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Run With It

New exchange program *UNK builds academic bridge to China*



Photo by Julia Stumkat
The first Chinese students study at UNK as part of the new 1+2+1 program. From left to right, Shu Yao Yany, Yi Fan Wang, Ming Chen, Gui-Jie Zhang (program coordinator), Hsien Hua Hsu and Li Lin participate at the round table.

Jacqueline A. Stoltenberg
Staff Writer

A recent round table discussion hosted by Phi Beta Delta, the honor society for international scholars, focused on the new student exchange program 1+2+1 between UNK and China.

Chinese students who

participate in this program will spend one year at a Chinese university, two years at UNK and another year in China.

The members of the panel discussed the benefits of the new program and those who have been in China shared their experiences.

"I think it is a wonderful

opportunity for the campus as well as the community," Gui-Jie Zang, 1+2+1 program coordinator at UNK, said. "It is a good way to build a bridge for China... I believe it is a good start for our campus."

Zang stressed the fact that Chinese students who major in English and study at four-year program uni-

versities in the United States have many more opportunities and are more likely to get jobs after college in China. She said international experiences are important for students.

Zang also said students who have only a high school education do not have as

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Republicans debate current social concerns

Mike W. Gruszczynski
Staff Writer

presented his ideas on immigration reform.

"I come from a unique perspective, as a son of an immigrant," he said. "The concept of immigration should be based on assimilation."

He said immigrants should learn the English language as well as the system of American government in order to transition more easily into life in the United States.

Ricketts, in his response to Kramer, said the number of illegal aliens already in the country presents many issues as well.

"There are 11 million illegal immigrants [in the United States] that need to be addressed," he said. "I do not support amnesty, but it will be difficult to round up and send home that many people."

The candidates also focused on the war in Iraq and offered their perspectives on the issue.

Ricketts said the United States is winning in Iraq, and that he could use his financial experiences at Ameritrade to save money in the ongoing war.

He also said military forces should only be withdrawn from the country under certain circumstances.

"The United States should withdraw when the troops say that the Iraqis can defend themselves," Ricketts said.

Kramer said he has that border security needs to be strengthened and

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Jersey's : new sports and grill bar opens

Kathlene M. Jordan
Features Editor

With the grand opening of Jersey's Sports Bar and Grill on Tuesday, UNK students can add another location to their list of entertainment options.

"We definitely look forward to the college crowd. It's a bar not only for men," Douglas Holmes, one of five owners of Jersey's, said.

Located in Vista Pointe Shopping Villa, a strip mall still-under-construction, at 5012 3rd Ave., this bar and grill has seating available for 140 patrons.

Sports coverage is shown on 16 42-inch flat-screen televisions and one projector at the west side of the seating area. Even the

restrooms are accommodated with televisions, 19-inch in each, to assure a complete viewing of sporting events.

Holmes said complete sports coverage is one goal of the business. He said women's sports will be aired in addition to men's.

"When we decided to design it, we wanted a mid, upper-scale environment... a good place to come and eat and drink and watch the games," Holmes said.

Jersey's offers a full-service bar and restaurant, serving everything from dinner entrees to appetizer.

Mike Johnson, another investor and owner of Jersey's, said he does not want people to view the business as a family restaurant. It's not to be compared to Applebee's, Johnson said.

The meaning is in the name, bar and grill.

"We're really proud of our location up on the north side of Kearney," Holmes said. He foresees a thriving business with the recent surge of residential and commercial growth in Kearney's northern district.

Holmes is also a co-owner of Vanguard Development, a company that owns the shopping villa as a whole. Opening soon are El Potrero Mexican Restaurant and She's Smitten clothing store. Two other spaces have been leased to Mongolian Grill and Sylvan Learning Center. Three suites are still available for lease.

Bang salon and spa is

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Photo by Lucas E. Froeschl
Sonny Steele, one of Jersey's bar managers, serves first customers.

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FRIDAY
Sunshine
High 71
Low 42



SATURDAY
Windy/Showers
High 78
Low 53



SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High 71
Low 51





PHOTO of The WEEK

Photo by Julia Stumkat

With weather creeping into the nineties last week, even the squirrels of Kearney were trying to escape the smoldering heat. This little guy is "chillin' out" on 26th St. and 7th Ave.

To submit pictures for Photo of the Week, save pictures as JPEG files and send them to antelope@unk.edu, or call 865-8716 for assistance.

A puzzle as sweet as John Candy's career

ACROSS

1. John Candy's voice was heard in "The _____ 7," scheduled for release on Earth Day in 1997 with arch-enemies of the planet Earth.
5. John Candy appeared in more movies with the former cast of "Saturday Night Live" than any other entertainer; that number is _____.
9. The famous waterfall that Sheriff Bud B. Bloomer defends.
10. John Candy might take this mode of transportation with Steve Martin.
11. These western vehicles traveled east instead of west in the movie featuring John Candy's final performance.
13. Security Guard John Candy finds that he is taken _____ at Wally World.
15. John Candy might take this mode of transportation with Steve Martin.
17. Director of "1941," in which John Candy, Dan Aykroyd, Jim Belushi, Ned Beatty and Treat Williams defended the California Coast against invasion.
21. John Candy bungled more than any comedic sheriff in this role as a law officer.
22. This is "Moore" from "Nothing But Trouble"—but not more of Bruce Willis.
25. John Candy plays the brother to Tom

- Hanks in this 1981 romantic comedy involving a mermaid.
27. His acting was as "sweet" as his surname.
28. John Candy was Big Fan Eddie in "_____ of the Year," a 1993 fictional comedy about the Chicago Cubs.
29. John Candy joined Kevin Costner in this serious conspiracy thriller about a president killed in Dallas in this film produced by Oliver Stone.
31. John Candy told actress Maureen O'Hara that he was living on borrowed time; he predicted only living until this age.
33. John Candy's nemesis in the "Great Outdoors," the two of them being brothers-in-law (1988).
35. The state where John Candy, the burned-out air-traffic controller, takes his family on vacation in "Summer Rental."
36. John Candy might take this transportation with Steve Martin.
37. How many years John Candy lived beyond the year he predicted he would die.
38. _____ Perlman was "Deputy Honey" and John Candy's sidekick in "Canadian Bacon."
39. The number of brothers that wooed the mail-order bride in "Wagons East!"

