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{ University of Nebraska at Kearney }

Run With It



## No ride to the hospital

### Student expresses safety concerns



Photo by Eve M. Legacie  
An ambulance was not available when Grant Pyper was in need for one to get to the clinic.

Jacqueline A. Stoltenberg  
Staff Writer

Neither UNK's Student Health or Public Safety provides an ambulance for an emergency, a fact that raises concerns for some students.

Grant Pyper, a freshman majoring in vocal performance, said he suffers from severe asthma attacks. Pyper explained that he does not have a car on campus in case of an emergency.

"I think they should have a form of transportation for

students," he said. "They should have a physician on call. Student Health should be open 24 hours a day."

Pyper explained that he was once in an emergency situation.

"When I woke up in the morning I was feeling way

out of breath," Pyper, a Grand Island native, said.

After trying a nebulizer and his inhaler, Pyper walked from CTE over to Student Health to seek help. By the time he got there, he

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## Youth program looks for athletic college mentors

Jacqueline A. Stoltenberg  
Staff Writer

The National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) invites energetic, fit college students to mentor children from low economic families to a camp held June 5 - 29 and Sat., July 24.

Last year's program was a success, with more than 250 children participating. However, many UNK college mentors are graduating and their positions need to be filled.

Dr. Nita Unruh, the coordinator of the NYSP camp at UNK, said the program needs about nine counselors for the camp, since most of the former counselors are graduating and looking for other internships in their fields this summer.

"They need to be highly energetic, need to be able to work the 20 days of the camp, need to be able to swim, and participate in every activity," Unruh said. "They need to be a role model."

She said the program considers employing approximately 12 counselors, 1 life guard, 4 sports specialists, 6 bus drivers, 2 education personnel, a camp director and a computer specialist.

Unruh is also in charge

of the sports administration program and spoke with Luke Estes about the camp, which led him to work with the children during the summer.

Estes, junior sports administration major from Kearney, has been working at the camp for two years.

"It seems like decent money and it doesn't seem like working. You get to play with kids all day," he said.

Unruh said, in the past, children enjoyed "swimming, dissecting cow eyes, learning about rockets, going to movies and going to Grand Island's 'Island Oasis.'"

Estes said there are all kinds of sports, such as football, baseball and basketball. "We go fishing and play archery," he said. "[The children] have lunch. Then [the children] had an in classroom program, like making volcanoes. I was a counselor, so I was in charge of 30 to 40 people. I would go and do the activities [with the children]."

Unruh said the experiences are new for many and being part of the experience brings many rewards, such as "the smiles on their faces, especially the kids who try new things."

Estes said, "The first year

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## New regulation for gaseous forms of alcohol

Mike W. Gruszczynski  
Staff Writer

Machines designed to allow bar patrons to inhale alcohol will not be appearing in Nebraska anytime soon, following the passage of a law that allows the state to regulate such devices.

LB 562 amends the Nebraska Liquor Control Act and gives the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission (NLCC) the authority to regulate gaseous forms of alcohol.

The bill was introduced in January by Sen. Ray Janssen, Nebraska's 15th District representative and chairperson for the Committee on General Affairs. Gov. Dave Heineman signed the bill into law on April 6.

Laurie Lage, legal counsel for the General Affairs Committee, said LB 562 was introduced following discussions with the NLCC.

"A lot of other states are

banning alcohol-inhaling machines outright," Lage said. "But there is a possibility for the activity [of inhaling alcohol] to come in different forms, such as the type of inhalers used by asthmatics."

**"AWOL machines are very dangerous because the alcohol goes straight to the bloodstream and brain."**

Simera Reynolds  
State executive director of MADD

Lage said the bill allows the NLCC to regulate all

forms of alcohol-inhaling machines, not just the Alcohol Without Liquid (AWOL) machine, which has begun to appear in bars around the country.

"If some other method of inhaling alcohol comes up, the commission [NLCC] will be able to regulate it, instead of waiting for the legislature to ban each type of machine," she said.

Lage also said the NLCC had clear objectives when the commission recommended the introduction of the bill.

"Given the opportunity, the NLCC has every intention of banning AWOL machines in the state," she said.

Spirit Partners, Inc., a North Carolina-based company, is the only distributor of AWOL machines in the country. According to the company's Web site, located at [www.awolusa.com](http://www.awolusa.com), the

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Photo provided by [www.awolusa.com](http://www.awolusa.com)  
Alcohol is vaporized using the AWOL (alcohol without liquid) system and combined with oxygen. Users can inhale the vapor mixture. The feeling is the same as from consuming alcohol by drinking, only milder.

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## PHOTO of The WEEK

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To commemorate Cesar Chavez, a renowned social activist and union organizer of the 1960s, UNK students held a peaceful mock protest last Thursday. The students dressed as migrant workers and marched around campus.

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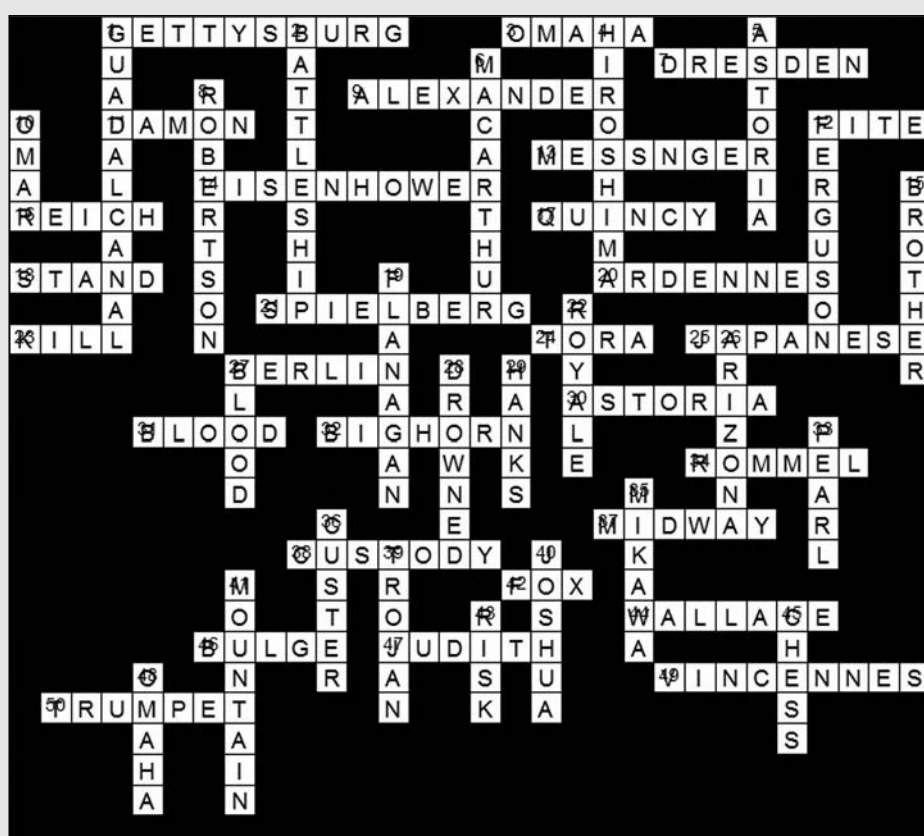
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Now that the weather is nicer, what outdoor activities do you enjoy doing?



"Sitting outside on the lawn enjoying a cocktail and 'slip-n'-sliding' with my neighbors and friends.."

