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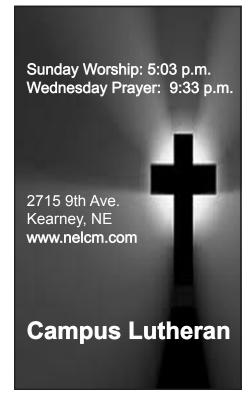
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Disaster in Japan

Massive earthquake off Northeastern coast triggers tsunami waves across Pacific Ocean

The day an 8.9-magnitude earthquake shook the foundations of Japan is the day disaster hit home for many students at UNK.

According to official reports, the earthquake, which occurred Friday, was the most powerful ever to hit Japan, and tsuna-

mi waves as tall as 33 feet struck the coastline just minutes later. Thousands are dead or injured, and thousands more are missing. The tsunami then went on

Read more about students affected by the disaster and what you can do to show support in the next issue.

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to damage Pacific coastlines around the world, including those in the U.S.

UNK currently has 115 registered students from Japan and an additional 16 Japanese students who returned to the country on a leave of absence. According to a campus-wide announcement from the office of international education, many of these students either have family or know of people who live in the hardest hit areas of the country.

Various campus organizations and offices are doing what they can to help support students who may be affected by the disaster. A TV dedicated to the situation, turned to a Japanese channel, is in the reception area of Welch Hall, which houses the International Student Services Office. E-mails have also been sent out to every Japanese student with contact information for Counseling and Health Care.

In addition, the Japanese Association of Kearney (JAK) is available for support and is fundraising for the Japanese Red Cross with donation boxes at Wal-Mart and at various locations on campus.



Google Image

Images from Japanese news television stations show the extent of the destruction from the earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan last week. Areas have been set up on campus where Japanese students can gather to watch continuous news reports, and there is a TV dedicated to the situation, turned to a Japanese channel, in the reception area of Welch Hall.

FIND SUPPORT

UNK Counseling and Health Care:

Room 144 of the Memorial Student Affairs Building; 865-8248. On-call counselors are available after hours by calling 224-4956.

International Student Services Office: Located in Welch Hall; intnlserv@unk.edu or 865-8953.

Japanese Association of Kearney (JAK): japan.kearney@aol.jp

The International Student Association is also in the process of setting up fundraising for Japan and support for JAK, and the Chinese Students and Scholars Association has already donated \$100 to the cause.

Read more in the next issue of The Antelope on March 30.

DONATE TODAY

The Japanese Association of Kearney (JAK) has set up donation boxes for the Japanese Red Cross at both entrances of Wal-Mart and in the Nebraskan Student Union. Donations will also be accepted at the fountain today and Thursday, and at West Center on Friday.

You can also donate to the Japanese Red Cross online at www.google.com/crisisresponse/japanquake2011.html.

Texting "REDCROSS" to 90999 will send \$10 to the American Red Cross from your wireless bill. However, donations to the American Red Cross may not reach Japan as quickly as those to the Japanese Red Cross.

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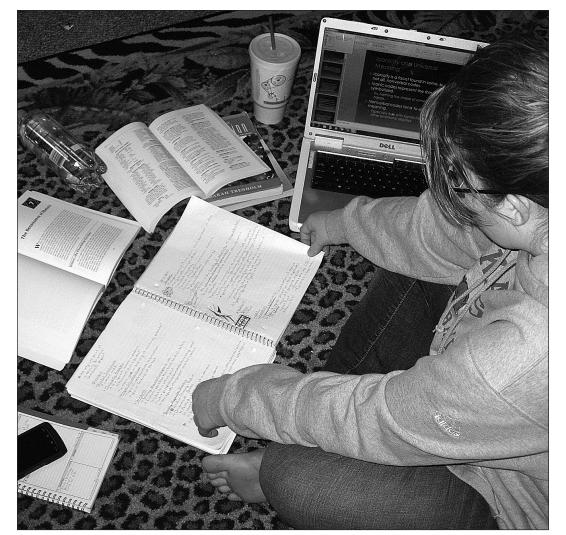
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SNOW DELAY