DOWN

2. To raise his ratings in the opinion polls, the American president, played by Alan Alda, declared cold war on this neighboring country.
3. The holiday on which John Candy was born.
4. Dan Aykroyd plays the role of a small-town judge in this fictitious burg.
5. The Canadian city in which John Candy was born in 1950.
6. John Candy played American-as-Apple-Pie Tom Tuttle in this 1985 movie with Tom Hanks about serving in the Peacecorp in southeast Asia.
7. John Candy's role in "Sesame Street: Follow That Bird" (1965).
8. The surname of the fictional suburban family on the "National Lampoon Vacation."
12. The given name of a "Crummy" private eye; he is John Candy.
14. John Candy's occupation as Bud B. Bloomer in "Canadian Bacon."
16. His given name might sound like that of a car, but he was in nothing but trouble over a speeding ticket as a co-star of John Candy.
18. The kind of team John Candy, as an ex-champion, whips into shape (They were Jamaican islanders competing in this Olympic winter sport).
19. The surname of the actor named Bill, who joined the service with John Candy in "Stripes."
20. John Candy was somebody's "Uncle _____" in this film.
23. John Candy played this role in "Spaceballs."
24. Veteran movie actor Rip Torn played this seafaring role in John Candy's "Summer Rental."
26. John Candy played a cameo role in the "Littel Shop of _____" (1986).
30. The surname of the actor whom John Candy helps spend \$10 million in "Brewster's Millions."
32. The given first name of the other "Wilson" Tom Hanks met in the movie "Volunteers" and later married.
34. John Candy directed a 1994 comedy called "Hostage for a _____."



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"The school year is almost over. What was a highlight of the year that you'd do over again?"



"Spring Break in San Diego was a blast. The beach was awesome."

Bobbi Florence, Fremont Senior



"Getting the college thing down, it's been a good first year."

Lucas Choyeski, Belgrade Freshman



"Going to an advertising conference in NYC with my roommate."

Sharice Ward, Lincoln Sophomore



"More baseball. It's hard work but I love it."

Joey Larsen, Columbus Senior

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Venting
aggression
through the power of
the pen.



Kids parent adults: tough love is remedy to social sickness

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There is a growing problem in American society today. Among numerous problems, one is at the forefront of my attention and necessitates a call to action.

Discipline is lacking in our children of the modern generation. Many have a lack of disregard for morals, values, respect and obedience.

Growing up as a child, my family life was average. I

had a loving mother who worked diligently to provide for her three children.

I was taught respect, and morals and values were molded into my conscience. Never was I allowed to talk back to my mother or disrespect her. If so, I was punished either by grounding, standing in the corner or being spanked with a belt.

I hated getting spanked, but as an adult, I realize the purpose for those tears of pain. My mother had a duty to protect others from my wrongful actions. If she continued to allow me to make mistakes, I wouldn't be the accomplished person I am today.

I was taught to be grateful for what I was so fortunate to have. When food was served at dinner, I was taught to eat what was provided on my plate. "There are starving kids in China,"

my mother used to say.

Throughout the country, I see children today that have severely derailed from this general idea of acting like a decent, respectful and kind human being.

I see children screaming on the floor of grocery store aisles while their parents try to console them by giving the little bastards whatever they want. This does not solve the problem; it makes a greedy, selfish and ungrateful child who will carry those traits throughout adulthood.

I see parents who allow children to eat whatever they want or ask children what they would like to eat for dinner. A child's job is not to decide what he or she will consume for nutritional value. If it is left up to a child, candy and chips would be the sole diet. No wonder so many children

are obese today.

I see children screaming at their parents, hitting their parents and saying "No" to their parents. Children are parenting the adults these days. Parents wonder why their kids are out doing drugs, drinking and having sex as young teenagers. Perhaps it is because their children had no self-respect or respect for their parents. Kids who grow up doing whatever they want will continue this trait throughout adulthood. That is why we have so many criminals.

My call to action: If you are a parent or plan to become one someday, take responsibility for raising your child. Realize you are molding and shaping a human being who will affect the lives of others and probably have children someday. Realize it is your responsibility to teach morals and values, to discipline when needed. Show your child you care enough about them to reprimand them when they commit wrongdoings, but remember to praise them for their successes as

well.