Cassie Pokorny, Falls City



"Golfin' nine with a sixer!"

Tyler Thiems, Alliance



"Rollerblading at 8 a.m."

Amy Minshull, North Platte



"Going for a walk."

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the pen.*



## Women warriors fight against their own troops

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Advertising represents images of popularity, success, beauty and sexuality. It tells us who we are and who we should be.

Women are directly affected by advertising, far beyond desires to buy a certain product. Their self image and self respect are

also affected by unrealistic images of the women represented in advertising. Advertising reflects and reinforces the importance of physical attractiveness in women's lives.

The other day, we watched a video in my mass media and society class, entitled "Playing Unfair: the Media Image of the Female Athlete." Although women's sports have become more popular during the last years, they still remain underrepresented in the news. However, the same female athletes are not underrepresented in magazines or commercials advertising beauty products half-naked.

According to

www.wikipedia.org, "sexism" is defined as the discrimination against other people based on their sex. The site refers to the belief that one sex is superior to the other.

So, does that mean women are victims of a sexist society? No. Are women forced to present themselves naked in magazines or commercials? No. Do female athletes have to pose naked to have success? No.

Why can't they just be role models for younger female athletes without taking their clothes off? Women have so much more to offer than just their bodies.

We want equality. We want recognition. We want success. I believe women

can achieve all these goals. However, we have to ask ourselves, first, what women contribute to the creation of female stereotypes. Images of women depicted as decorative objects or dependent caregivers who serve men's desires do not just grow on trees. We can no longer just blame men for creating stereotypes like that. Women take their clothes off to get attention. Women judge each other and compete with each other. Women talk bad about each others' makeup, hair, shirts, shoes . . . you name it.

Instead of trying to hang each other, we have to start changing our attitudes toward each other to be able to change women's roles in

society. First, we have to respect and support each other; and then we can go further and fight for more rights.

So, all the women out there, watch yourselves the next time you sit in the classroom or hang out at the bars and another woman walks by. Is it so hard to at least give it a try and get to know her without running her down just because she might be pretty?

Let's stop putting stones in each others' ways and work together on the really important goals – equality and respect in a men-dominated world.

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## Chocolate or Vanilla?

*Trivial choices may echo a lifetime*



Stephanie Ellington  
Copy Editor

Everything happens for a reason? Is this true? What if it is? Does that mean that every decision whether tiny or enormous has a definite reason and a life altering result? Even the choice between vanilla or chocolate ice cream bears a change in someone's life. What if for instance, I had a big meeting, my car died on the way there, and I couldn't find parking. Upon finding parking, I stopped for ice cream, as I had a few minutes to spare. I found out, if I chose vanilla, I could be on my way in no time, but if I chose chocolate, I would have to wait for them to refill the machine, and this would cause me to miss the meeting. My heart was set on chocolate and nothing was swaying me towards vanilla. Therefore, I missed the meeting. Does that mean, I wasn't meant to be there?

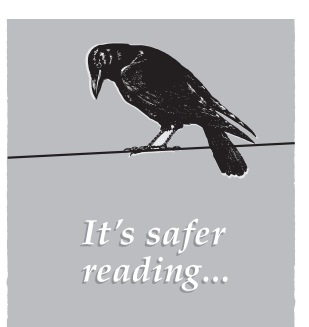
It is unusual to think of this concept being of actual

truth. Although, through first hand experience, I believe everything happens for a reason. Also this fact proves there are no right and wrong decisions. There is, merely the consequences of your actions. This is how I weigh all of my decisions. I simply take one decision and place it up against the other, and which ever has consequences I can deal with accordingly, I choose. This goes along with everything happening, having a definite reason for occurring.

Last year, I had a decision to make. My decision was based on two factors-happiness and security. I was a paralegal for two and a half years in my hometown and was not happy at my job. I was strongly considering furthering my education, but I had to decide the right choice for me. People were of no help to me, because some of them told me I was too old and others told me I did not have the drive or motivation to go back. After thoroughly contemplating my options, I weighed the two choices and realized happiness was more important to me. I thought about the importance of security but based on the fact, to be secure, I would indeed have to be unhappy it didn't make sense.

Since this decision, I now

trust to follow my theory based on the weight of a decision's consequences, other than determining right and wrong. This allows me to determine the right choice for myself. However, this choice may have rendered a different result for someone else. They may have decided security was more important and stayed at a job, which determined their unhappiness. So on the basis of all that is right and pure in the world, we are faced with varying factors everyday that change our lives. Think about this, the next time you are trying to decide between vanilla and chocolate ice cream. This, although a seemingly unimportant decision, bears life-altering results.



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## Ambulance

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Grant Pyper

said he felt delirious and knew he needed an epinephrine shot. The UNK health officials did not want to give him one.

Pyper said he experienced minor black outs and cold sweats while at the Student Health office. He said the treatment he received was no different from what he had already tried. "They charged me \$20 and it didn't work. They

gave me two nebulizers," he said.

Julie Klahn, nurse practitioner and manager of UNK Healthcare, said, "Based on [the student's] evaluation, and the determination is made that [the student] needs care beyond what can be done here at health care, we discuss with the student and we advise them on the policy."

"No one at Health Care is allowed transport a student and it has to do with the legal ramifications," Klahn said.

Dr. LeAnn Obrecht, RN licensed professional counselor and director, said, "The legal ramifications referred to include ensuring the best possible care to our patients given the type of facility we operate from. Attempting to care for patients in a private vehicle is not at all effective, nor is it safe for the patient."

Since he was not getting any better, the nurses asked Pyper if he could get a ride from his roommate or if he could call anyone, Pyper explained. He said he

couldn't and he did not have a cell phone with him and didn't remember any of the numbers.

The UNK Student Health officials asked if he could call his mom. He called her, but she was an hour away in Grand Island. In the meantime, they called one of Pyper's instructors, Dr. Anne Foradori, a music and performing arts professor at UNK. Foradori agreed to pick him up and give him a ride, he said. "[Foradori] had to pick up her kids and she went out of her way to help," Pyper said.

Pyper made it to the clinic with the help of a nurse and Foradori. He was given an epinephrine shot an hour and a half after the ordeal, he said.

"I told the doctor my symptoms," he said. "The nurse got me in right away. They gave me 800 mL steroids and two epinephrine shots and another breathing treatment."

An epinephrine shot "is a big deal," Pyper said. He said he understood why the people at Student Health

did not want to give him the shot. However, he was disappointed that they did not trust his assessment of the situation, he said.

"The [UNK Student Health providers] were very nice. I was frustrated that they didn't listen to me," Pyper said.

LeAnn Obrecht, RN licensed professional counselor and director of Student Health, said, "UNK's Health Care Clinic does have epinephrine on hand, and, as with other clinics, a standard protocol has to be met and followed before we administer this drug."

Nurse practitioner Klahn said there is going to be an American College Health Association Web-based survey within 2 weeks. About 3,000 randomly selected UNK students will provide Student Health with feedback from this survey.

Klahn is available to meet and talk with students through appointment by phone or e-mail to discuss specific issues about their health care and the services

rendered. She asks students to write down the specific issues so she can respond to and hear what students have to say.

According to the UNK Health Services Web site, [www.unk.edu/offices/studenthealth/index.php?id=2530](http://www.unk.edu/offices/studenthealth/index.php?id=2530), if someone has a life threatening emergency, he or she should call "911" or public safety.