Photo by Greg Davidson Junior Jessica Fortune, a criminal justice major from Kearney, spreads her homework out across the floor of her room in order to try and finish up a class project. "I've had tough semesters before, but nothing like this," Fortune said. "My teachers have definitely kicked the homework up a notch." Fortune isn't the only student trying to find the time for schoolwork, students of all levels and maiors are starting to feel the effects of the snow days at the beginning of the semester. "It can all be a little overwhelming at times," she said. "We've been behind all semester so everything is due at once now."

Students must apply for Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society

Academic honorary deadline is March 31

All students who attained a 3.5 GPA or above in either of their first two semesters at UNK are invited to become members of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. Because the honorary is currently unable to obtain a list of students who qualify, the chapter invites all eligible students to self-identify and join the UNK chapter of one of the nation's oldest honor societies.

Phi Eta Sigma is a national honor society that was founded at the University of Illinois in 1923. At the present there are approximately 365 chapters throughout the United States and more than 975,000 members. The society's goal is to encourage and reward high scholastic achievement among freshmen in institutions of higher learning. Our current chapter membership numbers over 400 students. Phi Eta Sigma members participate in various activities, including social gatherings and community service projects. The national organization awards approximately \$285,000 in scholarships annually; we also offer several local chapter scholarships every year. Information about the national organization may be obtained from its web site: http:// www.phietasigma.org.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please pick up an Initiate Information form from Chapter advisor Dr. Robert Luscher or from the UNK English department office. Forms should be returned by March 31, either to Dr. Luscher in Thomas 110 or to his mailbox in the English department, Thomas 202. A copy of the student's first-year grades certifying eligibility should accompany the form, along with payment of \$40 lifetime dues. The initiation banquet is Saturday, April 10, in

the Ponderosa room. Family members may attend, but we should have RSVPs & payment for them by March 31.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Luscher at luscherr@ unk.edu or chapter president Matt Day at daymb@lopers.unk.edu. If you are eligible, we urge you to join and become an active member of the UNK chapter of Phi Eta Sigma.



WOMEN'S WALKATHON



Photo by Sabine Franke

Organizers of the Women's Walk, intercollegiate athletics associate director Jaime Lundgren (left) and intercollegiate athletics office services associate Michelle Smidt, present a plaque that shows the top sponsors of the Loper Women's Walks of the past three years. The most recent walk in September 2010 brought a net profit of \$25,031.49, money that is used to fund the different UNK sports teams.

Sudoku ★★★☆☆

How to play:

Sudoku is a placement puzzle. The aim of the puzzle is to enter a numeral from 1 through 9 in each cell of a grid. Each row, column and region must contain only one instance of each numeral. Completing the puzzle requires patience and logical ability. The puzzle initially became popular in Japan in 1986 and attained international popularity in 2005.

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Find answer on page 6

www.sudoku-puzzles.net

Gonzales and Mena-Worth on top

Student government elections prove that hard work pays off

BY ASHLEY LEEVER

Antelope staff

In less than two weeks, Jordan Gonzales and Paloma Mena-Werth became two of the most recognized faces on campus. On March 3, all their hard work finally paid off.

After months of planning and weeks of campaigning, Gonzales, a senior political science major from Morrill, and Mena-Werth, a junior music education major from Kearney, were elected as UNK's president and vice president of the student body government.

"OMG was the first thing that crossed my mind after we found out we won."

Jordan Gonzales UNK president of student government

Gonzales and Mena-Werth worked together on the student senate for the past three years, and they believed they had what it took to run the student body government as president and vice president.

"Our years working in the senate and with past presidents and vice presidents gave us a pretty good understanding of both the executive and legislative branch. We were able to adopt styles that we have seen work in the past," Gonzales said. "We felt that we could have that capacity to serve the students. If we can actually do something, let's go ahead and do it."

As Gonzales and Mena-Werth made the decision to run for office, it was not only their experience, but their working dynamic that they believed would make them successful.