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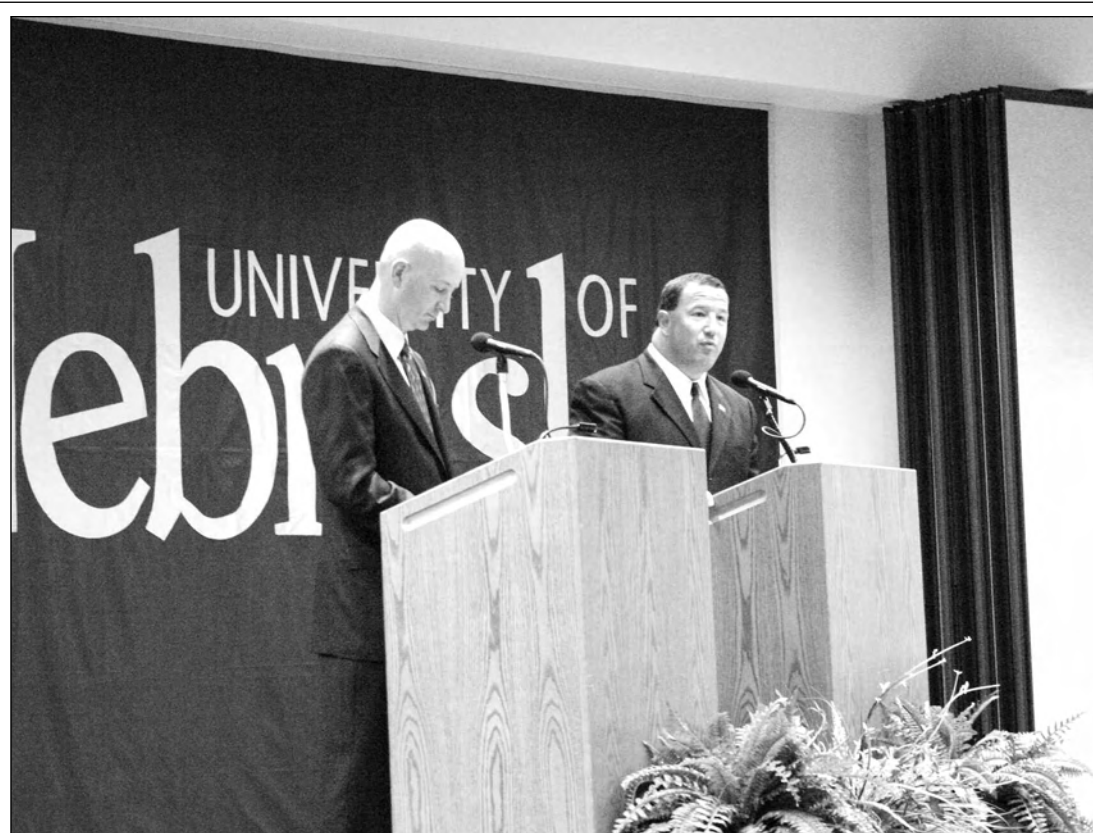


Photo by Mike W. Gruszczynski
Republicans Pete Ricketts, left, and David Kramer, right, debate various controversies in the country.

Debate

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experience helping totalitarian governments transition to democratic societies, which he would use as a Nebraska Senator.

"We need to empower the Iraqis to govern themselves and also empower them to defend their country," he said. "When we accomplish these goals, we can come home."

Although there was little disagreement between the candidates on many of the issues, Ricketts and Kramer presented differing views on abortion.

Both candidates said they would like to see Roe v. Wade, the 1971 Supreme Court case which legalized abortion, overturned by the court. However, the candi-

dates disagreed about whether abortions should be allowed in special circumstances.

"Life begins at conception," Kramer said. "The only exceptions [for abortion] are when the life of the mother is at risk or in cases of rape or incest."

Ricketts said the states should decide whether or not abortion is legal and gave his perspective on the issue.

"I don't think there are exceptions [to abortion]," he said. "The child is innocent. It is not the child's fault."

Both candidates said they questioned the absence of Don Stenberg from the debate. According to Ricketts and Kramer, the third Republican candidate refused to take part in any debates unless all candidates signed a pledge barring negative advertising

from the campaigns.

"Don Stenberg has done a great disservice to the political process," Kramer said. "I believe that Pete [Ricketts] and I have behaved appropriately. The time has come for him to stand before the voters of Nebraska."

Ricketts agreed with his opponent.

"We both have run positive campaigns and have tried to portray ourselves in the best possible light," he said. "A candidate's record should be open to scrutiny."

The three candidates will face-off in the Republican primary on May 9. The candidate, who receives the Republican nomination, will then challenge Democratic Sen. Ben Nelson in the November midterm elections.

Bar

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another business located in Vista Pointe Shopping Villa, neighbored next to the future site of Sylvan Learning Center. Feb. 22 was opening day for Bang salon and spa.

Students receive a 10 percent discount at Bang with their UNK student ID

cards. Walk-ins are welcome in the full-service salon offering anything from massages to makeup artistry and advanced skin and body treatments.

Holmes said later in the year, a second phase of building construction will begin. The development company plans to build a second, mirror-image strip mall across from Vista Pointe.

China

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many job opportunities in China. "Now you have to have a high education," she said.

Li Lin, a computer information system major, is one of the first transfer students from Shenyang, China.

"I think it [the program] is very useful to get more knowledge about culture and knowledge," she said.

Lin's parents, who hold management positions, help her financially to attend college. She said she

will graduate in two years and plans to go back to China.

"After I come back to China, I can do lots of things such as analysis on business," she said.

Zang added that the 1+2+1 program at UNK is also a great opportunity for American students to learn from Chinese students.

"It is a wonderful place to study," she said.

Dr. Fennie Murry, Jerald Fox, Dr. Ada Leung, Dr. Shahram Alavi and Dr. Sri Seshdri also attended the round table discussion sharing their personal experiences they made in China.

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MAGNER, Joe, Acton, MA

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of Joe Magner's game. A game once respected for its ability to overcome great resistance. It was in the process of doing just that; charmingly dismantling the defenses of a bubbly blonde sorority girl, when Joe turned and saw someone beside them, intently watching their conversation. Alas, this person was a Gamekiller, and none other than the over-educated, pseudo academic, knower of everything, known as IQ. The Gamekiller whose sole pleasure in life is using his enormous brainpower to extricate girls just like Joe's. And so it was that IQ quickly and seamlessly steered the conversation to the dilemma of quasi existentialism. Joe asked if the conversation was for real. Setting himself up for an intellectual pummeling. By the time Joe had finished struggling to hold onto IQ's train of thought, he had lost his hold on the girl. *Natura non contristatur, Joe. Natura non contristatur.*



THEODORE, Rashid, New York, NY

Were it not seen by many a witness at the club, the death of Rashid's game would remain a mystery befitting one of the many crime scene investigators portrayed nightly on television sets. For it is a generally accepted truth that when men get off to a great start with a girl at a club, they soon expect to find themselves suavely working that woman's torso into a tangle on the dance floor. (With particular attention paid to the rubbing of the palms, the elbows, and of course the occasional posterior.) But, Rashid's case was peculiar, and no matter how fluid his conversational flow was flowing, his game saw no moment towards the aforementioned dancing routine, most especially as it pertained to the absence of any posterior-knocking.