"We do have the opportunity to send the student to the physician without an office fee through the week with what we call a memo . . . we do have that opportunity during regular office hours at Kearney Clinic," Klahn said.

All "911" charges are sent to the insurance company. Everyone is billed the same amount, said Klahn.

"Any other medical clinic would do the same thing," Obrecht said. "Just as with all other medical clinics, UNK's Health Care Clinic is not a Level 3 medical provider. This being said, our standard of care is to assess each patient. If a patient is assessed to be in

immediate and severe danger, then it is our protocol to call '911' to obtain an ambulance.

"In this way, the clinic's medical providers remain in the clinic near the necessary supplies and expertise that can be utilized to support the patient until an ambulance arrives," she explained. "This is true at any of the other Kearney area medical clinics. That is, they too will call an ambulance when appropriate."

Klahn said, "Healthcare is funded out of what we call the health fee, and that is what each student pays each semester. We are not a profit clinic at all. So, as far as making money to fund a physician, I don't know if we would ever come close."

Obrecht added, "UNK is our students' home away from home. Should a student become so ill at home that they are in immediate and severe danger, parents would also call '911.'"

## NYSP

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that I worked, my group won Group of the Year. I also won Counselor of the Year."

Estes said the children participants are mainly from Kearney, Lexington, Grand Island and Gibbon.

According to the NYSP Web site at [www.nyscorp.org/nysp/nyspStats.html](http://www.nyscorp.org/nysp/nyspStats.html), the program offers children: "two USDA approved nutritious meals daily, many athletic activi-

ties including swim lessons, at least 7 and a half hours of substance abuse prevention, and at least 3 hours of math and science classes."

If interested in NYSP, contact Unruh at Cushing room 131 or at the main Cushing office near the gym, or she can be reached via e-mail at [unruhnc@unk.edu](mailto:unruhnc@unk.edu).

The applications will be accepted until April 14 or until the positions are filled. Letters of referrals are necessary and referral guidelines are provided on the application.

## AWOL

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machines vaporize and mix an 80-proof shot of liquor with oxygen, which is then inhaled by users of the machine.

The company claims there are no more risks associated with AWOL machines than with conventional methods of consuming alcohol.

Simera Reynolds, state executive director of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), said this is not the case.

"AWOL machines are very dangerous because the alcohol goes straight to the bloodstream and

brain," Reynolds, who was listed as a proponent of LB 562, said. "Inhaling alcohol totally bypasses the intestines, liver and kidneys. The machines take alcohol out of the social element. It becomes a drug instead of alcohol."

She said MADD is opposed to any forms of alcohol-inhalation.

"I give kudos to Sen. Janssen for introducing the bill [LB 562] and getting it passed," Reynolds said. "I'm glad that the NLCC can regulate the machines now."

Representatives from Spirit Partners, Inc. did not return calls concerning state bans on AWOL machines.

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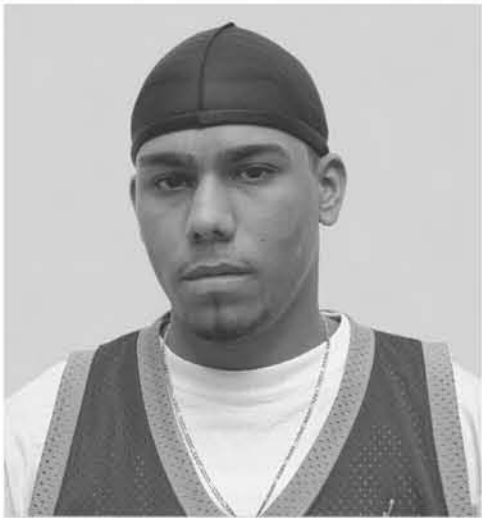
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### MASSIS Andre, São Paulo, BR

Was lured away from a pretty young thing and into a heated game of 'Foos' by his good friend Carl—more commonly known as "The Mayor of No Women's Land." While Andre made several attempts to step away and pack into contention with the said female, Carl's relentless pursuit for all things that don't involve getting some, was ultimately too much for the young Andre. He quickly found himself sweating it out over the air hockey table, from where he would catch a glimpse of his young beauty heading out the door with another suitor. Andre's game will be remembered by many, just not her.



### NIEVES Fernando, New York, NY

His game was alive and well on its way to a ten digit exchange with a hottie known as Britney, but was suddenly bushwhacked by a classic Gamekiller, The Drama Queen. She ran into the scene, tears streaming, and sobbed a story of having seen her ex from four years ago. "I, I, I just can't be alone tonight, Brit." Still a retrievable situation had Fernando kept his cool. But he didn't. "Four years seems like a long time ago," he said in all innocence. By the time The Drama Queen was done flipping the script, Fernando was recast in the role of "the villain" in front of a crowd of horrified on-lookers. No one hooks up with an insensitive pig. Rest in peace Fernando, but you sleep alone.

### DANIELSON Zack, Atlanta, GA

It was early in the evening yesterday when Zack's game left us, and while it didn't go without a fight, Zack did have his arse unceremoniously handed to him. Upon returning from the bathroom, Zack found the girl he

was seeing had been surrounded by a beefy mesomorph, Early Man, who tried to use his abundant muscle to strong-arm him out of the picture. Zack did not keep his cool and accused his young lady friend of flirting with the first guy who came along. His girl, no doubt disgusted by Zack's over-the-top bravado, fled the scene when his far from attractive jealousy escalated into Zack throwing a punch, which was caught in mid-air by something that looked like a hand, but felt like a 20lb vice. By the time Zack regained consciousness, he was home alone and unable to console himself with his dominant hand.



### SHIEH Hanwey, Los Angeles, CA

Hanwey was chatting up a Latin diva at an apartment complex barbecue and his game was hot enough to pose a fire hazard, that is until his friend and cocoon of horror known as The Mess entered the picture and snatched Hanwey up like a flash flood of distraction. Somewhat of a loose cannon, The Mess immediately engaged Hanwey in the age-old male bonding tradition of lighting one's own farts. Sure, there's little more enticing than the ignition of one's own combustible human gasses, but much like riding an electric scooter, you don't look that cool doing it. When the laughter subsided, Hanwey was left with nothing but a good laugh and the faint smell of old eggs, while his lady was snared by a new suitor. Man, talk about blowing it.



### KUMAR Bharat, Jacksonville, FL

After kicking his game to a leggy redhead at a dorm mixer, Bharat was interrupted by Trevor, a.k.a. British Accent Guy. Women are drawn to men with British accents,

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so all it took was a single "pardon" to make his girl raise an eyebrow toward this game killing Redcoat. This prompted Bharat to get riled by calling out the guy's busted grill of yellowing bad teeth and comparing the merits of baseball over cricket. The British Accent Guy smiled and opened his mouth only to offer small bits of non-confrontational banter, allowing his accent to seep into the girl's brain like a piece of brilliant propaganda. In the end, the Brit would invade on Bharat's territory with ease, taking the girl, and leaving Bharat's game strewn on the road as a piece of collateral damage.

### SMITH Eric, Washington, DC

His game came to its demise in the most unlikely of circumstances. While engaging in two of his most pleasurable pastimes: talking about boats, with his other passion, a beautiful girl who seemed genuinely interested. They were even planning to go out in his 15-foot dinghy, only to hit unseen rocks in the form of The One Upper, the classic Gamekiller who lives by the motto "Anything you can do I can do better." Sure enough, The One Upper claimed to not only know boats, but he also boasted of captaining his own 40-foot vessel. Eric tried to navigate to the calmer waters of car talk but was run over again by The One Upper's supposed vintage German roadster. The tension quickly mounted, and soon the two were engaged in a ruthless game of one-upmanship. On and on they went, seeing what the other guy just said and raising him. When the smoke cleared, Eric had won the gloat-fest, but the girl was nowhere to be found. No one likes a braggart. Eric's game was last seen drifting away towards the vast sea of loneliness in an undersized boat.



