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University of Nebraska at Kearney

Run With It

‘Nose job’ kicks off the campus facelift

Board of Regents approves \$5.2 million renovation of residence halls

BY VICKI ALTHAGE
Antelope Staff

At their March 7 meeting, the Nebraska Board of Regents approved a \$5.2 million renewal project for the residence halls on the University of Nebraska at Kearney campus. The project is part of the estimated \$18.5 million seven year Capital renewal plan UNK has proposed to re-vamp living quarters to create a more appealing campus.

The \$5.2 million will go toward minor repairs in CTE, CTW, URN and URS. Mantor Hall will close for the 2008-2009 school year to undergo renovation of its restrooms, replacement of plumbing and installation of HVAC piping and sprinkler system. The funding for the project is coming from

the Revenue Bond Surplus Fund.

“The money has been accumulating for a number of years, and now we are putting it back into the university,” said Barbara Johnson, UNK Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance.

During their annual visit to university system schools, the Board of Regents visited UNK and toured Randall Hall. Johnson said the Regents were surprised to find that students were actually using the facilities they toured.

“The tour of Randall allowed the Board to get a visual of the problems we are facing,” Johnson said.

A major concern that has been voiced is the restrooms in older dorms. The renovations center on privacy in restrooms

by adding fixtures that would allow the university to do away with shower curtains. “By updating and renovating, we hope that it will make UNK more appealing for recruiting and maintaining students, because residence halls are where students spend a majority of their time,” Johnson said.

Students returning to the Towers for the 2008-2009 school year will see improvements as well. The university will be replacing furniture in CTE and CTW, along with making general repairs in restrooms, dorm rooms and commons areas.

“We want to address visual concerns. If the carpet in the lounges is soiled, it’ll be replaced,” Johnson said.

Johnson hopes that the money from the Revenue Bond

Surplus Fund can help bring older halls on campus into the modern century. The capital renewal plan also includes a systematic method of maintaining a proactive stance on repairs that will help ensure that residence halls will be improved regularly to avoid another large renovation.

“We need to use our funds wisely because we have a responsibility to our students and our bond holders,” Johnson said.

The \$5.2 million project for 2008-2009 is part of the \$18.5 million renewal project UNK hopes to have approved by the Board of Regents. UNK will need to present its proposal in September of 2009. If approved, further renovations will be made on a year-to-year basis. On the projected plan Mantor, Men’s, Randall, CTW and CTE will all have sprinkler systems installed, restrooms renovated, HVAC piping insulated and general repairs performed.

“Restrooms were the number one request on everyone’s wish list when we met to discuss the renovations,” Johnson said.

Luckily for students, the renovation work will have little to no effect on those living on campus. The majority of work will be done inside the build-

ings and the added capacity of Antelope Hall and Nester Hall will allow the university enough swing space to close the residence hall that is being remodeled for the year. Johnson said UNK’s goal at the end of the project in 2014, is to have 2,200 beds for residential purposes to accommodate students.

“There will be growing pains over the next few years, but the project will make the residence halls more comfortable for students,” Johnson said.

UNK is not the only institution in the university system to experience renovations. The University of Nebraska—Lincoln is also undergoing improvements to its 1960’s residence halls. Of the four campuses, Johnson said UNK is the most in need of renovation to living quarters. Johnson felt the improvements to the residence halls were the best way to uphold Dr. Peter Longo’s UNK mantra: “How does that benefit our students?”



Photos by Sarah Ahlers
LEFT: Fences and construction equipment—the new look UNK is going for. Fences have popped up everywhere from the Randall Hall parking lot to the very frustrating walkway between the library, as well as Bruner Hall, Thomas Hall and the residential halls.
ABOVE: Construction has finally begun on Bruner Hall, leaving the building looking like a ghost of its former self.
TOP: The Pedestrian Walk Way takes students the roundabout way. Now, students walking from Copeland Hall to the library have to walk all the way past Founders Hall before being able to make it to their final destination.

Secret talents, hidden abilities revealed

‘Fame’ talent show has students dancing, singing and showing off their unique talents

BY DANIEL APOLIUS
Antelope Staff

Do you have a special talent or hidden ability? Do you secretly practice the Michael Jackson “Thriller” dance when your roommate isn’t around?

If you answered yes to either question, LPAC’s talent show may be for you.

The talent show is April 3 in the Ponderosa room at the Nebraskan Student Union starting at 7 p.m. It is a great event

for students to showcase any hidden talents or to support their “Thriller” addicted roommate. There are two categories in the contest, solo and group acts.

Last year there were many interesting and unique entries.

Emma Fahrlander clogged in the solo competition. Clogging is a form of tap dancing with a thick-soled shoes.

Fahrlander has had lots of practice for this talent, “I have been clogging since I was nine. I danced at Rennae’s School of Dance in Elkhorn,” Fahrlander said.


She thought that last year’s show was very memorable, “I remember the hip hop group that won the group competition. They were so good. A lot of people sang, but one girl did a hand bell routine, and that was amazing,” Fahrlander said.

Amber Davis’ hand bell routine was received well by the crowd. She thought the best part of the competition was having everyone clap for you.

“It usually doesn’t even matter if you are good or bad, the crowd is just appreciative,” Davis said.

Winning this competition isn’t just for the glory and bragging rights. Cash prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in both categories. A \$400 prize will be awarded for first place in the solo category and \$500 for first place in the group category.

So, if you want to support your friends and enjoy the hidden talents of the people that you sit next to in class, be sure to show up in the Ponderosa room at 7 p.m. this Thursday.



• LPAC is sponsoring the event, funded by UPFF

• The talent show will be held at the Ponderosa Room in the Nebraska Student Union

• It is Thursday, April 3 at 7 p.m.

• Come support your friends and peers!



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NEXT WEEK



The Nebraskats host their 40th Anniversary Concert April 6 at 3 p.m. Watch for the story next week.

Coming soon to UNK:
Fite Nite
Thursday, April 3 @ 6 p.m.
Buffalo County Fairgrounds

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Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Memorial Field

Early Awareness Day brings 74 fourth-graders to campus for an inside look at college life

BY LISA BECKER
Antelope Staff

The 15th annual Early Awareness day was held Tuesday, March 25 at UNK. There were 74 fourth graders from Elm Creek, Pleasanton, Axtell and Amherst who came to campus for sessions in different departments and a tour of the residence halls.