Photo by Ashley Leever

Jordan Gonzales and Paloma Mena-Werth, UNK's new president and vice president of student government, intend to tackle such issues as dining services, student parking and making student government more interactive during their term.

"I think one of the main things we have going for us is that, first and foremost we are really good friends," Mena-Werth said. "We know each other's leadership and working styles, and we are comfortable with each

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HUNGRY FOR HELPING



Photo by Krystal Nunnenkamp

UNK students take time out of their day to deliver meals to people in the community. Students who participated in Campus Kitchen deliveries last week were (back row) Kyle Gibbens, Claire Tolstedt, Bailey Phloem, April Guthrie, Brianne McGee, Zach Shultz; (front row) Kelli Oelsligle, Hannah Harmon, Jennifer Mahoney, Pamela Thindura.

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Rogers looks to get back on track

One year after motorcycle accident, Rogers looks forward to a successful season

BY NATHAN KRUG

Antelope Sports Staff

Last spring was a life-changing semester for Nathan Rogers. After qualifying for nationals in the 400-meter hurdles at the beginning of the season at the Fort Hayes Quadrangular, Rogers, a junior aviation major from Boelus, decided to take the following weekend off and drive his motorcycle home to see his family.

After a nice weekend of relaxing, Rogers hopped back on his bike and began his trip back to campus, but he didn't quite make it into Kearney.

"The first thing I thought about was that I was done with track, possibly for good. My feet were so swollen it hurt to walk on them. I was just in shock," Rogers said.

A car trying to cross traffic on Highway 10, north of Menards, did not see Rogers and proceeded to pull out in front of him. Rogers locked up the breaks, but it was too late. Rogers hit the car and flew 35 feet from his bike, landing on the side of the road and rolling on the pavement before coming to a halt.

After refusing to be treated by the ambulance, Rogers contacted a few friends to rush him to the hospital. "I had no clue what was actually wrong with me because everything

was hurting. I thought that maybe the smaller bones in my feet were broken. I remember my feet hitting her car, and I thought my feet were done," he said.

After spending a few hours in the hospital, Rogers was diagnosed with a broken left thumb and had two pins inserted into his hand to help the healing process. Rogers was forced to sit out the remainder of the track season.

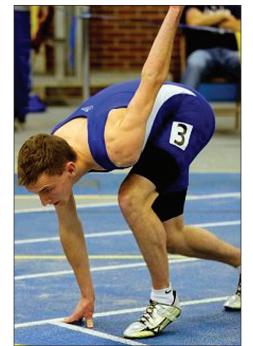
Before the accident Rogers was ranked 17th in the country for the 400 meter hurdles. The sudden change was hard to handle.

"Just thinking about it was hard to handle. I came here to run, so not running just wasn't an option in my mind," he said.

It wasn't any easy ride to recovery, but Rogers did what he had to do to get ready for this year. Although he redshirted indoor, Rogers said it felt great to be running again. Now with the outdoor season just around the corner, he has high expectations for himself.

"I really want to improve on my promising performance from last year and qualify for nationals. I'm really excited for the upcoming outdoor season," Rogers said.

Even after an accident like the one Rogers experienced, he still loves to be daring and enjoy life. When asked if he'll ever own a motorcycle again he said, "I've been looking for one since the day of my accident."





Courtesy photos

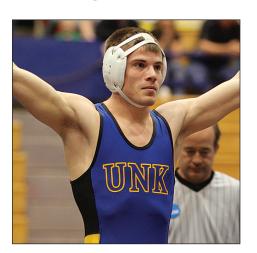
LEFT: Rogers anticipates the start to his race at an indoor track meet last winter hosted by UNK. Rogers redshirted the indoor season this year but is looking forward to a successful outdoor season. RIGHT: Rogers' motorcycle pieces were piled into a truck after the accident. In the 400 meter hurdles last year, Rogers was ranked 17th in Division II before he was forced to sit out due to injuries from the accident.