### FOX Jon, London, UK

Jon's game, beloved to many a cheerleader and facilitator of the ménage of 2003, was fairing well at a Gold Coast club with a delightful pair of sisters. That is until the playboy predator and full time Gamekiller simply known as Kash Munni entered the picture. A well-endowed socialite famous for trashing 5-star hotel rooms, Kash had traveled in from oil rich lands

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wearing expensive Italian loafers and indoor sunglasses. Drinks were bought for willing and unwilling recipients alike with his family's fortune, which he shamelessly flaunted in the form of an array of high status plastic. This caused Jon to suddenly lose his cool and go on the defensive by opening a tab of his own. On his debit card. After three rounds, Jon's account was maxed. Shortly after he was dropped off alone would Jon learn the hard way that a woman's affection should never be for sale, and that many a man has gone broke trying to prove otherwise.



### UTSCH Chad, New Brunswick, NJ

His game was faring nicely at the local coffee shop with a seemingly receptive latte drinker called Rita and he seemed well on his way to a little afternoon delight, that is until the corduroy-clad Gamekiller known as "IQ" entered picture. This pompous scholastic scavenger, famous for luring men into heated debates on subjects of which they know nothing, over-heard the conversation turning to art and pounced. Immediately he steered the dialogue into an area known as Out Of Chad's Depth where he would dish out ever increasing portions of intellectual emasculation. Chad reacted as anyone with a 20 point IQ deficit facing "IQ" would: the wrong way. No, the answer to "When do you feel Picasso peaked?" isn't to shove the questioner in the chest. Rita was left to apologize emphatically for Chad's actions and asked if she could make up for it in some way. Chad tried to recover, but it was too late. He had lost his cool, and his game would retire home, where it would begin its own blue period.

Obituaries can be created and sent via email to friends at [gamekillers.com](http://gamekillers.com)



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# Store barter books to no end



Photo by Eve M. Legacie

Book Ends bookstore, located at 8 W. 23rd St., is gaining popularity in Kearney's downtown business center.

John C. Ludwig  
Staff Writer

Kearney has a small treasure downtown that more and more people are discovering—Book Ends, a used

bookstore owned by Ed and Diane Stevens.

Book Ends is tucked away in old downtown, off Central Avenue, just around the corner on West 23rd Street.

This store, which specializes in “gently used and col-

lectible books,” has been building up a steady following of customers from Kearney and the surrounding areas.

Before opening Book Ends in October 2003, Ed Stevens worked at the hos-

pital for almost 40 years as a medical technologist.

“I’ve always had a love of books,” Stevens said. “[Opening the store] is just something that I’ve always had in the back of my mind. I’ve always wanted to do it.”

The first incarnation of Book Ends actually existed in a small back room of a barbershop on Central that was owned by Jim Brown, a friend of Stevens.

His inventory quickly outgrew the small backroom, and Stevens decided to open up the store.

“I had about four to five thousand books of my own, and that’s what we started with,” Stevens said. “We run with about fourteen to fifteen thousand books now—all used, no new.”

Robert Luscher, professor of English at UNK, feels Book Ends has been a great addition to Kearney.

“I was really excited when it opened, that we would have a used bookstore downtown, finally,” Luscher said. “I think it’s an absolute necessity to have a good used bookstore in a college town.”

All of those books have to come from someplace, and maintaining, categorizing, and inventorying more than

15,000 books is no easy task.

“When we began, we started going to state sales and auctions, but as we’ve got going, most of our books just walk in the door,” Stevens said. “The majority of them are just carried in by our customers wanting to trade them.”

From Lewis to Tolkien, Nietzsche to Emerson, Wells to Verne, Sinclair to Steinbeck, Ambrose to O’Henry, King to Koontz—Book Ends has a little bit of everything.

“Our best seller is current paperback fiction,” he said. “Second is Christian fiction and literature. The third one is classics. A lot of college students and high school kids come down here to get their books, because we have them for less.”

I always like to see the kids come in, because it’s kind of renewed my faith in the new generation; because they tend to buy good stuff, and it pleases me.”

Professor Luscher, a self-proclaimed book aficionado, commented on the inventory that Book Ends keeps on hand.

“I think he’s got a good variety and the books are always in good condition,” Luscher said. “His prices are

reasonable and fair.”

Stevens said, “Our idea is to move books, to price books so that people can afford to buy them.

Without fail, whenever somebody comes in for the first time, their first comment will be, ‘Boy your prices are sure reasonable.’”

“I look at a lot of books; I see a lot of books; and I talk to a lot of people about books; so I have some experience and knowledge about what a book is worth,” he said.

“I look at what other book sellers are selling them at, and then I’ll price ours at thirty to forty percent under that.”

If someone is in the mood to browse through books in his or her underwear, Book Ends has gone online, as well. Visit [www.bookendsonline.net](http://www.bookendsonline.net), and browse the store’s entire inventory from the comfort of home.

“This is more or less a labor of love,” Stevens said. “You couldn’t get rich doing this unless you raised prices significantly, but that’s not going to happen as long as I’m here.”

## Facebook displays rising popularity

Jennifer L. House  
Staff Writer

Imagine walking into a bar or local hangout and immediately recognizing people all across the room.

The person in the corner is an English major who is graduating this semester.

The funny thing is, you probably couldn’t remember a name, because you “met” him on Facebook.

Facebook, found at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), is a meet-and-greet Web site that was designed so college students could meet other students from their college and then ultimately other universities.

The Web site allows anyone with a school e-mail address to log on and create a profile.

The profile includes contact, major and class information. Photos can also be loaded onto the Web site to be viewed and tagged by other Facebook members.

Facebook was founded by Mark Zuckerberg, a Harvard student, and first launched on the Internet February 4, 2004.

Originally, the Web site was only open to college students at more than 2,100 colleges and universities across the nation, but now includes high schools, which pumps the number of participants to more than \$7 million.

Facebook has its own language, like the word “poke.” Someone can “poke” another without saying a word; this is similar to technological flirting.

A member can also check the “pulse” of movies or music. “The wall” has derived as the most popular feature of Facebook. This feature allows users to post comments, keep in touch or have conversations with other facebookers.

Facebook is the No. 7 most visited Web site, behind [www.myspace.com](http://www.myspace.com), which is No. 2, according to Time Magazine.

Sophomore Danell Pickett said she has been using Facebook since August 2005, and her primary use of the Web site is to stay in contact with friends that she does not get to see very often.

**“I have friends who just scan the profiles for hot chicks. Plus, there is a lot of info on there if someone wants to stalk a person they find on Facebook.”**

Jason Gould  
UNK senior

While some people who use the Web site will add people as a friend that they do not personally know, Pickett said she does not do this. All of her friends on Facebook were already friends or classmates.

“I think it’s odd when someone I don’t know adds me as a friend,” Pickett said.

“I don’t really think it’s soft-core stalking,” she said.

“At least, I hope not. However, I think people should be careful about what kind of information people put on their personal Web sites, because you never know what kind of people are looking at them.”