Instead, Rashid's spicy prospect was beginning to show classic signs of eye-drift and to none other than, Man Candy, the sugarsweet confection of a Gamekiller revered for his talents at topping cherries like Rashid's lady-friend. And indeed, another game met its demise, as it is also a generally accepted rule amongst women that candy is the truest way to a woman's heart.



TIDER, Andy, Teaneck, NJ

Andy Tider's game was alive and well. Busting up the place and making the ladies say, "Da-am." His game was a fine thing—full of one liners, well-timed nods and boyish smiles. He was firing smoothly while he talked to a lithe young American princess named Sharleece. Lines like, "You should be called Shar-LACE. Because you're beautiful, and so is lace," confirmed that his game was flying on all cylinders, until along came the future hall-of-famer himself, The Baller. The one Gamekiller with more moves than a nomad. Andy Tider could have kept his cool, could have shrugged off The Baller's play for his girl with a simple pump fake to the bar and a drive to the Sharleece lane, but instead he got caught in The Baller full-court trap. And before he knew it, Tider and The Baller were re-enacting Detroit vs. Indiana 2005. Andy Tider, you are the first player to turn an easy lay-up into a personal foul. Somewhere up there, Andy Tider, Wilt is laughing.



BARTON, Ross, McDonough, GA

Approximately at dawn or sometime early like that last Saturday morning marked the death of Ross Barton's game. Which came as some surprise to Ross who thought for sure he was in the process of scoring at Club Voidance with a gorgeous pixie-raver named BunnyFlower. But such is the fate of any man who tries to score while in the chill out room

Game Killed

of a rave, especially if that chill out room is inhabited by the cuddly teddy-bear of a soul otherwise known as The Gamekiller, Sensitivo. For as cute as rave girls can be in a pair of neon purple pajamas, it is best not to tell them so when they are in the middle of wondering why the Earth doesn't orbit around love. Nor is it cool to try to cop a feel inside their fuzzy one-piece and pass it off as a momentary lapse of depth perception. Nor is it cool to mention that all this music seems to be stuck on repeat. And these were just some of the many lessons Ross learned from Sensitivo, the last of which came when Sensitivo took his BunnyFlower home at 9 a.m. to, "Just, you know, mellow out and lounge on his warm, velvet comforter."

MOYSE, Peter, Washington, DC

This is to mark the demise of Peter Moyse's game. Peter's game had been happily working on a pair of foreign exchange students. Well aware that there's so much that can be misinterpreted as charming and witty when there's a language barrier. Peter was about to go for broke, offering to teach them the meaning of his favorite (and only) French term: *ménage à trois*, when fate dealt him a cruel blow, for in walked The Gamekiller, The Balladeer. A walking repository of meter and rhyme, The Balladeer is more than a pair of ripped denim jeans and an unruly haircut. For as any music groupie would attest—especially those who could care less about lyrics—a song sung is like eight octaves better than one spoken. Peter could have kept his game alive if he'd just kept his cool. But did he? Hell no. He stepped out of his game and went all a cappella on the foreign beauties. Leaving the girls with no choice but to nightcap at The Balladeer's house where he delighted them to his latest chart-topping track, "Just the Three of Us."



CHOI, Mike, Queens, NY

The once valiant game of Mike Choi died this past weekend at a charming pub well known to locals as a killer pick-up scene. The evening had begun auspiciously when Choi was asked by a beautiful lass what he did for a living. To which, Choi replied convincingly, "Philanthropy." On any other night such a cavalier lie might be rewarded with an equally generous tongue-to-tongue reciprocation, but on this night, Choi

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was unaware that within earshot of his gross misrepresentation was the Emirate for which the UAE was named after, the financier who prefers currency with his own likeness on it, The Gamekiller Switzerland calls on for financial planning, Kash Munni. And what a shame it was, to watch something as genuinely humanitarian as Choi's definition of philanthropy die a quick death at the 24-Carat gold watch laden wrist of Kash Munni who needed only to turn it over once and say simply, "The limo, my lady, awaits." Leaving Choi feeling philanthropic only to Glen, the genial bartender.



ENGELBRECHT, Judd, Brainerd, MN

Judd's game was proceeding along nicely as it followed closely behind the toned and tanned posterior of his athletic date, Beth, on a bucolic mountain bike ride through the hills of San Francisco. When all of a sudden something punctured Beth's tire, leaving it and subsequently Judd's game, gasping for air. For, while Judd tried to repair the tube, along the path came The Gamekiller who has never consulted the thesaurus, known simply as Early Man. And, as all damsels in distress will do, while Judd tried in vain to remove her tire from the wheel frame, she gradually grew weary of his laundry list of excuses and began to turn her attention to Early Man whose brain might resemble a slime mold, but whose biceps require their own zip code. And before Judd could say, "Uh, Beth I thought we were on a date here," Early Man had picked up Beth, perched her on his shoulders, and took a caveman-like pride about showing her each and every hill of San Francisco, then Sacramento, then Santa Barbara, and finally, San Diego.

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Celebrity influence and drugs

Teens follow stars' lifestyle choices

Jennifer L. House
Staff Writer

Chris Farley, Elvis Presley, Blind Melon's Shannon Hoon, Sublime's Bradley Nowell, fashion photographer David Sorrenti and Janis Joplin all have something in common.

The commonality is that all of these celebrities died of drug overdoses on either heroin, alcohol, barbituates, opiates or cocaine.