“The communities the kids are from are close to Kearney and they are smaller so the students don’t get as much exposure to college life as younger students who live in Kearney,” said Anne McConkey from the

Office of Financial Aid, who planned the event.

The event was sponsored by the UNK Office of Financial Aid, Platte Valley State Bank and Education Quest.

“I was also very pleased and impressed with the enthusiasm, cooperation and effort put forth by the various departments on campus,” McConkey said.

“This event is mainly to educate kids, while they are young enough, but still in a transitional time. Our goal is to plant the seeds early and talk about the importance of college and to introduce them to what college life is like,” McConkey said.

The fourth-graders were given tours by guides who in-

cluded seven people from the Office of Financial Aid, advisers from Education Quest, Diplomats from admissions and UNK students.

Students separated into four groups while attending the demonstrations around campus. The first demonstration was “The Chemistry of Slime” and was put on by Danielle Policarpio, the president of the Chemistry Club, and other chemistry students.

Students learned exactly what chemistry is and what they could possibly do with the subject as a career. Then, they started making slime. Each student was able to make their own bag of slime. They learned the ingre-

dients and chemicals that make slime. The students were able to take their slime home.

The next demonstration was in Otto Olson and was called “Fun with Technology.” This session allowed the students to play and interact with video games that the UNK students had made and designed. John Hastings, associate professor of computer science and information systems was responsible for the demonstration.

“The chemistry and the technology demonstrations are always a favorite of the fourth-graders,” McConkey said.

The third demonstration included the art department and art appreciation and art education.

The students were given a tour of the Walker Art Gallery.

The students went to the graphic design department and saw advertisements and animated short films.

“The students enjoyed looking at the art, some even took pictures of some of the pieces,” McConkey said.

The coordinator of visual communication and design, Richard Schuessler, and chair of the art department, Mark Hartman, led the students through this demonstration.

This year was the first year that Student Support Services presented a demonstration to the fourth-graders. The presentation was called “Every Second

Counts,” and it focused on time management and how to juggle different activities in life.

“The final demonstration was done by the communications department and allowed the students to see the radio booth and how to create film clips and movies on the computer,” McConkey said.

Keith Terry, chair of the department and communication students led the demonstration.

“The students were able to talk in the microphone in the radio booth, so that was fun for them,” McConkey said.

Scott Fransk, coordinator of intramurals at UNK, was the last stop of the day to play the basketball game Knockout.

Over 100 UNK students present research at 10th annual Student Research Day

BY LAURA LARSEN
Antelope Staff

Students from all over campus came together on March 25 to share their research at the 10th annual Student Research Day.

Over 100 students from all departments presented original research conducted with the help of a faculty advisor.

The topics were as diverse as the students participating in the event. The research presented ranged from an analysis of comic book culture to a study relating to the use of ankle bracing with college athletes.

Dr. John Falconer in the Office of Graduate Studies and Research, organized the event. According to Falconer, the undergraduate research opportunities that exist at UNK are unmatched at campuses in Lincoln and Omaha.

“At UNL the focus is on graduate research unlike at UNK where the focus is on undergraduates,” Falconer said.

Senior political science student Brooke McGee of Kearney

presented three research projects ranging from the impact of Antonin Scalia on the Supreme Court to a historical account of female attorneys in Nebraska.

“These topics are important because they teach us to be more conscious and become more aware of situations around us,” McGee said.

McGee is thankful for the opportunity to conduct independent research at the undergraduate level.

“Learning these research techniques will help to give me a head start on projects in graduate school. My research projects have helped me to know what to expect as I move forward with my education. The experience has opened doors to me that I never would have thought of,” McGee said.

Ben Dennis, a senior political science student from Ord, presented a study that analyzed the role of religion in terms of the U.S. Constitution today.

“This topic is important because of the role religion has taken in American politics today. In order to understand where we are going, it is crucial to have an accurate historical context,” Dennis said.

Dennis believes that learning how to conduct research has taught him to think on a higher analytical level.

“Doing independent research is a good opportunity to branch out and think on another level,” Dennis said.

In addition to Student Research Day, the Office of Graduate Studies and Research offers a number of programs that encourages students to take on independent projects. According to Falconer, students can apply for grants that will cover the costs of research.

Another program that is offered every year is Summer Student Research. This program gives students a stipend for the summer months to allow them

to conduct their projects with the help of a faculty advisor. This summer 21 students will receive funding to conduct their projects. This program will wrap up next fall when the participants showcase their findings at a conference on campus.

Additionally, every year UNK sends a group of students to the National Undergraduate Research Conference. Forty-one UNK students will attend this year’s event in Salisbury, Md. UNK has the sixth largest group of students from across the nation attending the event.

“We are disappointed with that number. Usually we are in the top three,” Falconer said.

Any student wishing to learn more about the research opportunities can contact the Office of Undergraduate Research in Founders Hall for additional information.

Ice Skating

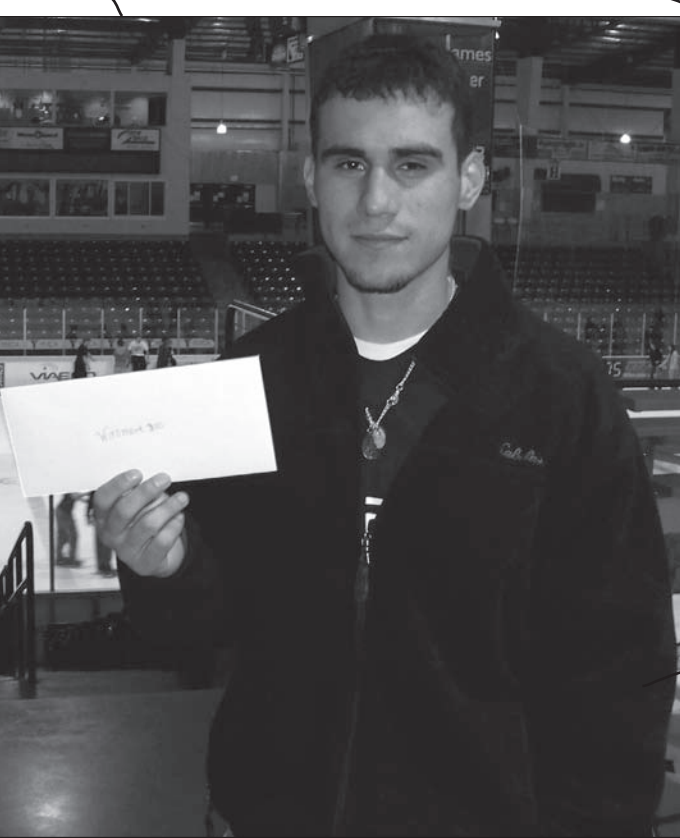


Photo by Laura Schemper
Alex Weaver, a freshman history education major from Lexington, shows off his raffle prize he won Thursday night at the RHA Ice-Skating event. He won a \$10 Wal-Mart gift card. Many more prizes were given throughout the night.