Jenna Johannsen, a junior from Gibbon, has used Facebook since August 2005,

at the influence of some of her other classmates.

Mostly, Johannsen uses the Web site to keep up with friends, especially those that she has not spoken to in a long time.

“I hardly approve anyone on Facebook that I do not know,” Johannsen said. “So I don’t meet new people in person.”

Megan Carr, a UNL freshman, has used Facebook since August 2005 and uses the Web site to stay in touch with friends from Kearney, her hometown.

Carr said she has met some of the people that she associates with on Facebook, mainly at parties, and it can be kind of awkward.

She felt that Facebook can sometimes be seen as a good tool to stalk someone because of all the information available to people.

“Facebook is pretty much stalking, but people at other schools can’t see our information—just the people at your own school,” she said. “So in a way, it’s kind of like networking.”

Senior Jason Gould said Facebook helps pass the time as well as talk to friends.

“Ninety-nine point nine percent of my friends I knew before Facebook,” Gould said. “I don’t make friends on Facebook. I keep friends on Facebook.”

Gould said he does not trust people that he has never met face-to-face, so he does not look to meet new people on the Web site.

“I have friends who just scan the profiles for hot chicks,” he said. “Plus, there is a lot of info on there if someone wants to stalk a person they find on Facebook.”

But, I haven’t had any personal problems with this yet!”

## Weekend of bands hosted by Bico’s



Photo by Broc Schleicher

The Rainman Suite performs at Bico’s on Friday, April 7. From left to right, Josh Robinson, lead vocals; Ryan Pist, bass; and Jeff D. Ripper, drums.



Photo by Broc Schleicher

The Randies, an L.A. band, performs at Bico’s on Friday, April 7. From left to right, Aaron Polle, drums; Sienna DeGovia, bass/vocals; Laurita Guaico, guitar/vocals; and Laura Cataldo, guitar/vocals.



# Smoking ban debated at UNK

Jael J. Johnson  
Staff Writer

It will travel throughout the body causing damage in several ways.

It will reach the brain within 10 seconds after it enters and will be found in every part of the body.

It contains carcinogens, cancer-causing agents detrimental to controlling the growth of cells.

As a result, the cells will either grow abnormally or reduce too rapidly.

It will affect the function of the immune system and may increase the risk for respiratory and other infections.

It contains more than 4,000 chemicals, which may be the cause of the problems mentioned above.

Carbon monoxide, tar, formaldehyde, ammonia, hydrogen cyanide and arsenic are a few of the deadly ingredients.

What is it? It is cigarette smoke.

Kearney recently discussed the option of initiating a smoking ban, and the city council is further investigating this option.

Brandi Smith, a freshman

biology/pre pharmacy major from Red Cloud, was not aware of the proposal of a smoking ban in Kearney. She has been a smoker for three years.

"I don't think college students will like it, but they have to go and respect it," Smith said.



Smith said that it would not personally bother her if there were a smoking ban in Kearney, because she always goes

outside to smoke when she is at houses and parties.

The recent trend for UNK college students is joining groups that can express how they feel about certain topics on Facebook.

There are currently three UNK groups that deal with smoking on Facebook.

One group is called "Smoking Is Not Hot!!" which has 133 members.

This group was created for those students at UNK who strongly dislike the smell of smoke.

"Smoking Makes You Look Hot" is a group made up of 6 members.

This group is dedicated to showing people that there is a sense of hotness created when someone is smoking.

Another group, "UNK Smokers Club" consists of 26 members.

The group's description is that it is for anyone who attends UNK, smokes and is tired of smoking bans.

There are UNK college students who have split views about smoking.

Tom Schlund, a senior business administration major from Ravenna, is a firm believer that smoking is not a good thing.

Schlund is a member of the Buffalo County Tobacco Free Coalition.

The members of the coalition are made up of local health officials, concerned citizens and retired people from the community, as well as students.



Graphic by Kathlene M. Jordan

**"I don't think college students will like it, but they have to go and respect it."**

Brandi Smith  
UNK freshman

The coalition would like to see a policy written for the best interest of Kearney.

However, it feels this is a

matter that does not need to be rushed.

"Kearney is in a unique position, unlike Lincoln or Omaha, because we are in an isolated enough place where people are not going to leave here just to drive 30 to 40 minutes away to eat and smoke," Schlund said.

Schlund said that a majority of people are going to like the ban because of the chance for safe breathing.

The smoking ban will include all bars and restaurants, basically places where the general public congregates.

"A smoking ban would be good not only from the health aspect, but also the economic aspect, because it will level the economics out with all the businesses," Schlund said.

He said some people are worried about the smoking ban having a negative economic impact on Kearney.

"Other places that have implemented a smoking ban have not seen a significant economic impact," Schlund said.

There are 10 states within the United States that are smoke-free, and there are several countries the same

way, such as Ireland.

Schlund feels it will be a matter of time before the entire United States is smoke-free as well.

He highly encourages anyone who is interested in speaking their views about the Kearney smoking ban to contact Lori McArthur.

McArthur is the Prevention Coordinator for the Buffalo County Tobacco Free Coalition.

You can reach McArthur at 237-5113, ext. 265, for information about listening sessions scheduled by the City Council to discuss the smoking policy for Kearney.

## Difference walk scheduled in Nebraska Event planned to benefit TeamMates mentoring program

Ashley N. Volf  
Staff Writer

More than 5,000 people in 53 communities across Nebraska and Iowa are expected to take part in the One Hour Difference Walk on Sunday, April 2.

The walk is sponsored by the TeamMates mentoring

program.

"Kearney Public Schools are very generous that they pay for the office expenses and salary of the TeamMates staff. However, it's fun to bring a program that the kids can bond with their mentors," said Deb Eickhoff, a member of the TeamMates staff.

"We have multiple activ-

ities throughout the year," Eickhoff said.

"This is the third year that we will be hosting the event. Last year, we rose just above \$7,000. The proceeds often help with the legal fees and such that go along with mentoring programs. The program is wonderful for our kids.

The students always speak about their mentors and the difference that they are making within their lives. For some children, it is so helpful to have a positive adult to spend time with, one-on-one, who can listen and be a positive role model.

When I asked one student why his mentor was important to him, he simply answered 'because he asks how I am.'"

Dusty, a student at Kearney High School, said, "It's nice to just have some-

one there to talk to and to worry about how I am doing in school."

Eickhoff said, "It's important that people understand that mentoring does make a difference. Even in a wonderful town like Kearney, there are still bad situations that students are put into.

Citizens think that everything is wonderful here, but there is room for improvement."

Dusty said, "I wouldn't have made it this far without the help and support of my mentor. I am getting better grades, and I have learned how to set better goals for myself than other members of my family. Plus, I get time out of class to meet with him. What beats that?"

"I've heard such wonderful and uplifting things from the mentors as well. They feel so positive and enthusiastic knowing that in some way, they are mak-

ing a difference," Eickhoff said.

**"It's fun to bring a program that the kids can bond with their mentors."**

Deb Eickhoff  
TeamMates staff member

"It's definitely a chance to see your time making a difference. Watching them grow and change is an overwhelming experience"

"I know that we consider our student as part of the

family," she said. "She lives in California, now but we still talk to her regularly. The other day, I was looking at my son's invitation list to his wedding, and her name was on it.

When I asked, all he said was 'Duh, she is part of the family.'"

