives, she said.

"People want to put a label on [transsexuals]," Hruby said. "And when they can't label them, they want to act out; they have a need to put a label on them."

Hruby feels that individuals who are transsexuals are discriminated differently than gays and lesbians.

Not only are they transsexuals, but they are can be straight transsexuals or they can be gay transsexuals, she said.

Many transsexuals have healthy relationships, similar to heterosexual couples.

Hruby states that transsexuals are just like everyone else and they have a right to be married just as much as a heterosexual person.

"Marriage is about love-not anything else," she said. "They just want what everyone else wants, to be accepted for who they are."

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'Be comfortable in your genes'

National Eating Disorder Awareness Week is recognized on campus



Photo by Chelsie L. Flanagan
The Richard H. Young Hospital defines eating disorders as extreme expressions of a range of weight and food issues experienced by both men and women.

Jael J. Johnson
Staff Writer

Some people look in the mirror and see someone other than themselves.

These 100-pound people think they look 250 pounds.

Others binge for lengthy time periods and regurgitate their food afterward.

These types of behaviors are characteristic of those suffering from anorexia or bulimia, two types of eating disorders.

The second National

Eating Disorder Awareness Week, or NEDA, is being celebrated on the UNK campus from Feb. 26-March 4.

The theme for this year's NEDA Week was "Be Comfortable in Your Genes."

"People do not realize how big of an issue an eating disorder is," said Lyndsey Clewell, a junior elementary education major from Lincoln.

Clewell, the current Randall Hall Council president, was the one who first brought this idea of having NEDA Week activities to

UNK last year.

She presented the idea to the Randall Hall Council while serving as the community service coordinator.

Clewell said she wanted to create a community service project that was not asking from the community, yet still giving to the community.

She realized that having a NEDA Week would be a chance for UNK to share its knowledge about eating disorders with people.

The week was filled with an informational booth that had a different daily theme, confidential screening provided by Counseling Care, a guest speaker who spoke about her recovery from an eating disorder, a clothing drive for clothes to go to the Safe Center and a free drawing for a pair of jeans from Vanity, Clewell said.

The Randall Hall Council and Counseling Care have planned many of the events for this year's NEDA Week.

Chartwells also joined in their help for NEDA Week.

Every day of the week, they had a focus item, because when it comes to food, everything is good in moderation.

Clewell said the clothing drive is new this year, as well, and was created so that

UNK students could get rid of their clothes that didn't fit anymore.

Whether the clothes are too big or too small, they are asked to take them to the Randall Hall front desk. The idea behind it was more than the numbers, but to stop those that are wishing for a different size.

Plaid ribbons are a symbol that can be seen across campus during NEDA Week.

Clewell said that the different colors and stripes are a symbol of the differences in everyone and represent diversity within one.

"Eating disorders on the UNK campus are under-diagnosed and under-recognized," said Carrie Spresser, a senior double majoring in organizational communications and psychology, from Atwood, Kan.

Spresser's involvement with eating disorders includes friends, studying it in psychology class and working with Peer Health Educators.

Spresser said the perception on any campus is really wrong, because it defines one with an eating disorder as weak, including many other negative connotations.

The reason that people think this way is more than

likely because they do not understand the cause of an eating disorder.

"It is just frustrating," Clewell said. "An eating disorder is not what defines

"Eating disorders on the UNK campus are under-diagnosed and under-recognized."

Carrie Spresser
Senior
Atwood, Kan.

you; it is not your identity."

Spresser said that wrong perceptions cause people to think that people who actually have an eating disorder are the least likely to have one.

Once they learn this, it may come as a complete shock. This is why an importance needs to be placed on changing the perception of eating disorders away from the negative.

The Richard H. Young Hospital defines eating dis-

orders as extreme expressions of a range of weight and food issues experienced by both men and women.

These are serious emotional problems that can have life-threatening consequences.

Tina Chasek, a personal counselor at Counseling Care said there has been no real gauging of eating disorders on the UNK campus yet.

Chasek said she hoped that the free, confidential screening in the Student Union would change awareness the Counseling Care had.

Clewell said students should know that if they have any questions or concerns, there is a place to go—Counseling Care.

"Even if they cannot help, they will help you get hooked up with others that can," she said. "It is a great starting place."

Chasek said there is a support group for eating disorders called Healthy Choices, and if there is any interest, students should contact Facilitator Patricia Durner in the Memorial Student Affairs Building, room 144, or by phone at (308) 865-8248.