Photo by Laura Schemper
Thursday night at the FirstTier Event Center, UNK’s Residence Hall Association hosted its biannual ice skating program. Cost to attend was a can of food or \$1. The event was open to everyone.



Photo by Laura Schemper
Amanda Fisher (left), a freshman psychology major from Overton and Nina Harder (right), a freshman radiology major from Neligh take a break from ice skating Thursday night. The program is hosted by the Residence Hall Association twice each school year at the First-Tier Event Center.

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Letter to the editor:

To Whom It May Concern:

Recently, the inequality of the UNK Athletic Department has come to my attention. I believe that the distribution of money is favored to one side. It seems as if there are four dominant sports that get all of the benefits.

Football gets the benefits of a multi-million dollar facility on campus. Both basketball teams, as well as the volleyball team gets use of the Health and Sports Center, which is by far the nicest facility in the RMAC conference.

Other sports, such as baseball, softball, tennis, and track are forced to use city facilities and fields that don't necessarily comply with their schedules. Most of the time, they are also forced to prepare and continually upkeep the fields for practice and even games. The football team doesn't have to worry about their field being ready for game time, whereas the softball team can be seen three hours prior to their game scooping snow off the

field with shovels.

Track is required to team with Kearney High in order to have an outdoor facility. The tennis team, who does not have a facility on campus, uses the Buffalo county Conference Center for practice when the weather is bad. The problem with this is that they only have a two-hour slot to use it, and that is only when there is room available.

Overall, I feel that the sports teams need to be treated a little more equally and something has to be done to treat this need.

Kelsey Smith
UNK Student Athlete

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Undergraduate students look forward to unique opportunities provided by summer research program

BY RACHEAL SMITH
Antelope Staff

With the end of the spring semester coming soon, most students are excited for the break and summer activities, but for the 21 students accepted for the Summer Student Research Program, summer means the beginning of research.

When people typically think of research, they think of the research done by the scientific disciplines. Through the research program, SSRP, students from several different disciplines will research in their area of study this summer.

Danielle Helzer, a senior researching in the English department, is excited about her project and has already started on her topic of using poetry to understand literature. She hopes to show through her research that secondary English classrooms can use poetry to help students understand literature.

When asked about her project Helzer said, "In most high schools and middle schools, po-

etry is avoided like the plague. I believe that with enough digging, I can find poems to pair with novels and short stories so students have a variety of texts to help them understand the primary story being studied," Helzer said.

Another student eager to begin his project is Drew Proski. Proski is a biology major studying parasite immunity in damselflies.

"I think being in this program will benefit me in the future. It gives me a great opportunity to be involved in research first-hand and work with interesting people," Proski said.

The students involved with SSRP will have a busy summer working on their research topics under the guidance of their mentors. They also will be participating in meetings, field trips, student research days next school year, and a national research conference.

For more information on the program in general or for future participation contact Diane Holcomb at 865-8481 or holcombdm@unk.edu.

Baseball: America's pastime?



BY SCOTT LEVY
Antelope Staff

The windup, the pitch, opening day is finally here. Major League Baseball has officially started-or has it?

I am a huge MLB fan and I have a problem with the MLB having opening day overseas. The Boston Red Sox and the Oakland A's kicked off the season in Japan, which is not fair to the real fans that live and breathe MLB in the United States.

The games played in Japan started one week before any other games in the MLB. Japan has their own league which they can watch, and I'm sure they love it. But what is up with the MLB starting our season, America's favorite pastime, in another land? That is not right to do this

to the Boston fans who love the Red Sox.

The Boston Red Sox won the World Series last season, and I'm sure that their fans would have liked to see them play on opening day, and so would the rest of the MLB fans. Yes, the games were televised but they were on at six in the morning, and not too many people got up that early or could miss work to watch the games.

I am not a Boston Red Sox or a Oakland A's fan, but MLB is what I love to watch. Opening day is a big deal for MLB fans, and if people cannot watch the first game of the season, what is the point of having this game at all? The Red Sox are the World Series Champions and their

fans deserve to see them play on opening day at a reasonable time.

Sure, MLB wants to spread the love of baseball to other nations, but to deprive Americans of their favorite pastime is not the best way to do it. The games were televised again later, but they were on in the middle of the day. At least wait until people are home to see the game instead of getting the quick run-down of the game on the news or on ESPN.

Call me crazy, but I think we should give the real fans of MLB a chance to see the games and enjoy the greatest part of summer with America's favorite pastime-BASEBALL.

Training to be a trainer

This graduate assistant loves helping others in his job working with student athletes

BY MEGAN BECKER
Antelope Staff

Justin Rethorst, a graduate assistant at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, does what he loves best, working with people—not just ordinary people, but student athletes. Yes, Rethorst takes on the exciting role of an athletic trainer.

"Being an athletic trainer was a way to stay with sports," Rethorst said. "I actually took that career test that everyone takes in high school, and athletic trainer popped up.



That's kind of what got the ball rolling for me."

Rethorst graduated from Hastings and did his undergraduate training at Kansas State University where he spent some time working at Manhattan High School. From there, he traveled east and spent a semester at East Carolina University.

"The East Coast wasn't for me," Rethorst said. "After I graduate, I would like to stick around Nebraska, and maybe work at New West here in Kearney."

Rethorst, has worked with all kinds of athletes, ranging from football to baseball.

He spends his mornings working individually with different athletes and then attends practices in the afternoon. Right now, you can find him working with members of the wrestling and baseball teams.

"I enjoy working with the football team, but baseball is my sport," Rethorst said. "It was my sport in high school, and I just really love the game."

Photo by Megan Becker
Justin Rethorst performs an ultra sound on an athlete's injured ankle. Rethorst will graduate in May.

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Freshman steps up to the plate for Lopers

BY AMANDA BELL
Antelope Staff

Freshman year is a tough time for everyone. Adjusting to college lifestyle is a challenge, and trying to excel in a sport at the same time only adds to the stress. Athletes prepare their bodies and minds for years before coming to college, often to be benched their freshman year.