Keeping a tradition: Ten straight years UNK wrestling has finished in top 10

Loper wrestlers finish eighth at the 2011 NCAA National Championships, scoring 53.5 points







Photos by Andrew Tidwell

LEFT: T.J. Hepubrn, a junior transfer from Colby Kansas C.C., celebrates after his semi-final win, which went into five overtime periods. CENTER: Redshirt sophomore from Merino. Colo., Ross Brunkhardt, gets near-fall points in his match against Mitchell Schultz, of Upper Iowa University. Brunkhardt won the match 5-0. RIGHT: Junior and Iowa State transfer, Dalton Jensen, celebrates after winning his semi-finals match with a pin in 17 seconds. Jensen would later lose in the finals to Mario Morgan from UNO. The Lopers placed eighth overall, marking its 10th straight top-ten finish at the National Championships.



Photo by Justin Gilson

Lee Elliot, a graduate from the class of 1973 at UNK, spoke at the Nebraskan Student Union to a group of enthusiastic students and teachers on March 9 about developing your goals and setting up a life plan.

Your life, your choice

UNK alumnus has plan for success, happiness

BY JUSTIN GILSON Antelope Sports Staff

Imagine you are asked to write your own obituary, but you have to start with today going forward. What would you say? Would you write down the life that's perfect for you? Everything in life all comes down to choices.

"Whatever you believe is most important to you right now in your life is the key to finding the things you want to do," said Lee Elliott retired vice president of human relations at St. Francis Medical Center. On March 9, the Professional Development Committee of Staff Senate sponsored a workshop about life choices presented by Elliott in the Nebraskan Student Union for students and faculty.

Elliot says it's our choice, and we are responsible for making the correct choices in our lives. Each person has a good idea of the way life should be, yet few are able to find the path to achieving their desired lives.

The key reason that keeps people from achieving most of their ambitions comes down to two important words: goal setting. Elliot says people don't go toward their dreams because they lack concrete plans, clear goals and achievable steps.

Figuring out your goals and life plan while still in college may seem a bit tricky because you may not know where to even start, but the process is very simple. According to Elliott's lec"Whatever you believe is most important to you right now in your life is the key to finding things you want to do."

Lee Elliot Retired Vice President of Human Relations

ture, you must identify your values before you can get a perspective on the things you want. You must understand and define your values and priorities in life. Every person has a view of what's important, but those priorities come in different orders and different times during their lives.

With a clear understanding of your values, finding out what your goals are becomes a lot easier. Elliott believes the basic starting point for your plan should include family, recreation or hobbies, religion, work, education and satisfaction about life in general. "When you develop your plan and begin to do what you really want to do, your values become one in the same," Elliott said.

You should begin your plan and follow through with your choices and success will soon follow. Each day you need to do the important things that will make your success inevitable, Elliot said. The more you act, the more you create the habits you need to build a successful life.

UNK STUDENTS SHOW OFF THEIR TALENTS AT FAME





Photos by Sam Bates

TOP: A throwback to boy bands got the audience screaming and even had "groupies" storming the stage during the encore of Fordudes 'N A Chevy's performance of "I Want It That Way" by the Backstreet Boys. The boys took home first place and \$300 in the group category. Members consisted of Josh Brummer, Dustin McBride, Chevy Smith, Matt Jensen and Aaron McCoy.

BOTTOM: Jennifer McCune began her sign language arrangement of songs with the popular "Forget You" by Cee Lo. McCune was one of eleven contestants in the individual contest of the Fame Talent Show.

Health sciences expand

Students given opportunity to make connections

BY BECKY SEIDEL

Antelope staff

Each spring semester, faculty from the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry come to visit UNK and make themselves available to visit with students.

Dr. Curt Kuster, the current Director of Admissions at UNMC-COD, and Dr. Merlyn Vogt, the current Director of Alumni Affairs at UNMC-COD, met individually with health science students who are interested in dentistry or dental hygiene on March 9 in Bruner Hall.