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Bye Torino, hello Vancouver

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The closing ceremony of the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy, Sunday night marked the ending of an event that will shine again in Vancouver, Canada, in 2010.

People all over the world watched these 40th Olympic games to cheer for national heroes, skilled athletes, friends and family members. Some UNK students joined in on the watching to cheer on those skilled competitors who were representing the great red, white and blue.

Some students were impressed with the Olympics, while others weren't so enamored.

Josh Hanshaw, a sophomore communications major from Beatrice said, "I thought the U.S. performed very well. It's too bad we came in a



Josh Hanshaw

close second to Germany. But regardless of the medal count, if an athlete makes it to the Olympics, it obviously means they are good."

Amber German, a sophomore from Bellevue majoring in communications, likes the Olympics, Spencer majoring



Amber German

but didn't like watching them on TV because of the time delay of watching the events.

"I felt the Olympics were boring, and it was hard to watch them because by the time they were on television, the results were already on the Internet," German said. "I didn't watch very much of the Olympics, but I did keep up on the Internet for the most part."

Others logged many hours on couches sitting in front of the TV cheering on their favorite athletes in their favorite sports.

Melissa Shelden, a junior from Spencer majoring



Melissa Shelden

in health science, said, "I thought the Olympics were great. I really enjoyed watching the snowboarding slalom and half pipe. I also liked the free-style skiing. I thought it was really cool that the U.S. won a medal in

ice dancing. It was too bad that Sasha Cohen did not win the gold in figure skating."



Ashley Washburn

Ashley Washburn, a sophomore from Littleton, Colo., majoring

in health science, said, "I enjoyed watching the Winter Olympics because most of the events are really exciting things that most people can't do. Figure skating, free-style skiing and ski jumping are my favorite events because they are so risky. It takes

guts to do those things and the Olympic athlete's are not only talented, but brave."

Some people have favorite events, while others spend their time focused on one event. Many UNK students have found themselves

being taken in by curling.

Bryan Slocum, a freshman from Franklin, said, "The sport that I enjoyed watching most during the Olympics was curling. I just don't see how they can throw that rock to get it in that little circle. I also liked to watch almost all of the snowboarding events, and it's too bad that one girl had to wreck

because she tried doing a trick when she was in the

lead and she ended up getting second. I also really liked to watch speed skating because it's amazing to see how fast they

guys can go while basically going in a circle."

Josh Callahan, a junior from Overton, agreed.

"I think that they need to put a greater emphasis on advertising so that people know exactly when they are on. I just wish

the [men's] U.S. Hockey Team was better. They are not very good."

Callahan, an education major, said. "The highlight for me was when the men's curling team won the bronze medal because it is their first-ever medal. And I liked curling a lot also. It is probably the greatest event ever in the Winter Olympics."

The athletes will be showcased again in the next Olympics, the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

Team USA Medal Winners

Alpine Skiing

• Combined: Ted Ligety - Gold

• Giant Slalom: Julia Mancuso - Gold

Bobsled

• Shauna Rohbock and Valerie Fleming - Silver

Curling

• Pete Fenson, Shawn Roieski, Joe Polo, John Shuster and Scott Baird - Bronze

Freestyle Skiing

• Toby Dawson - Bronze

Figure Skating

• Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto - Silver

• Sasha Cohen - Silver

Ice Hockey

• Courtney Kennedy, Angela Ruggiero, Lyndsay Wall, Helen Resor, Krissy Wendell, Caitlin Cahow, Molly Engstrom, Kim Insalaco, Jamie Hagerman, Jenny Potter, Julie Chu, Kelly Stephens, Kathleen Kauth, Kristin King, Katie King, Natalie Darwitz, Tricia Dunn-Luoma, Sarah Parsons, Chanda Gunn and Pam Drever - Bronze

Snowboarding

• Shaun White - Gold

• Danny Kass - Silver
• Seth Wescott - Gold
• Hannah Teter - Gold
• Gretchen Bleiler - Silver

• Lindsey Jacobellis - Silver
• Rosey Fletcher - Bronze

Speed Skating

• 500m: Joey Cheek - Gold

• 1000m: Shani Davis - Gold

• 1000m: Joey Cheek - Silver

• 1500m: Shani Davis - Silver

• 1500m: Chad Hedrick - Bronze

• 5000m: Chad Hedrick - Gold

• 10,000m: Chad Hedrick - Silver

Short Track




• 500m: Apolo Anton Ohno - Gold

• 1000m: Apolo Anton Ohno - Bronze

• Alex Izykowski, J.P. Kepka, Apolo Anton Ohno and Rusty Smith - Bronze

Information Source: www.nbcolympics.com

Final Medal Count by Country

Medals	G	S	B	Total
	11	12	6	29
	9	9	7	25
	7	10	7	24

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Tigers crushed; Lopers advance

Joy N. Iromuanya
Staff Writer

It's tournament time!