Cassie Keck is not a typical freshman. This softball player from Blair, has worked hard and earned herself a starting spot on the team as a true freshman. Keck has started the majority of the games for the Lopers this season and has excelled in many areas offensively and defensively.

“When I first got here, I was so scared to screw up,” Keck said.

“I felt this heavy weight on my shoulders, and I knew that because I was a freshman, if I screwed up, I was out of there.” High school and college are very different in many aspects, and sports are no different.

“The biggest difference is probably teamwork. Teamwork is so crucial in college. In high school, there are two or three good players on a team and that can win games. In college though, everyone is good, and the whole team must play together to get through things,” Keck said.

Keck has become very comfortable at third base, and is averaging a fielding percentage of 94.4, making only five errors in 50 attempts. Keck has also assisted in making five double plays for the Lopers so far this season.

Keck is also a vocal leader on the field and in the dugout. “It was hard to be a leader when I first got here, because I was a freshman and nobody would listen to me. As season has gone on, I’ve learned my role on the team, and I’ve taken advantage of it,” Keck said.

While Keck was recruited as an infielder, she has also surprised Coach Holly Carnes, and the entire Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, with her batting.

Keck is fifth in the RMAC batting averages at .462. The four girls ahead of her are juniors and seniors. Keck is also second in the RMAC for slugging percentage at .885, behind senior Heather Ebert from Adams State. Keck has had six of the Lopers’ 12 home runs and was named player of the week in the RMAC for the week of March 11.

Although her stats show how hard she has worked to earn herself a starting spot, Keck recently had an injury that could have cost her the season. On March 11, in the Chadron State game, Keck was hit by a pitch and suffered a fracture to her ulna.

Rather than letting this injury get her down, Keck stayed positive and helped lead her team from the bench during the March 15 and 16 games against Adams State.

While this injury was not as severe as it could have been, Keck was still required to play defense-only softball for a couple of weeks.

“I was really scared. I was sure that my season was over, but I knew that even if I was out, my team would come together and rally,” Keck said.

The Lopers still have nearly half their season left, and Keck has a very positive outlook on helping her team reach the conference tournament in May.

“Everyone knows their role. All we can do is help one another gain confidence in themselves and the team,” Keck said.



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Knowing how to carry his weight Wrestler prepares for the chance of a lifetime

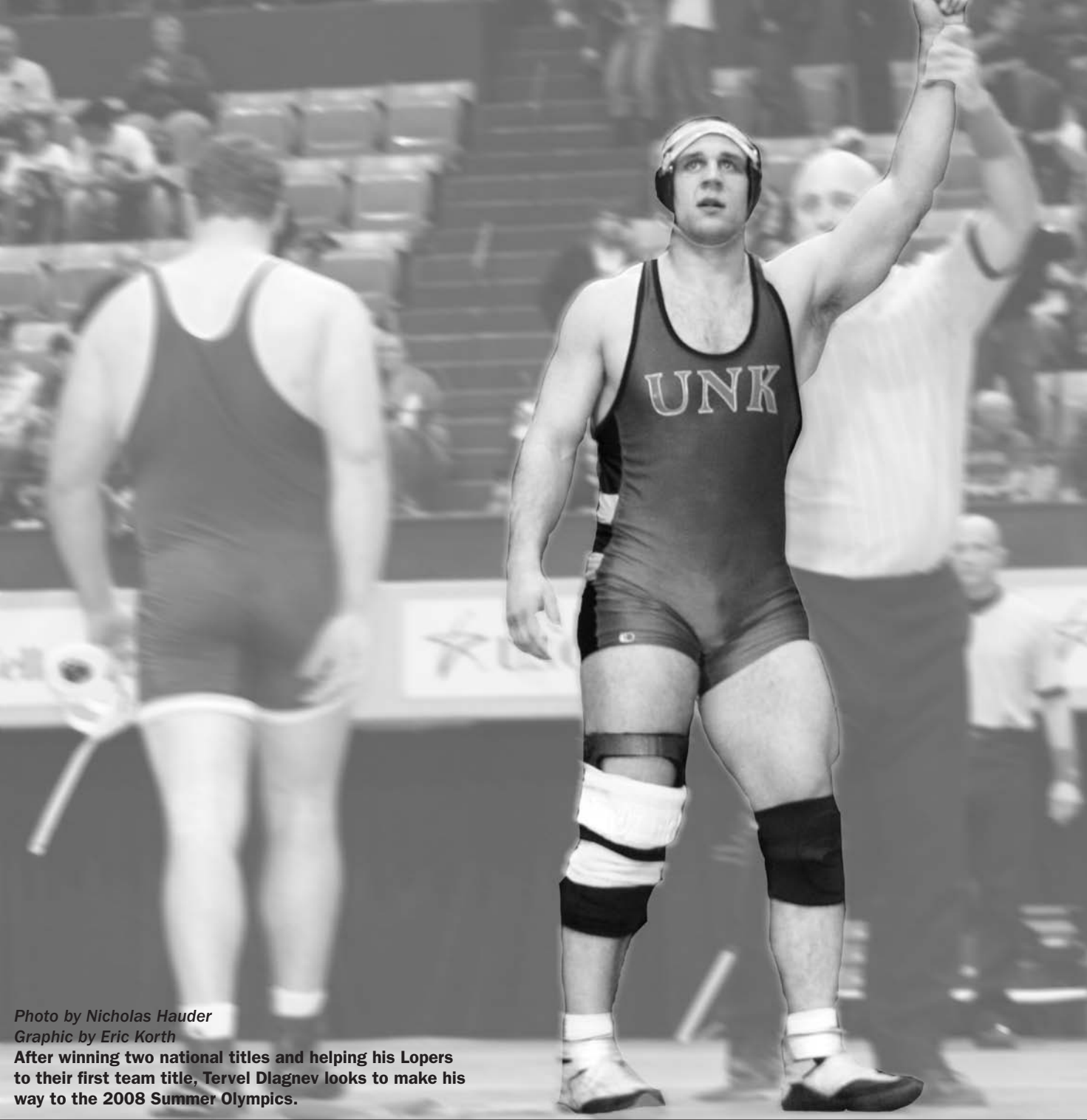


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Graphic by Eric Korth
After winning two national titles and helping his Lopers to their first team title, Tervel Dlagnev looks to make his way to the 2008 Summer Olympics.