The TeamMates Web site, at [www.teammates.org](http://www.teammates.org), states that its "continual hope is that through this program, we as volunteer mentors dedicate ourselves to motivating not only our young people, but all people across the ages to give back to those who have made a difference in their lives. Through this collaboration, we can all reach our full potential."

Currently, there are 75 pairs of students with mentors.

"Although all students are currently matched, there is always a need. Next year, we are expecting 20 more kids, so we will need more mentors come September," Eickhoff said.

To gain more information about the program or to register, contact adviser Deb Eickhoff by phone at (308) 689-8104 or visit The TeamMates' Web site.

The TeamMates office at Kearney High School is open as well.

Anyone is welcome to participate in the One Hour Difference Walk.

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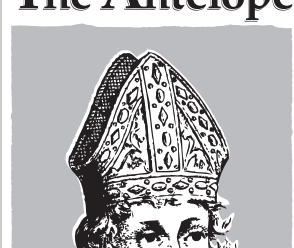
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# Loper baseball wins four more

Joy N. Iromuanya  
Staff Writer

The UNK baseball team extended the Colorado Christian losing streak to 22 this weekend in a four-game sweep at Memorial Field.

"It was nice to come out and play some great baseball," Rich Eber, a senior history major from Tampa, Fla., said. "Hopefully this series helps us get to where we need to go."

The wins move UNK (16-14, 6-4 RMAC) back over the .500 mark for the season. CCU, (3-31, 0-20 RMAC) a first-year program, is still winless against RMAC competition, and has yet to

defeat a Division II team.

James Jensen, a sophomore sports administration major from Grand Island, said, "We knew we had to sweep Colorado Christian to get back in the race."

These conference wins also put the Lopers in fifth in the RMAC, just percentage points ahead of Metro State. The top six teams, based on their RMAC record win percentage, make the league tournament. In previous years, only four schools have qualified.

The Lopers are 1.5 games behind New Mexico Highlands for fourth, and 2.5 games behind Colorado State-Pueblo for third.

Ryan Bucher, a junior industrial distribution major



Photo by Hajime Nagao

No. 49 Jason Stergiadis, a senior from Pickering, Ontario, pitches against Colorado Christian Sunday to catcher No. 7 Grif Watson of Omaha. The Lopers won the game 15-6.

Photo by Hajime Nagao

No. 24 Ryan Wrobel, a junior from Scottsdale, Ariz., pitches later in the game to Watson. The Lopers won all four games in the series.



from Littleton, Colo., said, "Without a doubt we have a chance to finish in the top six, if we play anywhere near our potential."

UNK began its sweep Saturday as Seth Svoboda and Paul Schleifer each struck out a career-high eight batters.

The offensive leader of Saturday's doubleheader

was Rich Eber, who combined four for six, with six RBIs and four runs scored.

Eber said, "It was nice to get out and play the best I have in the last two weekends. I don't want to make any excuses, but my hand finally feels 100 percent. Also, Cole Archer played an unbelievable series."

UNK pounded out an

impressive 35 hits in two games, led by Archer, who combined six for seven with five RBIs and four runs scored. He was four of four with a two-run home run in the second game.

All nine Loper starters got at least one hit in the first game, and seven starters had at least one RBI in the second game.

UNK played a doubleheader at York college yesterday.

The Lopers will travel this weekend to take on the eighth-ranked Colorado Mines Orediggers in a four-game series starting Thursday. The Orediggers are 10-23 overall and 3-13 in the RMAC.

## Softball splits with Mesa

Brandon E. Siebenneicher  
Staff Writer

The UNK softball team split two doubleheaders with Mesa State this weekend.

In the first two games on Saturday, UNK controlled the game and the scoreboard as they won the first game 6-2.

Sophomore Breanna Bowers won game one for the Lopers, allowing just one run while scattering five hits and walking six batters. Bowers also struck out five enemy batters as she improved to 7-3 on the season.

The Lopers got an

unearned run early in the game, but quickly followed that up with Brandi Greenwood cranking a two-run home run in the second inning.

The Loper ladies then put the game away in the fifth when junior Allison Sinnett singled in two more runs with two outs. The lead kept expanding as freshman Kelsey Smith roped one over the fence for her second homer of the year.

The second game of the day saw freshman Ashley Guyle take the mound and do her job limiting the Mavericks to only three runs. Guyle threw four plus good innings, only letting two runs cross the plate, but

her real damage for this game was at the plate. She had three straight doubles in her three of four at bats with two RBI's and two runs scored. Guyle improved to 3-3 on the season with the win.

Sunday afternoon did not treat the Lady Lopers as well. The Mavericks had 30 hits on the day, including 10 home runs to sweep the Lopers 13-4 and 12-6.

UNK was only down four, in the first game, after plating two runs in the third. Senior Amanda Hitt led off with her fourth homer of the year, and then sophomore Melissa Hinkley took one for the team with the bases loaded

to force in one more run.

There were some bright spots for the Lopers as senior Anne Manning went three of four, and freshman Ashley Guyle went two of three and hit her third homer of the year.

In the second game, Mesa State really started to hit the ball hard. This game included six homers for the Mavericks.

UNK only trailed 7-4 into the seventh inning until Mesa scored five to put the Lopers away.

UNK hosted Fort Hays State Wednesday before heading to Colorado Springs to play tomorrow and Saturday.

## Team reforms

Joy N. Iromuanya  
Staff Writer

The UNK volleyball team just returned from the Kansas State Tournament where they battled Creighton, Kansas State, Wichita State, Brigham Young University and Arkansas.

"We did a lot better than people expected," Jill Gergen, a freshman math education major from Topeka, Kan., said. "We are just getting started. A couple of girls that red shirted last season are now getting playing time, and we are stepping into different leadership roles."

The Lopers lost seniors

Erin Brosz, Erin Gudmundson, Samantha Harvey, Bethany Spilde, Rachel Gerdes and Brett Haskell. But will see some action from red shirt freshman Katie Anderson and true freshman Michaela Kneip.

Gergen said, "The seniors were great, but Coach Squiers still expects a lot from everyone. Right now, we are working on team building. We only have ten players right now."

UNK will also add Elkhorn native Alison Jacobs next year. She is transferring from Auburn University and will have three years of eligibility remaining.

Each match at the K-State tournament consisted of two

games, 10 overall.

Gergen said, "I can't wait for the new girls - each girl is going to bring something new to the team. Alison played with Juli Minicz and I have played against her. I'm excited to bring everybody here."

## Loper finishes in top 20

Brandon E. Siebenneicher  
Staff Writer

The Loper men's golf team traveled to Phoenix this last weekend to compete in the Grand Canyon Invite. The Lopers fired a three-round total of 900 to finish 12th out of 19 teams.

South Dakota junior Mark Moller finished three over par and took 19th in the tournament.

Loper Head Coach Dick Beechner said, "Mark had a good tournament finishing in the top 20."

The rest of the Lopers competing were Broken Bow freshman Preston Foster, tying for 59th with a score of 228, Stratton senior Wes Bernt, tying for 65th with a 230, Gothenburg

senior Brian Fehr, tying for 72nd carding a 232 and South Dakota freshman Andy Bednar, tying for 76th, shooting a 233.

Central Oklahoma won the 17-team tournament with a score of 848, Wayland Baptist University of Texas took home the runner-up honors with an 849 and Point Loma Nazarene of California finished third with an 856.

Blake Slaughter of St. Edward's in Texas earned the first-place medal by beating Joe Prince of Point Loma in a playoff.

Even though the team's shot total was 79 strokes lower than their last tournament in Hays, Coach Beechner thought the team still could have done better.