The UNK men's basketball team will play Adams State Wednesday in the RMAC Shootout at the Health and Sports Center.

"We're excited to be hosting first round games in the RMAC shootout. We hope that we can take advantage of the familiar surroundings and home court, play well and advance to the semi-final round this weekend in Pueblo, Colo.," Athletic Director Jon McBride said.

"It's a really important game," Dusty Jura, a junior sports and business administration major from Columbus, said. "We need to win the first two games to make sure we make it to regionals - that's our goal every season."

The Lopers are coming off of a huge win.

Jura said, "It helped our confidence, it's always better to win against a number one team than to lose three games in a row."

The Fort Hays State University men's basketball team was on its way to making history on senior night, until the Lopers came to town.

UNK defeated Number one ranked Fort Hays State,

70-66, Sunday afternoon in front of a sold-out arena. It was the first sellout at 7,167 in the Gross Memorial Coliseum in school history.

With the win, UNK (20-7, 15-4 RMAC), ended FHSU's 18-game win streak and 31-game home winning streak dating back to the 2003-04 season.

It was the second longest streak in the nation behind Findlay (Ohio) who has won 37 consecutive. Previously, Hays hadn't loss at home since Feb. 3, 2004, when UNK defeated them, 83-72.

The Lopers also ended the Tigers' hopes of becoming the second men's team in RMAC history to go undefeated during regular season play. The Tigers were playing their last game as part of the RMAC, after this season they will join the MIAA.

UNK was led by James Lane with 22 points. He

made seven of 10 free throws, three three pointers and four assists.

The Lopers didn't see as much playing time from their starting three post players as they would have liked, each picked up three fouls early in the second half.

Chris Dean added 15 points and seven rebounds before being fouled out. Jura finished the night with 10 points, eight rebounds and three steals but was scoreless in the second half after taking only one shot. Chad Burger had 10 points and seven rebounds.

Wednesday night's game will be Lopers fans last chance to see both men and women in action at home this season. All tickets are general admission and are on sale in the athletic office.

Jura said, "You shouldn't do anything on Wednesday but come watch us play!"

"We hope that we can take advantage of the familiar surroundings and home court, play well and advance to the semi-final round this weekend..."

Jon McBride
Athletic Director

Lady Lopers lose

Modlin has one last home chance to become second-leading scorer

Joy N. Iromuanya
Staff Writer

Despite the UNK women's 60-52 loss at Fort Hays State Sunday afternoon, fans will still get the opportunity to see if senior Kalee Modlin will become the second-leading scorer in UNK history when the RMAC basketball shootout begins Wednesday at the Health and Sports Center.

Head Coach Carol Russell said, "We are very excited to host the first-round game. We weren't really sure if we would because of the three-way tie. Metro is probably disappointed that they have come here to play."

The Tigers' win couldn't have come at a better time. The Tigers (21-6, 15-4 RMAC) now tie UNK (20-7 overall, 15-4 RMAC) and Metro State (17-8, 14-4 RMAC) for second in the East division.

"I don't know if Kalee [Modlin] knows how many points she needs to become the second-leading scorer

in UNK history," Russell said. "I don't want to say she doesn't care, but she is a humble basketball player. She has won many individual awards in the past, but she would give all that up. Wednesday night she'll be focused on winning the game, that's the kind of kid she is."

Modlin is currently at 1,676 points, behind Allison Kruger and Jessica Kedrowski, who each scored 1,682 points during their time at UNK.

Misty Dvorak, a senior social work major from Grand Island, said, "I don't think fans are aware of that fact. I just found that out today when I read something. She is right behind Allison Kruger and some other girl."

Russell said, "I don't know how much playing time we are going to get out of Amy [Mathis]. She hit some really big shots against Fort Hays State but she is feeling a little sore today. We are not expecting too much from her. We talked about it today, we

will go with the lineup we have been playing with and anything we can get from her will be a bonus."

Dvorak said, "I think it was good that she came back. It took her a while to warm up, but when she did it was huge. She adds a lot of muscle and aggressiveness to the inside."