BY HANNAH HOTOVY
Antelope Staff

To win a national team title and two individual national titles is a huge accomplishment. But ‘huge’ isn’t enough for heavy-weight wrestler, Tervel Dlagnev. The graduating senior may have finished his career at the collegiate level, but he still has some unfinished business.

Coming to UNK as a freshman, Dlagnev already had his eyes set on the gold. Winning a national title was something he had always been striving for.

“That was always my goal. People always are saying to set your goals high and, hopefully, you will reach them. I definitely wanted to win a championship coming into the program here. That was the plan,” Dlagnev said.

Dlagnev not only used the wrestling program to become a better athlete, but said that he

has gained so much more from the program.

“The relationships that I have made through the wrestling program during my collegiate experience are probably what have meant the most to me. I will never forget these guys,” Dlagnev said.

At nationals, the winning of the team title landed on the shoulders of Dlagnev, who had to beat Central Oklahoma’s Dustin Finn in the his finals match, which was the last match of the evening. Dlagnev beat Finn, 4-1, allowing the UNK wrestlers to win by a half a point for the team title. Even though Dlagnev was under a lot of pressure to win this final match, he said that he kept his focus.

“I did the same thing that I do for all my matches. Just go out there and wrestle. Don’t think too hard about the situation, just on the wrestling. I was just focusing on my perfor-

mance,” Dlagnev said.

Now that Dlagnev has accomplished everything that he could wish for in a collegiate career— two national titles, one team national title, 4-time All-American, a collegiate record of 167-19, which includes an 87-1 record in the last 2 years, and countless other awards and honors— he plans on furthering his academic and athletic careers.

“My plans are to be a graduate assistant, probably at Northern Iowa. I want to keep training, keep learning and keep improving.”

Improving is just what Dlagnev needs to accomplish his next wrestling goal, competing in the 2008 Summer Olympics. Dlagnev plans on wrestling in the U.S. Open, April 24-26, in Las Vegas. The top seven wrestlers from this tournament will qualify for the U.S. Olympic Team Trials, which will be held June 13-15, again, in Las Vegas.

Dlagnev is excited and hopeful about his upcoming wrestling tournaments.

“My expectations are that I definitely want to win both. I haven’t learned the strategy of wrestling freestyle as well, though. I want to become a better, well-rounded wrestler, and I can develop myself into a better wrestler by becoming better at freestyle and other styles of wrestling. As much as people like to talk about my going to the Olympics, like, ‘Aww, cool! You’re going to the Olympics!’ it’s not that easy. There are a lot of tough guys I have to beat. I guess I’m looking at all of it from a performance perspective rather than from the winning perspective.”

The performance perspective seemed to help Dlagnev win his finals match at nationals, and, hopefully, will help him win his way to the 2008 Summer Olympics.

Hinkley will miss time spent as UNK athlete

BY SCOTT LEVY
Antelope Staff

A four-year career is over for one player on the UNK women’s basketball team, Melissa Hinkley, a 6-foot senior forward who made a lasting impression playing for UNK. When the team lost in the second round of the Division II NCAA Tournament to South Dakota, her playing days were over.

When she came to UNK as a freshman, her aspiration was to play basketball and softball. She succeeded in both sports with flying colors. She also played in one women’s golf tournament as a last minute entry. Four years of basketball and three years of softball was taking its toll on her.

“Now that basketball is over, I will not be playing softball this season. I just want some time to hang out with my friends and just be a normal student for once,” Hinkley said.

Hinkley was a two-time

all-RMAC selection and scored over 1,000 points during her basketball career. She is among the Lopers all-time leaders in free throws made and attempted. Hinkley was named honorable mention of the East Division as a junior, and was named on the RMAC Academic first-team. Coaches say she has had a great stand representing UNK basketball and she will be missed.

Carol Russell coached Hinkley for all four years, and she enjoyed her hard work and dedication for the game.

“She will be missed next season as we try to move forward. Hinkley was one of those players that would give her heart and body for the team. She was a major part of our team and inspired everyone to play 110 percent and she will be missed,” Russell said.

Hinkley did accomplish a lot on the court, but throughout her career she was never the kind to set personal goals.

“I was never the goal set-

ting type. I thought that if we meet the team goals the personal goals would fall in suit,” Hinkley said.

Now that her career as a college athlete is over she has been giving thought to playing basketball overseas. She would like to pursue that, but she is not sure if that would be something she sees herself doing.

“I would like to continue to play basketball after college. I have been giving some thought to going overseas to play, but I have heard some bad things about that. Maybe I will see what happens down the road, and if nothing happens I have my career to fall back on,” Hinkley said.

The Elite Eight last week was hard for Hinkley to watch from the stands. She wished that the team could have made it into the Elite Eight, but South Dakota got the upper hand.

“It was hard to watch the Elite Eight. Just setting foot in the gym made me feel uneasy.



Photo courtesy of Matt Hinkley
After spending four years as a part of both the women’s basketball team and three years on the women’s softball team, Melissa Hinkley will be graduating in May with degree in Sports Administration. She is also minoring in Spanish.

I wish the team could have done better, but the better team won that night. Now with a few

weeks left of school I can hang out with my friends and be a normal student. But I will miss

being an athlete,” Hinkley said.

Lopers excited to showcase talent outdoors

Track and field team looks to ‘draft’ of the successes of indoor season

BY JARED HOFF
Antelope Staff

The UNK men’s and women’s track and field team is fresh off a stellar indoor season that wrapped up March 14 and 15 at the NCAA Division II Indoor Championship in Mankato, Minn.

The Loper indoor team finished the season with three All-Americans: Michelle Dill, Kelli Dring and Spencer Huff.

Now the Lopers look to build upon that success as they begin the outdoor portion of their season.

Senior health science major Chris Campbell of Beatrice throws on the team and is eager for the shift outside.

“The biggest difference between the two seasons is that indoor seems like it is way longer than outdoor,” Campbell said. “I’m just excited because outdoor is fun because of the nice weather.”

Some outdoor events change slightly from their indoor counterparts. The 60 meter sprint for example becomes the more familiar 100 meter dash in the outdoor season.

The heptathlon, which is five events during the indoor season, becomes the decathlon, which is ten different events.

“The indoor facilities don’t have a 400 meter track mostly because it is substantially more money to build an indoor track

that big,” Campbell said. “That’s why you see the 60 meter dash instead of 100; the curves are too sharp to run the entire sprint.”