Among the celebrities who have died because of a drug overdose, several more celebrities, like Christian Slater, Robert Downey Jr. and Charlie Sheen, have been arrested because of a drug habit.

The positive side of these arrests is that all of these celebrities have now broken free of their addictions to drugs.

According to the Web site at www.straightscop.org, celebrities like Venus and Serena Williams, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Tyrese and Andy MacDonald actively stated they are drug-free.

These professionals and others have joined together to form the Entertainment Industries Council, which rewards television shows and movies that accurately portray the consequences of drugs.

Generally, a celebrity

"It would make a big difference to me if I knew they [celebrities] did drugs because it demoralizes them and makes them a fraud."

Kristina Gray
Kearney High School senior

with a drug habit is not any different than a non-celebrity

ty with a drug habit.

The exception here is that celebrities are typically seen as role models to teenagers across the country and even the world.

According to the straight scoop Web site, many celebrities do not even want to be role models.

Celebrities like Charles Barkley, NBA great, said that celebrities are simply ordinary people with an extraordinary talent.

Teenagers need role models to help them make decisions throughout their daily lives when they feel they can't go to their parents or friends.

They use role models as guides on how to live their lives, make decisions and deal with their consequences.

Kristina Gray, a Kearney High School senior, said a few celebrities she admires include Bruce Willis and Robin Williams.

She said she admires them for their talent.

"It would make a big

difference to me if I knew they did drugs," Gray said, "because it demoralizes them and makes them a fraud."

She said she knows students who use the drug cocaine because they know of celebrities who use cocaine; and it makes the students want to become skinnier.

The Hollywood and fash-

ion elite have long exploited a look called "heroin chic," which is the term used to describe the recent runway models with pale skin, stringy hair and vacant looks.

This look encourages the need for celebrities to be skinny, which then influences teens to look after the actions of role models.

The latest example: inter-

national super-model Kate Moss, who was recently arrested on drug charges.

"The whole high school trend is copying someone else," Gray said.

WARM2Kids is a program created by former Boston Celtic, M.L. Carr, in 2002.

The program was developed to link kids with role models, helping youngsters to make positive life decisions.

The point of the program, according to its Web site, is that "despite our imperfections, We're All Role Models," which is where the WARM2kids is derived.

Carr has been recruiting celebrities to join his program since he has started the program and asked them to share their stories and advice, along with "everyday heroes."



Book's controversy earns cash

Profits boost as movie release nears

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Staff Writer

In March 2003, "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown, was released with little fanfare.

Since then, however, the book has continued to build up steam, creating a buzz of criticism, disapproval and condemnation.

As any public relations executive will tell you, there's no such thing as negative publicity.

Cody Boltz, of Grand Island, Neb., a retail book store manager, has been following the hype surrounding Dan Brown's latest novel.

He points out that the

way the book was handled, in terms of release dates and marketing, has been nothing more than a way to fuel "The Da Vinci Code" machine, to increase publicity and to generate more money.

"The actual time frame [surrounding "The Da Vinci Code"] is uncharacteristic of many books," said Boltz. "The hardback had been out way, way longer than any other book, in the way of transferring it into paperback."

Traditionally, after a book has been around for a couple of months, the price of the hardback steadily drops, taking a big cut when the paperback is released.

According to Boltz, this didn't happen with "The Da

Vinci Code."

"They didn't even lower the price of the hardback over time. It pretty much stayed the same price," he said.

All of this careful maneuvering, coupled with the book's controversy only added to its popularity.

"It created a hell of a lot of hype," Boltz said. "Because people kept hearing about it, and wanting to read it, [the publishers] just kept pushing the release date of the paperbacks more and more."

"There were a lot of people wanting the book in paperback that were not willing to shell out the dough for the hardback," he said. "And they just had to wait. Even we, as retailers, didn't know when it was going to be put out."

Once it became evident that the book was becoming a huge bestseller, the movie rights were sold and Ron Howard began directing the film version of "The Da Vinci Code."

Boltz, who has more than seven years experience in movies, both managing

retail stores and theatres, and two years in the book industry, points out that the movie dates were used to increase the publicity of the paperback's release date.

"More than likely, it fit the timeline of the movie, from preproduction to post-production," Boltz said. "Now, they finally just released the paperback to coincide with the movie's release, so they just piggyback."

Apparently, all of this hype and release date manipulation has paid off. The paperback of the book was recently released, and sales are booming.

"We've sold a hundred copies since its release [two weeks ago]," Boltz said. "And that's just the small mass-market paperback, not counting the hardback, trade size, or illustrated versions."

Every few years, a book comes along that becomes so controversial, that people actually write books encouraging people not to buy the book they're against - which only serves to create more hype and free publicity for

the very agent these people think they're fighting.

Controversy is as much of a literary tradition as alcoholic authors and post-mortem popularity.

"All of these people are freaking out about nothing. . . There should be more people against cancer than there are against Dan Brown."

Cody Boltz
Grand Island retail bookstore manager

In addition to the marketing strategies that Dan Brown's publishers have employed, the story the book contains has tapped into this controversy, creating a buzz of debate, especially in many religious circles.

Without ruining the plot of the book for those who still plan on picking it up, the story proposes some very staggering things about Christianity and the life of Jesus.

It's a mystery where only the detectives are following century-old clues, hidden in cryptic ciphers, dead languages and in the paintings of Leonardo Da Vinci.

The elements of the story that focus on Jesus and his life is what has many religious communities up in

arms against the book.

"All of these people are freaking out about nothing," Boltz said.

The bottom line is that at no time has Dan Brown said his book is true. It's not supposed to be a statement of fact.

"Where's the book shelved at the stores? Fiction," Boltz said.

"There should be more people against cancer than there are against Dan Brown," said Boltz, who is a current cancer patient.

No matter how someone feels about all of the publicity surrounding the book, the one unarguable fact is that it's working.