Mathis who finished with 11 points and six rebounds has sat out for more than a month with an ankle injury. She hit three three-pointers in the second half.

This game marks Fort Hays' last regular season as an RMAC member as they will enter the MIAA.

Dvorak said, "It's too bad that Fort Hays thinks they need to change conferences. I've heard that they want to change conferences for better competition, but I also heard they wanted to stay in Kansas more. It's gonna be a bummer to play them only once a season because it's one of the biggest games of the season."

Wrestling attracts more than 70

Denton P. Cushing,
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Sixty men and 12 women signed up for the individual event of the UNK intramural wrestling competition on Feb. 22. The tag-team event had 12 men's teams and two women's teams.

"I think the intramural wrestling tournament was really well put together. It went very smooth and quick. I think Joe Ellenberger deserves a big hand for all the work that he and all the others put into making the tournament a success," Anastashia Malcolm, a sophomore psychology major, said.

The men's division had eight weight classes. Winners were Eric Willman

at 115-13 pounds, Cory Eastin at 145-151 pounds, Trevor Spiegel at 152-155 pounds, Rick Duvall at 156-166 pounds, Isaiah Skrdla at 168-178 pounds, Austin Vermeline at 178-188 pounds, Tim Moser at 188-224 pounds and Joshua Atanasu at 241-270 pounds. Each winner received the UNK intramural champion T-shirt.

"The meet went well for

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Anastashia Malcolm
Pine Bluffs sophomore

me personally. There are some things that I would like to improve, but for the most part, I was satisfied with how the tournament went. And overall, I think everyone would say that it went very smoothly," Malcolm, of Pine Bluffs, Wyo., said.

In the women's division, there were three weight classes.

Winning in these classes were Nikki Ray, Sheena Kuk and Malcolm.

Malcolm won the 169+ weight class

"The most exciting thing



Photo by Broc Schleicher

Cory Eastin, a teaching education major from Firth, beat Robert Green, a biology major from Creighton, in the 145-151 pound division in the intramural wrestling tournament.

about the tournament was getting back on the mat competitively and seeing all the other wrestlers who showed up to compete," she said. "Another exciting thing was the amount of women who came out and wrestled. I was shocked that there were that many female weight classes and enough wrestlers to fill out a bracket, too.

"I plan on returning to compete next year - wouldn't miss it for the world," Malcolm said. "[I need to] make sure I keep exercising and work on my moves and skills. That is probably the

most important thing I want to do."

Tag-team winners in the men's bracket were the teams of Matthew McManigal and Robert Green, Isaiah Skrdla and Roy Emory and lastly Nathan Reicks and Chieck Fall. For the women, it was Sheena Kuk and Emily Osborne taking home the champion T-shirts.

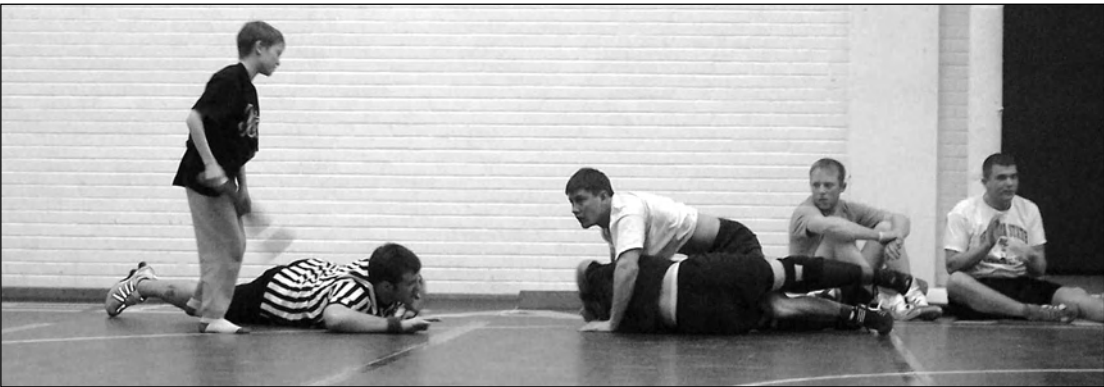
Later this week and on into next week, the five-on-five basketball and water polo tournaments will be taking place as the regular season comes to an end. Also, entry forms for soft-

ball, soccer and hockey are due before spring break.

Malcolm said, "The intramural program here at UNK offers great opportunities for college students who want to stay competitively active in sports and other activities without having to compete at a collegiate level, which makes the program so successful. As students, we have the opportunity to choose many different activities and it keeps the school year interesting. I think the intramural program does a great job."