Campbell credits head coach Andy Meyer for the success and hard work ethic of the team members.

“He is a great coach. He is definitely the glue that holds the team together,” Campbell said. “We don’t function real well without him.”

The Loper men’s and women’s outdoor teams competed well this last weekend in Hays, Kan. at the FHSU Distance Festival and Alex Francis Classic.

Highlight performers for the men were Jake Wissing and Cody Klein who finished fourth and fifth in the 100 meter dash. Josh Hofer took third place in the 400 meter dash, and Ryan Little took third in the 800 meter run.

In the field events, Dakota Cochrane won the pole vault with a vault of 15 feet 5 inches. Loper alumnus, and former national champion, Lance Pfeiffer finished second in the shot put and Jarrod Holz and Chris Campbell finished second and fourth in the discus throw. Sophomore Brandon Karlin won the weight throw and met a provisional mark for the national meet.

For the women, Jessica McCarter finished third in the 100 meter dash. Heather Wills was second in the 200 meter dash with McCarter coming in fourth.

Kaci Lickteig came in sec-



Photo by Eric Korth

The indoor season is finished, and the Loper track team is excited to showcase their talents outdoors. Junior Spencer Huff, above, leaped his way to a fourth place finish at Nationals and hopes to continue his success during the outdoor season.

ond place in the 5000 meter run. Kelli Dring and Jessie Golden went first and second in the 100 hurdles. Golden also finished fourth in the 400 meter hurdles. Jacquelyn Dibbern came in first in the 3000 meter steeplechase. Shayna Fruit and Kelli

Dring went one and two in the high jump. Dring also won the long jump, and Heather Wills won the triple jump completing the sweep of all the jumps for UNK women. Kiley Peterson finished second in the shot put for the Lopers.

Campbell expects the season to be fun and challenging, as the RMAC produces some of the best track athletes in the nation year in and year out.

“The RMAC Conference meet in Colorado should be the top meet this year,” Campbell

said. “My goal is to compete well there and hopefully earn a trip to Walnut, Calif. for the national meet.”



Photo by John Reed

After more than ten years of waiting, UNK Cheerleaders have received the approval to incorporate tumbling into the routines. The squad has included some in past routines, but looks to add more in the future.

Cheerleaders no longer ‘ground bound’

BY AMANDA BELL
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Many athletic events don’t only consist of the sport being played, but also the entertainment that comes with the sport.

There are often halftime shows or performances done by dancers or cheerleaders, who practice as often as the other sports. The cheerleading squad here at UNK can be seen at football, basketball and volleyball games.

While other teams are working on new plays, the cheerleaders are working on new routines. Until recently, the cheerleaders were “ground bound,” meaning they couldn’t tumble or incor-

porate any jumps into their routines. That is no longer the case. While the cheer squad still cannot jump, tumbling has recently been approved.

“We still can’t do jumps or stunts, but we have limited tumbling,” Jami Schaffnit, coordinator of student activities said.

“Jami has helped out our squad so much,” sophomore cheerleader from Omaha, Michaela Freeman said.

Schaffnit is more of a co-coach than anything. Coaches will run practices, but Schaffnit deals with the office and legal work for the dance team and cheerleading squad.

Freeman has been cheerleading for five years, and this is

“I think this is a big accomplishment for our program.”

Michaela Freeman
Sophomore

the first time she has been on a squad that is allowed to tumble.

“I think this is a big accomplishment for our program,” Freeman said.

The squad is allowed to do limited tumbling in their routines, and their routines may only be done at halftime performances.

“The girls need to have the court or the field to themselves,

so that they can focus, and also for safety reasons,” Schaffnit said.

The last time UNK had a cheerleading squad that tumbled was over ten years ago.

The tumbling started early this year, when the squad performed a routine on Feb. 23 for Parent’s Night in which sophomore Katie Lampe did some tumbling.

The ladies have also performed during halftime at basketball games during the beginning of March.

The squad is looking to incorporate more tumbling into their routines for next year’s volleyball and basketball seasons.

Baseball player battles injuries, fights way back on to field

Senior Cole Archer has seen fair share of injuries, but hasn’t kept him from playing the game

BY GRIFFITH WATSON
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Injuries are always a part of athletics, and for a lot of athletes one injury can mean the end of a career. Cole Archer, a senior sports administration major from Kearney, knows this story all too well.



ARCHER

Archer, a three-year letter winner for the UNK baseball team, sat out the entire 2006-2007 season with several different injuries. This season, Archer has been able to gain clearance from his doctors and

return to the playing field for the Lopers.

Archer came to UNK to play baseball after a stellar career with the local Kearney American Legion teams. In his first season as a Loper in the spring of 2004, Archer saw a fair amount of playing time, rare for a freshman.

During the 2004 campaign, Archer batted .319 while starting 17 contests. He followed that up with an even better 2005 season, becoming the starting center fielder for the Lopers. Archer again batted .319, but added two home runs and 27 runs batted in on his way to being named to the All-RMAC honorable mention team.

It was Archer’s junior season when the injury bug began to bite. Archer played the whole season with a pulled muscle in his groin. He also had a sore wrist and a nagging knee injury

“I got hurt pretty early on in the season,” Archer, said. “Even though I wasn’t able to contribute to the best of my abilities, I still

felt like I could help the team.”

Even while playing hurt, Archer was able to better his statistics from the two previous seasons. He batted a solid .337 with 5 home runs and 40 runs batted in while helping the Lopers advance to the RMAC Tournament for the first time since 1997.

After the 2007 season, Archer had cortisone shots for his injured groin and also found out that he had torn cartilage in his wrist. Doctors in Kearney were unable to figure out where his knee pain was coming from.

“I spent that whole summer trying to get myself physically healthy for fall ball,” Archer said. “It was only a week into fall ball the next year that I hurt my ankle.”

After consulting doctors in Kearney, it was still unclear what exactly was injured in Archer’s knee and ankle.

“I had countless x-rays and MRIs,” Archer said. “Nobody could figure out what was causing the pain in my ankle and knee.”

With the nagging knee pain from the 2006 season and the ankle injury from the same fall, it wasn’t until March of 2007 that the injuries were diagnosed.

“It turned out that I had torn cartilage in my knee and a torn ligament in my ankle,” Archer said. “Both of those injuries required surgery.”