The book is selling, and everyone is jumping on board to get a piece of the money.

"Now National Geographic is playing the same game with this Judas thing," Boltz said. "They've been waiting to release the book on it for quite a while, and then, boom! They release three books one week after Da Vinci came out in paperback, to coincide with Easter, as well."

"Even National Geographic is hopping on the money train," he said.

"It's all politics."

Right now "The Da Vinci Code" is hot. It's selling and everything related to it is selling by proxy.

"And then, this thing is spurning all of those Da Vinci Code spin-offs, DVDs and non-fiction books trying to validate or disprove the book," Boltz said. "It's just like Tickle Me Elmo all over again, only this time the Mona Lisa is involved."

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Bands battle tonight at Hallapalooza



Photo courtesy of Oh So Evident
Nathan Rogers, at left, and Kyle Williams, at right, both Oh So Evident guitarists and UNK students, make their mark on the music scene after winning last year's Hallapalooza battle of the bands.

Ashley N. Volf
Staff Writer

With the start of spring and the ending of the semester, there comes an overload of homework, tests and activities.

One activity students may want to fit into their schedules is the UNK Hallapalooza battle of the bands scheduled tonight.

Local bands from the Kearney area will compete to be the next Hallapalooza champions.

One of the bands playing at the event is Oh So Evident, winners of last year's competition.

"I think this is a really cool opportunity for local bands to get their sound heard," said Kyle Williams, a guitarist for Oh So Evident.

"It's a variety of music from a variety of bands," he said. "It fits everyone's taste.

Since we were such a new band, the critiques the judges gave us really helped refine our future shows and performances."

"The hallapalooza last year was one of our first shows," Williams said. "We went into it just thinking we were going to have some fun and hoping we would sound good.

I think we were all surprised when we heard our name called as the winners. I was really honored to have received such a good compliment about my music."

Travis Gonzalez, drummer for Oh So Evident, said, "Winning battle of the bands last year was a huge surprise to us, because it was one of our very first shows.

It gave us a tremendous boost of confidence and assured us that we really had something here."

Nathan Rogers, a gui-

tarist for Oh So Evident, said, "Winning last year was a really cool accomplishment for us, because it proved that we could actually take our music, and people would enjoy it in this area.

It was just fun to get up and play in front of people and get a reaction, so winning last year was just like icing on the cake."

Oh So Evident, formally known as Lost Words, came together during fall 2004.

Williams said, "As a band and musicians, I think we really like songs that are easy to remember and get caught in your head. We don't mind harder music, but if it is all screaming and no melody, that gets old real quick."

Gonzalez said, "The original members, [Kyle, Nathan, and myself] all lived on the same floor in the dorms at UNK.

We could hear one another jamming on our instruments, echoing down the hallway. Our curiosity got the best of us; we met, shared a lot of the same musical interests, and decided it would be fun to form a band."

Rogers said, "We started the band, because basically we all love music. We found that our interests were very similar and things just sort of fell in place. When we started, we called ourselves Lost Words."

Gonzalez said, "Kyle's roommate at the time, Shane Smith, was our bassist, and we played quite a few shows together during the school year and on and off during the summer.

Halfway through our sophomore year, Shane transferred to attend school at Milford.

We then were on the lookout for a new bassist. We posted a bunch of flyers around campus, and in no time, Mike Rohner showed up at our door.

Since we had a change in the lineup, we also decided it was time for a new name... 'Oh So Evident', and the rest is history."

Rogers said, "The hardest part is really finding time to practice and play. We are just running into a lot of problems with everyone's schedules and with having time to jam.

Work and school are major parts of our lives right now, because we are all students at UNK. It is like a juggling act sometimes. But school is our first priority with this music as a very close second."

Williams said, "Balancing the band with school and work is always a challenge.

Sometimes I have a big test to study for, but I have to put it on hold, because it is practice night.

That makes for some late nights. But the band is something that I have to have in my life. I would make any sacrifice for it. It is hard to find a place that will let a band practice, unless you know someone or own a house."

Even though their schedules seem to be extra tight, Oh So Evident doesn't plan on giving up the benefits anytime soon.

Rogers said, "I love getting on stage and just play-

dents to get out and see the bands and also invite them to see the differences within their own.

Rogers said, "I think, musically, we have come a long way, but we are still fine-tuning our music to see what sounds the best and gets the best reaction. I think we have matured a lot, but there is always plenty of room for improvement."

"Even though personally we have seen improvement, it is always hard to except the critics," Rogers said. "I think that everyone in some way or another is one, but I want everyone to love our music and enjoy hearing it as much as I enjoy playing it. So it is hard to accept that not everyone will love what you play."

Williams said, "I think from when we started until now, we have improved in many ways. I think we are all better musicians and have a better understanding of each others' playing styles.

Our song writing and motivation have also increased a lot. I feel that for the first time, this summer we are all on the same page of what we want to accomplish."

Gonzalez said, "We have really matured greatly as a whole since last year at this time. We have set and achieved many goals and have expanded greatly with our music, both writing and overall deliverance."

Oh So Evident is scheduled to perform at the Make-a-Wish concert in Loup City, on Saturday.

Hallapalooza is scheduled to take place by the fountains. For more information about the event, contact Mallory at (308) 708-0807.

"Balancing the band with school and work is always a challenge. Sometimes I have a big test to study for, but I have to put it on hold, because it is practice night."

Kyle Williams
Oh So Evident guitarist

ing. It is one of my passions in life.

I used to play sports and was very competitive, but coming to college, I realized my athletic career at the next level was not there, so I had to find another way to get the same rush, and it came by music."

The band encourages stu-

Stereotypes carry powerful presence

Jael J. Johnson
Staff Writer

Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me.

Whether it is said out loud or as a thought, whether it is seen as good or bad, stereotypes are all around.