Photo by Broc Schleicher

Cory Eastin beat Robert Green and eventually won his weight class at the UNK intramural wrestling tournament on Feb. 22. Sixty men and 12 women entered individually.



Loper baseball winning streak ends Mesa State Mavericks stomp Lopers

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The impressive Loper baseball winning streak was put to an end by their first loss of the season to the Mesa State Mavericks, 14-8, Sunday afternoon.

Mesa State was the pre-season pick to win the RMAC, but the Mavericks are struggling with an 8-6 record.

"Overall we are very happy at how the weekend went, but we're still very

disappointed in losing that game to Mesa State," said Ryan Bucher, a junior outfielder from Littleton, Colo.

UNK played in four games this past weekend, going 3-1 in the RMAC Preseason Tournament in Denver.

The Lopers had a very impressive win, 14-4, over Colorado Christian on Saturday, as a couple Loper bats have stayed hot throughout the season.

Senior catcher Rich Eber from Tampa, Fla., went three for five, with six runs batted in to pace the Lopers. Eber and Cody Lusero, a junior

infielder from Omaha who went 4 for 5 and scored four runs while batting in one run, did most of the damage for the Lopers.

They received help from Bucher who went three for four, with three runs scored and two runs batted in. Braden Schaal, a junior pitcher from Burlington, Colo., pitched six solid innings to get the win.

Sunday, however, was a different story for the boys from Kearney. The Lopers struggled as they lost, 14-8, the game that would have tied them with the 1969 team for the longest win-

ning streak to start a season.

Mesa State jumped out to an early lead with a big seven-run second inning. All seven runs came with two outs.

The Lopers did not struggle offensively, however, scratching out 16 hits, but managed to leave 12 men on base. Lusero continued his hot hitting as he led off the game with a homer to left field.

Grif Watson, a sophomore catcher from Omaha, also swung a hot bat going three for four, scoring one run in the loss. Bucher had another solid day at the

plate going three for five, with two runs batted in.

Out of the bullpen, UNK got 3.66 scoreless innings out of lefty relievers Cody Hovdestad, a junior pitcher from Swift Current, Sask., Canada, and Paul Schleifer, a senior pitcher from Grossmont, Calif.

"I'm glad we could face some adversity before going into our games with Nebraska-Omaha and then in Grand Junction versus Mesa State for our first league games of the year," Bucher said.

The Lopers will take on the UNO Mavericks this

Saturday at noon, and the Nebraska-Wesleyan Prairie Wolves on Sunday at noon.

"We're really looking forward to this weekend getting ready to play Nebraska-Omaha, they're a really solid team every year, just like Mesa State, and it'll be nice getting to see how we match up to them," Bucher said.

"We've started off our season better than the Lopers have in a long time, so hopefully people on campus begin to remember that UNK really does have a baseball team."

Lady Lopers start season at perfect 4-0

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The UNK softball team started their season last weekend by winning both of their double-headers against Fort Lewis.

"Personally, I think our first weekend went great! We had wonderful intensity for most of the weekend, and our team chemistry this year is amazing," pitcher Breanna Bowers said. "I think our freshman and junior-college players add so much to the team this year. With our defense and our bats, I think we will be a tough team to beat."

On Friday, at Harvey Park, the first game was a 3-1 breeze as pitcher Kristin Muehling, a sophomore from Omaha, led the way in the circle.

Anne Manning, a senior from North Platte, hit a two-run homerun to seal the deal. The second game, however, wasn't as easy, as the Lopers only one by one, 1-0.

Bowers, a sophomore from Norfolk, started the game and later was relieved by Muehling who was credited with the save.

Manning said, "I think it's a really good thing for a team to start out at 4-0. We had really high expectations because we played in the fall and had a big win against UNO. You kind of see in the fall without much practice how you might do ... It's good to see how we do after all that

practice - how much we've improved."

On Saturday, UNK played two more games against Fort Lewis. Lopers stole a 6-5 win in the first game and a 3-1 win in the second game.

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Breanna Bowers
Pitcher

back. That's the biggest thing, holding the other team and hitting the ball when you can," Manning said.

Amanda Hitt, a senior

from Omaha, was the star of the day when she hit a homerun in the first game and hit home the winning run in the second game.

Ashley Madrid, a junior from Longmont, Colo., also hit a homerun in game one. Bowers and Muehling pitched the games.