With both surgeries completed Archer was finally on the road to recovery. Even though it was a relief to finally have the injuries fixed, the rehabilitation process would be a long one.

“I spent every day in the training room doing my rehab,” Archer said. “I started that summer as soon as I could, and I have been in there every day since.”

Many athletes with the number of injuries Archer has had would have hung up their cleats a long time ago.

“Cole has been really dedicated to his rehab,” Justin Rethorst, an athletic trainer for the baseball team, said. “A lot of guys would have quit a long

time ago. I think it shows a lot about Cole to keep coming back injury after injury.”

Archer spent the summer and fall of 2007 rehabbing his injuries. His goal was to make it back on the team for the 2008 season.

“I really just wanted to be able to be a part of the team again,” Archer said. “I missed the road trips and the experience of being on a team. I’ve been on sports teams all my life, and I didn’t want to miss my last chance to play college baseball.”

When the season started in February, Archer wasn’t cleared to play yet. He decided to try to do a few more weeks of rehab to try to become healthy enough to play.

“Some of my injuries just weren’t back to playing strength yet,” Archer said.

“Cole really pushed himself those first few weeks of the season,” Rethorst said. “I think being at home while the team was on the road really gave him motivation.”

Archer was cleared by the medical staff at UNK to play the last weekend of February when UNK played at Colorado State University at Pueblo in the first RMAC series of the season.

“It was great to get out on the road with the team again,” Archer said. “It had been more than a year and a half since I had been on a road trip.”

While Archer isn’t an everyday starter for the Lopers anymore, he is still happy with the chance to be part of the team again.

“It’s just nice to be able to play and contribute when I can,” Archer said. “I didn’t want all those injuries to put a sour end on my career.”

So far this season, Archer has been able to make an impact on the field. He has seen time both in the outfield and in the infield.

“Being back on the field has been great,” Archer said. “It had been a really long time.”

While counseling and therapy are good, it is important to guide those with wounded spirits to the right form of therapy for them to be healed.

One big day, one big thanks

▼ UNK students give back through third year of The Big Event.

BY HILLARY KRUGER
Antelope Staff

Time is running out to register for The Big Event, one big thank you to the Kearney community. The directors of the event are recruiting student teams and organizations to help volunteer for community service.

The Big Event, a day of community service provided by students, faculty and staff at the UNK campus will take place on April 26 at numerous locations in the Kearney area. It is an annual event with over 70 universities across the country participating.

The Big Event is one of the largest student-ran community service efforts across the country and is in its third year at the UNK campus. Service projects such as window washing, yard work, painting and other small chores are just a few of the things that have been done in the past.

Chris Hein, a junior psychology major, is The Big Event team executive co-chair. Hein has worked with the event all three years and said that the

appreciation from the Kearney community is the most important thing he has gained from community service.

Last year, 300 volunteers participated in The Big Event. This year, Hein hopes for over 400.

“Every year, the Kearney

“The Big Event is a chance for students to come together and thank the Kearney community.”

Chris Hein
Junior
Executive Co-Chair

community gives a tremendous amount of support to UNK and its students. The Big Event is a chance for students to come together and thank the Kearney community. It's just one big thank you,” Hein said.

Tyler Cobb, a music education major and another executive co-chair, said, “A lot of students

sometimes think that they are strictly in Kearney to go to college. It's nice to be able to give back to the community.”

Hein said that while volunteers for the event would like to help every individual in the Kearney area with a service project, the project asks that only nonprofit organizations or individuals who are physically unable to complete a project at their homes request volunteers for The Big Event.

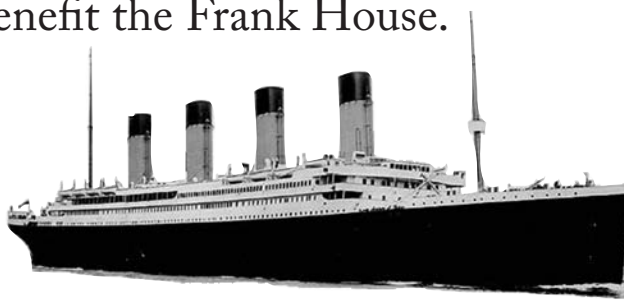
The reason volunteers make their way out every year was summed up in a letter from one of last year's recipients.

“Sometimes we only see the bad in young kids. It's nice to see the kids out giving back to the Kearney community,” Hein said.

If you are interested in participating in The Big Event this year, forms can be picked up at the front desk of all residence halls, in the student government office and in the atrium of the Nebraskan Student Union. The forms need to be turned into the student government office by Tuesday, April 8.

‘Remember the Titanic’ event held at Frank House

▼ The community fundraiser commemorated the sinking of the Titanic 96 years ago with proceeds to benefit the Frank House.



Photos by Laura Schemper
TOP: Kern and Dani Beedle of Kearney read a replica of a newspaper published in 1912. They both dressed to look the part from the era.
CENTER: Mrs. Paula Nesiba, from Kearney, was looking through a French women's fashion catalog on Saturday at the event.
BELOW: Rumi Mizuno and Nozomi Fujino, both of Japan and majoring in travel and tourism, were at the Frank House on Saturday. They were there for a tour of the house.



College internships important in increasingly competitive job market

BY HILLARY KRUGER
Antelope Staff

Society has changed from, “it's not what you know, it's who you know” to, “it's what you know *and* who you know.”

These two things can be gained from a college internship.

The global market has caused the competition for good jobs to increase. According to www.collegeview.com, you don't have to be more qualified than the person sitting next to you but rather be more qualified than countless others all around the world.

A college internship will not only help students gain real world experience, but it will also give them valuable portfolio and resume pieces. A student will also make numerous contacts during an internship, which will

help after graduation when it comes to getting a job.

“The days of getting just a bachelor's degree are gone because of the experience that can

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Diana Kircher
Asst. Director
Career Services

be gained by students with college internships,” Diana Kircher, assistant director for Career Services at UNK, said.

Kircher also said that internships are so important in today's job market in order to gain experience in the real world of

work.

“Getting an internship is obviously important, as numerous majors now require it as part of the curriculum,” Kircher said.

Internships help students' chances of getting a full-time job after graduation.

Employers feel that students do not have the proper skills necessary to perform well in the job market. Professionalism also seems to be a problem. Education alone is not enough anymore.

Internships provide students with experience that will make them stronger. Internships also teach time management, discipline, and effective communication skills.

For more information on internships, contact Career Services in the Memorial Student Affairs Building.