Stereotypes can be found within people, in schools and the workplace, and anywhere else imaginable.

What, exactly, are stereotypes?

Webster's College Dictionary defines a stereotype as a fixed or conventional conception, such as a person, group, or idea that is held by a number of people and does not allow for individuality.

A place such as the UNK campus, in the heart of the

Midwest, can have stereotypes too.

Since stereotypes tend to be common, the question is how the students handle and what they think of the stereotypes around them.

Megan Province, a sophomore psychology major from McCook, said, "I think people need to be aware of stereotypes and not take them to heart. They need to know a person for who they are rather than what society thinks and says of them."

Bridgette Gawrick, a freshman nursing major from Lincoln, said, "I hate stereotypes because everybody deserves a chance before being labeled."

Gawrick said she thinks stereotypes are a bigger issue here at UNK rather than bigger campuses. UNK has the "small town atmosphere," whereas on a bigger

campus, the students will not know as many people.

What is myth and what is reality when it comes to stereotypes?

When a couple of UNK students were asked about stereotypes that are commonly known on a nationwide basis, they gave their honest thoughts as answers.

The questions formulated could be answered with either true or false.

The information for the following questions came from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and SAMSHA's National Clearinghouse for Alcohol & Drug Information.

1. About half (41 to 62 percent) of Native American youth have tried marijuana.

Kari Mitchell, a freshman interior design major from Stuart, said, "False. That is a large percentage. I don't

think that many people in general have tried it."

The answer: True. About half (41 to 62 percent) of Native American youth have tried marijuana.

2. Hispanic/Latino youth ages 12 to 17 report higher rates of cocaine use than their non-Hispanic/Latino counterparts.

Kevin Kurtenbach, a Grand Island freshman majoring in geography, said, "False. Every time I hear of illegal drug abuse, it tends to be directed more toward whites. I am sure if it wasn't I would see and hear it from the media."

The answer: True. Hispanic or Latino youth ages 12 to 17 report higher rates of cocaine use than their non-Hispanic/Latino counterpart.

3. African American, urban youth (ages 12-17) often begin abusing alcohol and other drugs later than their white, Hispanic or Latino, and Native American peers.

Erik O'Brien, a freshman teacher education major from Hastings, said "True, but I do not want to stereotype."

The answer: True. Urban African American youth (ages 12-17) often begin abusing alcohol and other drugs later than their white, Hispanic or Latino, and Native American peers.

After knowing what stereotypes are and know-

ing that most people have them whether they want to or not, the focus changes.

Where did stereotypes come from?

Craig Beaman, a sophomore marketing major from Grand Island, thinks stereotypes come from a past experience one had with others which gets blown out of proportion.

"I think I would belong to the middle-class American group whose mommy and daddy pay for everything, even though it isn't true."

Craig Beaman
Sophomore marketing major from Grand Island

"Stereotypes began when people started to generalize and so they started to compare."

No matter how stereotypes got to be a part of our culture, it is apparent that anyone can be labeled with a stereotype.

Beaman said, "I think I would belong to the middle class American group whose mommy and daddy pay for everything, even though it isn't true."

Province said since she is a psychology major, people might stereotype that she tries to analyze actions constantly.

Kurtenbach said, "Because I am a scrawny kid with pale skin, people might think I am weird and will try to stay away from me. But that stereotype is not true."

Mitchell said, "Probably because I am from a small town, I might be stereotyped as being naïve."

Gawrick said others might stereotype her as the typical "sorority girl" since she is a part of the Greek community.

Kudrna and O'Brien said they are both knowledgeable about computers and use them frequently, so they might be stereotyped as computer geeks or nerds.

Stereotypes are mere thoughts and words, but the presence is powerful, even here at UNK.

The result is now when he or she looks at or interacts with others, they categorize them with those same characteristics from that previous experience.

Alec Kudrna, a junior business administration major from Omaha, said

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Intramural season winds down