"We still didn't play as

well as we are capable of. We are actually disappointed in our performance and feel we can do much better," he said. "Right now, we are just trying to get the right players playing, and we have a bunch of guys that are right even with each other. We need to develop more consistency."

The Loper men attended the Colorado Mines/Regis Invite in Ft. Morgan, Colo., on Monday and Tuesday.

"We will be going to Lincoln to play in the Northwest regional with the other teams from the RMAC. There will also be some bigger schools there as well such as the University of North Dakota. It should be a good tournament," Beechner said of upcoming competition.

## Are drugs a problem?

Brandon E. Siebenneicher  
Staff Writer

In the olden days, when an athlete became dominant in their sport, everyone knew that they worked hard and improved on their God-given talent. Today, if an athlete becomes dominant and better than everyone else, some people assume they are taking steroids or other illegal substances.

A prime example today is Barry Bonds, an outfielder for the San Francisco Giants. Bonds originally started his career in Pittsburgh, but came home to play for his area team.

When he became a Giant, Bonds began to get bigger and hit baseballs out of the park at an extreme rate, until he broke the home run record by hitting 73 in one season.

Ever since, Bonds has been in a constant battle, vehemently denying any allegations that he took steroids. Whether he did or not remains to be seen.

Although many people only think of professional athletes taking steroids and other banned substances, steroids are used in sports from high school to the pros. Because of that trend, more and more organizations are cracking down on when and how often athletes are tested.

As the list of banned substances grows, so does the list of mistakes registered on tests. One Team USA skeleton rider was banned from the Olympics this year because a product he was using for hair growth contained a chemical that was recently identified as being a masking agent for steroids.

He was not suspended for a year as is standard, but was instead apologized to and was told that he could not participate in the Olympics. The rider wrote down that he had been taking the hair treatment product for two years, and that it had not caused him to fail any previous tests.

The scare of drugs also applies to UNK athletes.

One UNK athlete, who wishes to remain anonymous, said he or she was previously an athlete at UNL and had been tested about six times during the year and a half there.

While at UNK, this athlete was never tested.

"Most tests are random, just to see if they can catch anybody at a bad time," the athlete said. "They test a lot after breaks and things like that because they mainly catch people with drugs in their system [other] than steroids."

This athlete said he or she knows of athletes that have had medals taken away for testing positive for drugs after meets.

A UNK track and field team member said, "I have never been tested and I don't know of anybody that has. They don't do it too much and they must only do it to random people."

Even though these two athletes don't know of any student athletes at UNK who have been tested for drugs, the regulations are still in place.



THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2006

# Softball starts tournament play

Denton P. Cushing  
Staff Writer

With the semester winding down, intramurals are cramming in what they can after the weather hindered

some of the play.

The aftermath of the last snowstorm snuffed out all of the regular season games for the softball competition for some teams, and only allowed as much as four games for other teams.

The tournament starts on Tuesday, and is estimated to last two weeks. The finals are scheduled for April 24. The format will be double elimination for each of the three brackets.

Thirteen teams will com-

pete in the men's division. Twelve teams will compete in the co-rec division. The remaining division, women's, will have five teams competing.

Finishing up last week was the hockey competition.

"Hockey is my favorite professional sport, so it's always been exciting to learn," senior industrial distribution major Tyson Wiegel said. "Our team name was the Arctic Beavers. We chose that because the beaver is quite frankly an amazing animal."

The intramural council is responsible for running all events, determining new sports and ensuring the events run smoothly. The council meets three times a year where they discuss new sports and determine the help for the year.

What sport to add is voted on in the last meeting of the year.

"At each event, a minimum of three people are there, but sometimes there is as many as six people," Jerome Malleck said.

Three-on-three volleyball



Photo by Ryota Hayama  
Sophomore Matt Depperschmidt, of Cambridge, pitches to Scott Wemhoff, a freshman from Kearney, in an intramural softball game.

has finished up as well. The tournament starts Monday.

Photo by Ryota Hayama

Freshman Jordan Seevers, a business management major from Kearney, bats as his team watches the intramural softball game behind him.



## Concordia didn't produce best times

Shannon J. Matthews  
Staff Writer

The track and field team traveled to Concordia last weekend for the second outdoor meet of the season.

Cali Cordes, a senior exercise science major from Hooper, said, "It was a nice day and a good day to run for repetition and practice."

Cordes said the meet did not go well for everyone. Times were a little slower

than usual, and many people were not pleased with their times. Cordes placed eighth in the long jump.

Dakota Cochrane, a freshman exercise science major from Fairbury, placed second in the pole vault with a height of 14-9.

"My goal is to make 16-6. Right now, we are getting used to the outside conditions. When we have indoor meets, the conditions are always the same. Outdoor meets can include wind and

other conditions," Cochrane said.

The UNK track and field team has a busy week planned as they prepare for the Division II Challenge in Emporia, Kan. Emporia will be the home of the outdoor national meet in May. This weekend provides the athletes a chance to practice where many of them could be competing in nationals.

This weekend is also an important meet for two multi-event athletes from

UNK. Cordes and Andrew Smith will be competing in a heptathlon and a decathlon, respectively.

Cordes said, "A heptathlon just means that I will be competing in seven different events. The guys compete in a decathlon, which means they will compete in ten different events."

Smith and Cordes will both start competing on Thursday.

"On Thursday, I will

compete in four events. The 100 hurdles, high jump, shot put and 200-meter dash. Between each event I will get a half an hour rest," Cordes said. "Then, on Friday, I will compete in the long jump, javelin and 800-meter run. Finally, on Saturday, I will compete with the team just like a normal meet. Andrew and I will arrive at Emporia on Thursday, and the rest of the team will meet us Friday night."

These multi-event athletes will compete in the heptathlon and decathlon twice in the outdoor season. Once for the Division II Challenge meet and once for the conference meets.

"After this meet, Andrew and I will get half of next week to recover," Cordes said.

## Men's tennis win two

Shannon J. Matthews  
Staff Writer

The UNK men's tennis team swept both opponents this weekend 9-0. UNK played Colorado Springs and Colorado State University-Pueblo.

Nate Wiegand, a senior accounting major from Grand Island, said, "Both duels went really well, it was good to set the tone for conference. Every person contributed in a big way."

The UNK women's tennis team had a big effort this weekend against Fort Hays State University and Colorado Springs.

Mckenna Irwin, a sophomore marketing major from Omaha, said, "We lost both duels, but most of our matches were really close. Two of the matches ended in tie breakers."

On Saturday against Colorado Springs, the women won all of the doubles matches, but did not win any of the singles.

"Throughout this season, three of us have been switching between the No. 1, 2 and 3 spots. We are taking turns playing the positions. This is a rebuilding year," Irwin said.

The men's team is trying to prepare for some tough meets ahead. The men will compete against the College of Santa Fe this weekend.