Bowers said, "We worked really hard in the off-season conditioning with John Larson, and the last seven weeks of practice have also been intense. I don't want to make any predictions of the season, we are a good team and if we do the little things right, we will be a great team."

The team will host two more double-headers this Saturday and Sunday against the Colorado School of Mines at Harvey Park starting at noon on Saturday and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

Player Profile

Name: Brandi Greenwood
Year: Senior
Hometown: Logan, Iowa
Major: Park and recreation management
Team: Softball
Position: Third base
How many years have you played your sport? Fifteen years

How many years have you played for UNK? Three years

Do you have any predictions for the year? "To win and host conference."

Do you have any goals for this season? "As a team, we would like to host conference, and for myself, I want to help the team as much as I can towards that goal."

Favorite Quote: "We put the wham on it."

Favorite movie: "Top Gun"

Favorite snack: Chips and salsa

Favorite activity: Fishing

Why did you choose UNK? "I liked the school, and it was a chance to play softball."

What is your favorite thing at UNK? "I like the atmosphere, and everyone always gets along."



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Indoor ends with RMAC No. 2

Shannon J. Matthews
Staff Writer

A second-place finish in the RMAC championships left the men's and women's track and field athletes with a high end to their season last weekend at Chadron State. Adams State finished first.

"We didn't win [conference], which was what we wanted, but our athletes gave it their all and we were very pleased," Luke Mosey, the assistant head coach, said. "As a coach, the meet was great to watch. We had some injuries, but we also had some personal records and individual awards."

Kelli Dring was named Female Freshman of the Meet.

"Kelli is a jumper, she hadn't sprinted once all year, and we asked her to

run the 55-meter dash. She accepted and wanted to do anything to help the team score points,"

Mosey said. "We thought we should rest her since we know she will be competing in nationals, but Kelli wanted to run for the team. Her award was 100 percent deserved."

The UNK track and field athletes have always had exciting track meets.

"The whole track meet was loud because of our team. All of our athletes would cheer for one another, and coaches from other schools

would comment about the support we gave each other," Mosey said.

The athletes who will compete at nationals will have about a week and a half to practice.

"We will just be doing some fine tuning and technique work before nationals," Mosey said.

Lance Pfeiffer, a senior business major from Eustis, set an RMAC meet and facility record. The mark was the

second best throw in Division II for this year.

"At this point, I don't want to change anything. I am ranked second in the nation. Nationals should be great," Pfeiffer said.

Pfeiffer explained the qualifying process for nationals.

Track and field athletes have two different ways to qualify for nationals. One way is by obtaining a certain mark to get on this list. The object is to be in the top 12 of this national list. The second way is to earn a mark which is a set standard for qualifying for nationals, which will automatically get you there, he said.

Throwing a 60-0.75 was past the automatic set standard mark, which will send Pfeiffer to nationals.

The Division II national championships will be March 10 and 11 in Boston.

Track sending eight to Boston

The Nebraska-Kearney track and field team has qualified eight athletes - six women and two men - for the 2006 NCAA Division II Indoor Championships.

The event will be March 10 and 11 in Boston at the Reggie Lewis Center with Stonehill College serving as the host school.

A total of 400 athletes qualified for this year's championships.

Seniors making the cut this season are shot putter Shauna Birchard, from Central City; high jumper Lesley Crutcher, from Elkhorn; 60-meter runner Randi Furman-Kuhn, from Marshland; and shot putter and weight thrower Amber Tiedeman, from Red Cloud.

Shot putter Lance Pfeiffer, of Eustis, and triple and long jumper Sara Wagner, of Culbertson, represent the junior class with true freshman long jumper Kelli Dring, of Kearney, and shot putter Dane Tobey, of Waco, rounding out the Loper contingent this year.

At the 2005 NCAA indoor meet, Birchard was national runner up in the shot, with Tiedeman placing fifth. Also earning All-American honors were Crutcher, at eighth, and Wagner in the triple jump, at fifth.

Crutcher was injured at the RMAC Championships this past weekend and didn't compete in either the long or high jump. However, she'll be healthy enough to compete in

Boston.

On the men's side, Pfeiffer is looking to pick up his second indoor All-American honors as he placed seventh in the shot in 2003.

Unfortunately, not all the Lopers on the provisional national list made the cut. Those just missing the mark include Omaha senior Al Stahlnecker in the 60-meter hurdles, Phillipsburg, Kan., senior Kellen Jacobs in the weight throw, and Fairbury freshman Dakota Cochrane in the pole vault.