Caitlin Jacquot, a junior pre-dental major from Valentine, is one of the many students on campus who hopes to continue her health studies past UNK. Jacquot plans on attending the College of Dentistry in Lincoln after graduating. With such a small acceptance rate, she is thankful that the faculty from the College of Dentistry took the time to come to Kearney and meet with students.

"Our students find this to be a great opportunity to make connections with the College of Dentistry. Throughout the academic year, there are other visits scheduled from UNMC professional schools and other regional professional programs as well," said Elizabeth Stout, assistant director of health science programs.

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"I think it's great that the faculty from the College of Dentistry comes down to UNK to give prospective students advice on admissions."



Caitlin Jacquot Junior pre-dental major from Valentine

"Our students find this to be a great opportunity to make connections with the College of Dentistry."

Elizabeth Stout Assistant director of health science programs

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JAZZIN' IT UP



Photo by Bo Nesslein

Troy Ehmke, a fifth year senior from Beatrice majoring in music education gives the occasional passerby in the Fine Arts Building a musical treat while he warms up on his saxophone just before his class. Ehmke will be performing Sunday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. during the Jazz/Rock Ensemble concert in the Fine Arts Building.

Sudoku answer:

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At the controls, senior
theatre and psychology major Tony Neisler
gets ready to cue up
his next set of sound
effects and music.
Neisler, from Lexington, Tenn., operated
the soundboard for,
"My sister in this
house," produced by
the theatre department

Gonzales and Mena-Werth from page 3 –

other. If we think the other person isn't doing something right, we will let them know."

After two weeks of tireless campaigning — which went as far as dancing around the UNK fountain to get students to vote — Gonzales and Mena-Werth said they felt a swell of emotions and were ready to get to work.

"OMG was the first thing that crossed my mind after we found out we won," Gonzales said with a chuckle. "I was very proud and excited, but after the first five minutes it really started to hit me. I felt really humbled that the students felt confident enough to elect us with such a wide margin."

With the reality of their roles beginning to set in, both Gonzales and Mena-Werth understood it was their job to serve the students. "It was a reminder that our boss is the students and that we promised them certain things. We have to do our best to give them that," Gonzales said.

The new leaders plan to sink their teeth into UNK's food services as the first item on the agenda. With Chartwells' contract coming to an end, the administration is currently in the phases of examining the proposals of four different food service

providers. "We want to get involved with this as soon as possible in order to give the student perspective as well as sit on the food services committee," Gonzales said.

Gonzales and Mena-Werth's main concerns in the new food services contract are flexibility in the exclusivity clause to allow campus organizations to bring food on campus, whether it is donated or made. They also hope to expand the transfer rate hours for students who may have odd schedules or are unable to eat at the commons during the day.

One of the most heated topics on campus that always seems to arise is parking. Although UNK does not have the funds to build a new parking lot or parking garage, Gonzales and Mena-Werth believe small adjustments will alleviate some of the stress caused by parking.

"We are looking at expanding lots that we have by reallocating spaces, finding ways of fitting more spaces in there, or switching from parallel parking to diagonal parking, We are going to do what we can with the lots we have," Mena-Werth said.

Gonzales and Mena-Werth also hope to continue the work they achieved on the student senate by working with the administration on a resolution they wrote to transform the lot where Stout Hall once stood into a sand volleyball pit or putt-putt golf course. "Small things like that, on one hand add beautification to the campus, but it's also a huge recruitment tool."

With the university's new budget cuts, one of the things Gonzales and Mena-Werth don't want to see cut is student jobs. This new space would add more jobs for students on campus. "Whether its work study or just a campus job, students really need that source of income to get through the weekends and other things. They could work out of the ticket office and hand out the materials needed for putt-putt," Gonzales said.

As the excitement of the recent campaigns begin to calm down, UNK's new administration hopes to keep students better informed and more involved with student government. Gonzales and Mena-Werth plan to use the resources they already have, such as the student bulletin and student newspaper, but their goal is to go above and beyond.