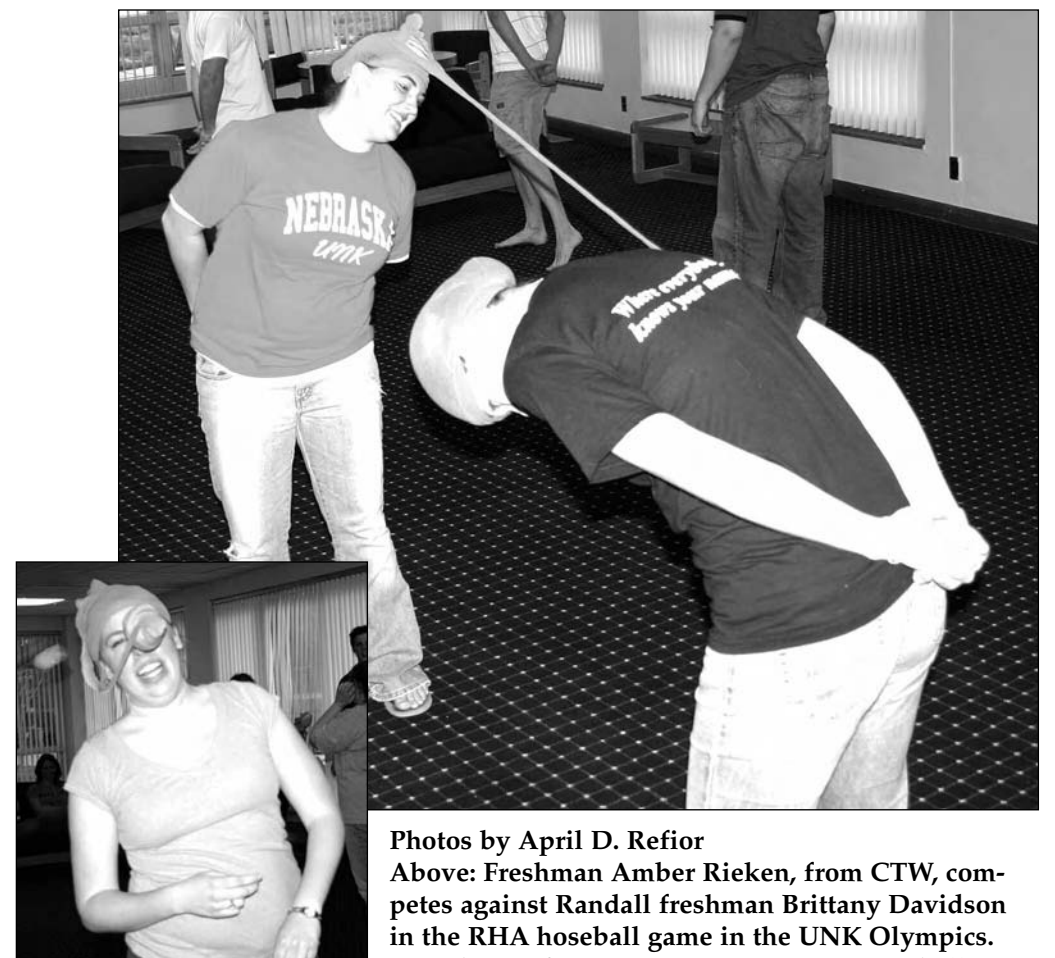
Wiegand said, "On Sunday we had a practice before the duel, then played the match, then did more conditioning. Our coach is trying to get us prepared for the College of Santa Fe who is ranked No. 1 in NAIA."

The tennis teams not only deals with practices and meets, but each athlete has to deal with homework.

Wiegand said, "This time of year can get tough with school work and traveling."

Irwin said, "My professors are all understanding, they work with me so I can have time to be an athlete and a student."

The UNK tennis team will compete on Friday at Colorado Christian.



Photos by April D. Refior  
Above: Freshman Amber Rieken, from CTW, competes against Randall freshman Brittany Davidson in the RHA hoseball game in the UNK Olympics. The object of the game was to tear the hoseball

from opponents' heads by only using your own. Left: Men's Hall Director Annie Weaver participates for her hall in the competition. Men's Hall finished fourth.

## Loper golfers struggle in Texas

Brandon E. Siebenneicher  
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The UNK Lady Lopers golf team traveled to Amarillo, Texas, to play in the Lady Buffalo Classic golf tournament April 3-4. The tournament, hosted by West Texas A&M University, was at the Tascosa Country Club.

UNK struggled on the first day of play as they carded a total score of 377 in the first round. This put

them in ninth place, out of ten teams.

Things changed for the better in the second round as the Lopers improved by 18 strokes on their first round score, carding a 359, to jump ahead of Montana State-Billings in the final standings.

UNK finished eighth overall shooting a 736 to finish ahead of Montana State-Billings (759) and Oklahoma Panhandle State (819).

Western New Mexico, a

future RMAC member, ran away with the tournament, shooting a total of 631. The nearest competitor was Central Oklahoma, firing a 648 and Tarleton State with a 666.

The Lopers were a very consistent team overall as they all finished within 11 strokes of each other. Clear Lake, S.D., sophomore Kami Hehn paced the Lopers with a total of 181 to finish in 32nd. Ideal, S.D., senior Ambur Vanneman was two shots higher with a

183 to take 34th. Minden junior Bobby Kosch tied for 37th with a 186, Kearney freshman Megan Marshall tied for 43rd with a 190 and senior Lindsay Vivian pulled in with a 192 for 47th place. Ashley Morris of WTAMU beat Katherine Dorris of WNMU in a one-hole playoff to take medalist honors.

The UNK women will tee it up again this Friday and Saturday at the Ironwood Classic in Omaha hosted by UNO.

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# NEWS

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## UNK students write online journals



Photo by Erika P. Dimas  
Monica Fuentes, a Holdrege sophomore at right, and Kevin Wait, an Ogallala junior at left, are two of the writers who participate in writing journals for the UNK Web site.

Lucas W. Wright  
Staff Writer

Four students are sharing their college experiences with others via the Internet. Kristen Brockman, Monica Fuentes, Kevin Wait and Nathan Andreesen are all a part of the first-ever student journals at UNK.

The four students were hand-selected by a panel of university officials to keep weekly accounts of their lives as students in Kearney. Kathy Smith, UNK's Vice Chancellor of University Relations, spoke about the process of selecting the students.

"We have two freshmen, a junior and a sophomore participating in these online journals. We put out an announcement on the student bulletin and requested students to reply," Smith said. "We got quite a bit of interest for the first time. About 20 students submitted their applications and we interviewed them."

"As part of the application process they had to explain why they came to UNK and what they do generally during the course of a

day," she added. "We also asked to see a sample of their photography, because on their journal they take pictures of what's happening with their experience at UNK."

According to Smith, the online journals are part of

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Kathy Smith  
UNK Vice Chancellor of University Relations

the university's continuing quest to draw students from across Nebraska and the nation to UNK. "This kind of ties in with our theme, 'You'll never forget Kearney.'

Some people might ask why it isn't 'You'll never forget the University of Nebraska at Kearney' instead? Well, the fact is that many people don't even know Kearney exists and so it's not that they have a bad opinion of UNK or Kearney, they just don't have any opinion of us," she said. "This is one of the ways that we are trying to use to show everyone what college is like here at UNK."

Smith explained, "As our Chancellor likes to say, if you do a 100 mile radius of Kearney, that student population has decreased 7 percent just this last year and is going to decrease until 2014. Now the number of college-aged students is staying stable in the state, so where are they all going? East ... Omaha, Lincoln."

With the utilization of these journals, Smith and others at UNK hope to attract new students to Kearney by showing them that our college is up-to-date with many technological trends and is a progressive institution.

The students have kept their journals since the beginning of the semester

and will do so until the end of 2006. For their efforts they are rewarded by keeping the digital cameras that they were given to take the pictures that accompany their journal entries. The on-line journals are located at [www.unk.edu/journals](http://www.unk.edu/journals).

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