Below is where the Loper eight currently rank nationally. A top eight finish at the meet is good for All-American honors.

Men (Class, Event, National Rank, Mark)

Lance Pfeiffer: junior, Shot Put, second, 60-0.75

Dane Tobey: freshmen, Shot Put, fifth, 56-6.75

Women (Class, Event, National Rank, Mark)

Shauna Birchard: senior, Shot Put, fifth, 47-5.75

Lesley Crutcher: senior, High Jump, 14th, 5-6.25

Randi Furman-Kuhn: senior, 60 Meters, fifth, 7.56

Amber Tiedeman: senior, Shot Put, 10th, 46-9

Tiedeman: Weight Throw, 10th, 55-8.50

Sara Wagner: junior, Long Jump, ninth, 18-10

Wagner: Triple Jump, ninth, 39-4.25

Kelli Dring: freshmen, Long Jump, third, 19-8.25

Men win, women lose
Loper tennis battled hardShannon J. Matthews
Staff Writer

The UNK tennis teams hosted an intense meet last Friday. Both teams played against the University of Sioux Falls.

The men won all of their matches, while the women lost by one.

McKenna Irwin, a sophomore business marketing major from Omaha, said, "We were tied at 4-4, so it came down to the last match. It is not just that person or match that loses, we lose as a team. It is always hard if we are tied and it comes down to that last match."

Lina Parrado, a sophomore French and Spanish major from Colombia, said, "It was just the second meet of the season, it was a great experience to play a tougher team than last weekend [Hastings]. We gained experience for the rest of the season by playing a closer match. It was also great to have all of the players at this meet."

Last meet the women were short two players, and they started with a score of 0-2 because they had to forfeit the two matches the missing players would have played.

Irwin said, "They [the University of Sioux Falls] usually place first or second

in their conference. We knew it would be a tougher meet, but we didn't know exactly what level they play at.

"I try not to get too mental about the meet because you can get psyched out easily. I just play like any other match even when I know the meet could be tough," she said.

The tennis teams are used to practicing hard for every meet.

"We were required to be at the match two hours before it started, which meant getting to the courts at 7 a.m. Then we had a normal practice before the meet with a 15-minute break to eat and change,"

Irwin said.

Parrado said, "We really didn't do anything too different to prepare for this school. We want to play hard against any school, so we prepare hard every practice."

"It is great to play these teams because you become more aware, and you become better strategy wise. I am excited for next weekend. I love playing at home," she said.

The UNK men and women's tennis teams play at home Saturday against Nebraska Wesleyan. The men play at 9 a.m. and the women play at noon. On Sunday, the women play UNO at 11 a.m.

Bico's to host state Texas Hold 'Em qualifiers

The Nebraska Sports Council has announced that Tep's in Lexington and Bico's in Kearney will host two of 40 qualifiers statewide for its Texas Hold 'Em State Championship Fundraiser on Wednesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. and Tuesday, April 4 at 6 p.m., respectively.

To participate in the tournament, players must make a \$20 donation to the Nebraska Sports Council. Each player receives a souvenir shirt, a sponsor gift and the chance to qualify for the televised state finals on April 29 in Lincoln.

Players can reserve a seat by registering online at

NebraskaSportsCouncil.com. Space permitting, entries will also be accepted on-site at the qualifiers. The top 10 percent of all players at each qualifier tournament will advance to the finals. Those with questions are encouraged to access the frequently-asked-questions section on the Web site or call 1-800-

304-2637.

Officials also stressed that the State Attorney General's Office and the Nebraska State Patrol have cleared the format of the

tournament, a non-gambling event. The chips have no value, and there are no cash or prizes of value at stake.

All proceeds from the

fundraiser, which is being underwritten by Brew City Appetizers and Double Eagle Beverage, will be used to help keep participant fees low for future events.

Tradition continues; Loper wrestlers get RMAC wins

Denton P. Cushing
Staff Writer

The UNK wrestlers sparked in the RMAC/West Division Championships last weekend. With their performance, the Lopers snag their fifth-straight RMAC/West Division title.

Loper wrestling tradition continued as five members took home a first-place finish and another three qualified for nationals. The five champions tie a school record.

Kasey Kohl finished fifth place at 165 pounds. Matt True, a junior from Mitchell, got a third-place finish at


149 pounds. Paul Sutton, a Wahoo freshman, fell to the No. 1 seed to earn second place at 174 pounds. Jeff Rutledge, a sophomore from Lincoln, also fell in the finals to earn a second-place finish at 141 pounds.