"We plan to expand the executive cabinet to have enough people to go out to the organizations to attend them in their own environment and be able to say 'What's going on and what can we do for you?" We want them to keep us updated," Mena-Werth said.

They also plan to expand the student body government's website to include the university calendar of events, dining services calendar, legislation proposed and upcoming speakers at student government meetings. "We hope students will actually consider coming to a senate meeting if they see something that they find interesting," Mena-Werth said.

As they begin to put their plans and aspirations into action, UNK's new leaders are excited for what their upcoming term has in store.

"I'm looking forward to being a lot more interactive with the students," Gonzales said. "We don't want the programs created to just be part of the Gonzales-Mena-Werth administration and then end. We want them to be reoccurring programs year after year. That's why we are going to be very tedious and get as many people involved as possible."

With their many plans and aspirations being set into motion for the better good of UNK, Gonzales said it best, "It's a great year to be a Loper."

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Oh, the places you'll go

Check out the top 5 spring break destinations

BY BETHANY SHINN

Antelope Staff

What should I pack? How much money do I need? Are classes over yet? I am so ready to get out of here!

Students everywhere are asking themselves these questions as spring break is just on the near horizon. It seems that students across the nation are planning trips to many different destinations. However, the most popular destinations may come as a surprise. Whether you are gracing the beaches of South Padre or skiing down the slopes of Breckenridge, Colo., it seems that most students are looking toward the same destinations.

- Cancun, Mexico Despite the growing negative reputation of the beautiful sandy beaches of Mexico, Cancun is still number one in our hearts. Whether you are visiting for the white, sandy beaches or the unlimited margaritas, you are sure to have a memorable break in the South!
- Panama City, Fla. Beyond Panama's 27 miles of winter-white sand, the main attraction bringing students by the thousands to this city is the nightlife. This

Gulf of Mexico location is very convenient, which helps draw the best crowd, both locally and nationally.

- Miami and South Beach, Fla. If you are looking for an unforgettable club and nightlife experience, Miami is where it is. Bordering the Atlantic and Biscayne Bay, you will never be short of a beautiful beach or sightseeing opportunity.
- Europe If destinations in North America aren't cutting it for you anymore, join the growing group of Americans traveling overseas for this upcoming break. Exchange rates are at a reasonable level, which draws students to destinations such as Amsterdam, London, Paris, Rome and Madrid. Spring break is an opportune time to travel to these places as the rush of summer tourists have not yet arrived.
- North American Ski Resorts Thinking about cooling down this spring break? Many students are taking their last chance to hit the slopes seriously and are making a week out of it at resorts located in ideal mountain cities in states such as Colorado, Wyoming and Utah. Hey, who wouldn't want to ski all day, then wine and dine all night?

What are your plans for spring break this year?



"For spring break I plan on just going home to relax and spend time with my family. My brother is in medical school so I never get to see him, so it will be good to spend time with him and my parents."

Amanda Fornoff Junior business administration major from Hayes Center



"Nothing exciting since I am one of the many poor college students. I will by enjoying my spring break making minimum wage."

Chris McEntee
Sophomore construction management major from Kearney

"I don't have any major plans, just going home. My brother and boyfriend have golf and track meets, so I am hoping the weather is nice."



Alli Kuhlman Travel and tourism major from Murdock



"I'm staying in Kearney. I'm going to a wedding that's here in town. It should be really fun."

Jon Mosbarger
Junior construction management major from Kearney

SPRING BREAK WARNING

Dean of Student Affairs Joseph Oravecz sent an e-mail to students informing them about the travel warning for Mexico. The e-mail stated:

If you are planning to travel, please be aware the U.S. State Department has issued a Travel Warning for Mexico. A Travel Warning is issued when long-term, protracted conditions that make a country dangerous or unstable lead the State Department to recommend that Americans avoid or consider the risk of travel to that country. ... Remember, whether you are crossing the border for the day or spending a few nights, you are in a foreign country and you are subject to Mexican laws.