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Nebraska Cultural Unity Conference promotes higher education among high school students

BY KRISTEN BROCKMAN
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Over 400 high school students from Nebraska and Kansas spent Friday at UNK learning about pursuing higher education.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs recently hosted their sixth-annual Nebraska Cultural Unity Conference. The purpose of NCUC is to promote the pur-

suit of post-high school education, no matter what that might be, to all multicultural students.

NCUC offers students the opportunity to attend different workshops ranging from financial aid to leadership skills, listen to motivational keynote speakers and interact with current college students.

This year's conference workshops included a session about financial aid, a leadership session, immigration, current is-

sues of society, alternative options to a four-year college, and discussions with UNK alumni.

The keynote speakers were Dr. Dick C.E. Davis and Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch.

Dr. Davis is the Chief Executive Officer of the Davis Companies, a risk service firm that provides sophisticated insurance brokerage, financial consulting and contractor development services.

Dr. Davis holds a bachelor's degree and doctorate in education from UNL, and his master's degree in education from UNO. He is the co-founder of the Davis-Chambers scholarship fund with State Senator Ernie Chambers. This fund was created in memorial to Dr. Davis' brother, Rick Davis. UNK currently offers the scholarship through OMA.

Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch overcame poverty and illiteracy to become a successful leadership role model for her community. She broke barriers and set records in the military to become a senior officer and the highest-ranking Hispanic woman in the Combat Support Field of the United States Army.

NCUC came to UNK in 2003 and was originally known as the Cultural Unity Conference. A group of five students from OMA attended a Black

Summit in Lincoln. After seeing the importance of the information addressed at the Summit, CUC was born.

NCUC has grown more each year in terms of the number of students who attend. The first year 175 students attended.

"CUC was originally a male Latino Summit," Juan Guzman, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs said. "We recognized that women were also interested in attending, so we expanded it."

NCUC is unique in that the entire conference is coordinated by students. This year's conference planning committee was headed by Monica Mueller, a senior communication disorders major from Holdrege, and Joel Lemus, a senior middle-level education major from Schuyler, with Guzman, Dr. Sam Lopez, associate professor of HPERLS and a committee of 14 students.

Sixty-five students served as volunteers during the conference. Planning began at the end of last year shortly after CUC 2007 ended.

"Since a large population of students is not college-bound, we want to show them that there are many different options," Mueller said.

"For many of these students, this is the only opportunity they have to visit a college campus," Lemus said.



Photo by Kristen Brockman
Juan Guzman (left) applauds as Mr. Javier Rendon, multicultural at risk coordinator from Grand Island Senior High (right), is recognized as the 2008 Educator of the Year during the Nebraska Cultural Unity Conference.

This year's planning committee chose to make one significant change for the 2008 conference, a name change. Nebraska was added to the name in order to give the conference more of an identity. The idea came from a suggestion heard at the 2007 United States Hispanic Leadership Institute conference that many of the students on the planning committee attended.

"This is the only conference of this type in Nebraska," Mueller said.

NCUC is not meant to be a recruitment tool for UNK but for pursuing higher education in general. Guzman hopes that students who attend will aspire to graduate high school and pursue post-high school opportunities, no matter what that might be.

"This is a good opportunity for them to hear about scholarships, aid and the opportunities provided for them, and to get the right information," said Guzman.

Slingshot advertising agency visits UNK

BY KIMBERLY TOMJACK
and
LISA BECKER
Antelope Staff

Although Kelly Moore said advertising is a lot harder than what we see in the movies, she didn't hesitate when she said it was a lot of fun.

On Thursday, March 27, Moore, an interactive Account Supervisor at Slingshot, LLC, in Dallas, Texas, spoke at UNK.

Moore oversees corporate Web site redesigns for clients like United Healthcare, Waste Management, and D.R. Horton.

"Ad-PR Club likes to bring professionals to campus so students can learn from them and network with them. Because Ad-PR Club President Sharice Ward interned at Slingshot last summer, we had a unique opportunity to bring a professional from an agency that specializes in interactive advertising, and that is the future of advertising," said Ad-PR advisor Ruth Brown.

Slingshot is a privately owned company with no shareholders or partners and has been around for about 13 years. They like to refer to themselves as

"The Next Generation Agency" because of some of the work they have started with online advertising. Slingshot was the first agency to put a HTML banner of the Internet as well as the first updatable ad.

Slingshot has many well-known clients such as Jack Daniels, Verizon, Marriott, Conoco, Nokia, Microsoft and Greyhound. The Web site www.davidandgoliath.com has examples of the campaigns they have created and designed and lists all of their previous clients.

"These clients are great but when you're a growing agency, you need to get new clients too," Moore said.

Moore talked about both traditional and interactive advertising. Traditional advertising is brand development, consumer research and focus groups, promotions such as sweepstakes, and media planning.

Moore talked about the generational work Slingshot does such as Web strategy, online and search engine marketing, online media planning and community marketing such as online newsletters.

"Sometimes when doing a photo shoot or ad, you really

need to improvise," Moore said.

Moore said some of the ads they shot were actually in the offices of the Slingshot building.

The future of interactive advertising was something she was excited to talk about. "Options are endless with interactive advertising," Moore said.

Moore said they are starting to work more with text messaging and also making Smartphone ready Web sites.

Moore also discussed what it's like starting off in the advertising business.

"Entry level positions are kind of like being in the army," Moore said

She went on to stress it's a lot of leg work, late nights and details. She also said when everything is finally all put together, it's a lot of fun to see the end product.

"This business involves a lot of teamwork," Moore said.

"Advertising in general's age is 25 and predominantly female in the lower levels; the upper levels are predominantly male. My goal is to get into one of the upper levels," Moore said.



Photo by Daniel Apollis
Kelly Moore, an interactive Account Supervisor at Slingshot, LLC, in Dallas, Texas. Moore was brought to UNK by the Advertising-Public Relations Club. Slingshot has clients such as Jack Daniels, Verizon, Marriott, Conoco, Nokia, Microsoft, and Greyhound.

Tri-City Storm honors wrestling team's national championship



Photo by Kristen Brockman
UNK Wrestling head coach Marc Bauer (right) participates in a special puck drop with Tri-City Storm captain Mario Lamoureux (left) and Sioux City Musketeers captain Joe Miller (center) during the Storm hockey game last Friday. The Storm honored the UNK wrestling team's national championship during a special pre-game ceremony March 28.