The five champions for the Lopers are Tanner Linsacum, a senior from Phoenix, at 184 pounds, Tervel Dlagnev, a sophomore from Arlington, Texas, at heavyweight, Trevor Charbonneau, a Green, Kan., junior, at 125 pounds, Jeff Sylvester, a senior from Lyman, at 197 pounds and Brett Allgood, a sophomore from Bennington, at 133 pounds.

Other notable accomplishments include Head Coach Marc Bauer's RMAC Coach of the Year for the fifth time, and Allgood won the meet's Most Outstanding Wrestler.

Also, Sylvester won his third RMAC/West Division title, which is a school record. He also moved to third place on the all-time win list at UNK. Finally, Linsacum moves his current win streak to 22 straight matches.

The Division II National Championships are March 10 and 11 in Findlay, Ohio.



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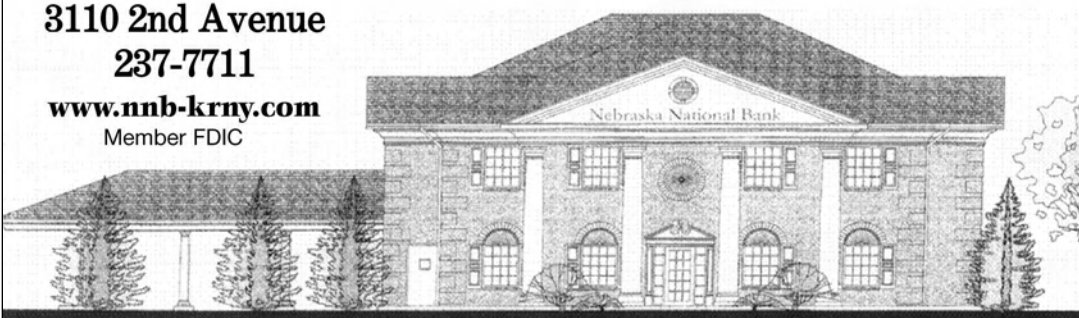
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Opportunities abound at Spring Career Fair

Businesses seek out students for potential employment

Jacqueline A. Stoltenberg
Staff writer

The recently held Spring Career and Graduate School Fair brought students, graduate school representatives and employers together with the intent to network for future careers.

Nancy Kneen, director of UNK's Career Services office, said there were about 47 companies and 12 graduate schools present at the fair. The fair attracted more than 300 students.

Matt Tonniges, construction management major, said, "There are a lot of good job opportunities out there."

Tonniges, sophomore of Ravenna, said he did not know what his dream job is, but said the career fair was a good way to see different companies. He talked with Centex Homes and Pulte Homes regarding the internships they offered.

The career fair was advertised by the career services through classes, postcards sent to all juniors and seniors and different organizations, Kneen said.

"I heard about [the Spring Career and Graduate School Fair] about a month ago and then they talked about [the fair] at the Construction Management Organization (CMO) meeting last Monday," Tonniges said. "I would definitely rec-

ommend going."

Lynn Coghill, human resources generalist for Werner Enterprises, said the main qualities Werner employers look for is neatness and accuracy on resumes, how students present themselves, how outgoing they are and how much they know about the job.

After the meeting at the fair, employers look at what is listed on the resume and decide to hire a person based on terms of openings they have, Coghill said.

"We do a

lot of the screening for the managers and knock it down to a couple to half a dozen to save time for the managers," she said.

In the past, usually about 35 to 40 percent of the students who attend the career fair are offered an interview the same day, Kneen added.

"Your odds of being successful in a career fair, particularly when the employ-

ers are taking the time to come out, they have a particular product, which was in this case UNK students that they are interested in," she said. "You are much more

"There is a definite need for people at our company, so you have to go to great extremes to try and get them. Coming out here is not that great of an extreme."

Nancy Kneen
Director of UNK's
Career Services

probably the two biggest things is exposure to the university, just getting the companies' names out," Coghill said. "There are all kinds of people and all kinds of talents, just being exposed to the talent here."

"There is a definite need for people at our company, so you have to go to great extremes to try and get them. Coming out here is

not that great of an extreme," she said.

An Educator's Employment Fair is scheduled for March 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the second floor of the student union. Students are encouraged to pre-register, because it helps draw school systems here if we have an idea of who will be at the fair, Kneen said.

Kneen added, "A lot of the companies... come to us because they have hired UNK students before, so they're happy with the quality of the students' work from the past and often times that is what brings them back to us."

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