Students battle for top softball honors

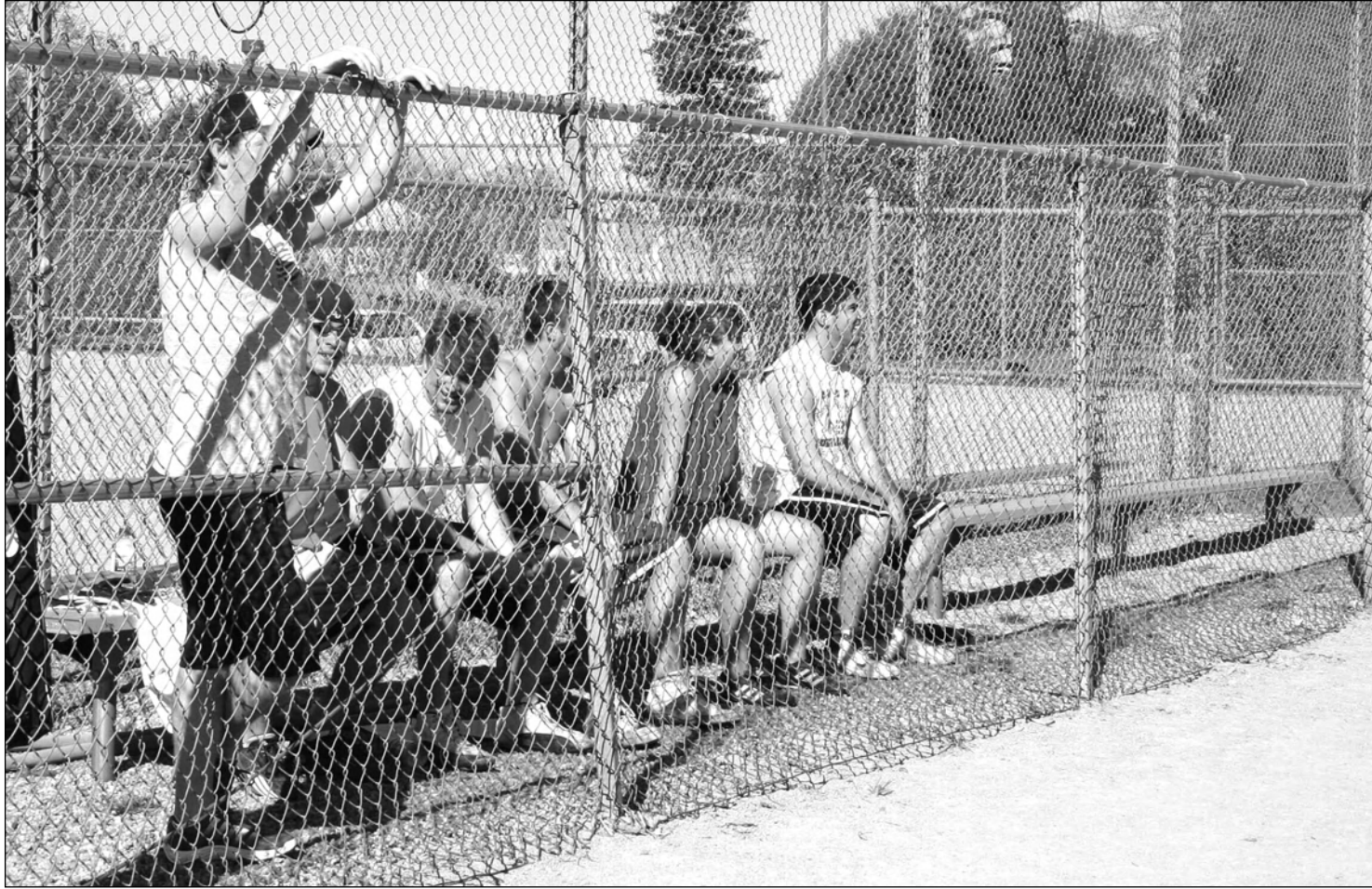


Photo by Hajime Nagao

UNK intramural softball teams are battling for the intramural t-shirts during the double-elimination softball tournament season. This intramural team waits in the dug out and cheers for their teammates as they vie for the honors.

Brandon E. Siebenneicher
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UNK intramurals are beginning to wind down a long and busy season as the last few sports are getting into their tournaments with only one new event planned yet this year.

Continuing from yesterday, the 18-hole Frisbee disc golf tournament at Cottonmill Park is one of the final events. Frisbee disc golf is played just like regular golf with every throw counting as one stroke and adding a stroke for any penalties that may occur. Anyone interested can register at the intramural office.

One of the most anticipated sports of the season is slow-pitch softball. A men's division, women's division and a corec division allows everybody to get out on the field and play. With UNK having multiple fields to play on, the games move along smoothly.

Drew Hanson, a first year graduate assistant, said,

"The softball tournament is going along very well as everyone is getting closer to those T-shirts."

Along with the softball tournament, the intramural staff is busy trying to put on the outdoor soccer tournament. The tournament is currently in the semi-finals with one team looking good to go all the way.

Jaime Flores, a defenseman for Chivas UNK, said, "The tournament has been going pretty good. We are undefeated right now so we are just having a lot of fun."

Flores wasn't sure where his team name came from.

"I don't know, I think it's one of the other guys' favorite teams or something, I think in English it means the goats," he said.

With the seasons about to wrap up, awards have been handed out in the intramural department. The male and female officials of the year are Eric Holmes and Lacey Batt. Brett Schumacher and Ann Kottmeyer were named the participants of the year.

Lady Lopers battle FHSU and UCCS

Denton P. Cushing
Staff Writer

The UNK Loper softball team continues marching through the season as they took on Fort Hays State last Wednesday, ending the day in a split.

The first game was won by the Lopers in comeback fashion. The 6-4 win wasn't secure until the final two runs were scored in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Home-field advantage ended the game after the double, hit by senior Brandi Greenwood. Breanna Bowers was in the circle during the first game and took the win.

In the second game, the Lopers didn't finish like the first.

A 9-7 score made things interesting in later play. The Lopers fell behind early, but fought to make a comeback with a five-run inning.

The momentum was

snuffed after two groundouts to end the game. After this split, UNK moves to 19-11 for the season.

Other action included a trip to Colorado. The day was a hitter's day, judging by the number of homers hit by both teams in the double-header, at eight homers a piece.

Game one went to Colorado Springs 9-4. The Lopers fell behind early and didn't come back.

Game two, however, lasted two hours and thirty minutes and went into extra innings.

The score of 15-11 includes a lot of stat-boosting material for most of the UNK team.

Each of the three pitchers saw action in this one, but Bowers threw in relief to earn the win. Homerun hitters for the game are Anne Manning, Amanda Hitt, Melissa Hinkley, Greenwood, Ashley Madrid and Ashley Guyle.

The day's competition ended with the Lopers at 20-12.

The next day, the same two teams battled out another double-header, where both games were taken by Springs. A 10-7 score and 12-3 score snuffed UNK out of the win column.

UNK tried to make it close in the first game, but all efforts were stopped by Springs pitcher Amanda Ritchie.

The second game was a matter of unstoppable offense from Springs. They grabbed three runs in the first and third innings, and then a six-spot in the fourth to end the game in five innings. The two losses put UNK at 20-14 for the season and 17-10 in the RMAC.

This week is the beginning of a home-field stand. UNK takes on Wayne State to start things off. A total of eight games will be played during the home stand.

Records broken?

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As UNK beat the Colorado School of Mines 3-2 Saturday in Golden, Colo., Travis Kerkman tied the UNK baseball career-hit record.

"He is such a quality hitter, he earned it. I can't think of a better guy to have that record," Seth Svoboda, a sophomore business management major from Kearney, said. "He is also a great right fielder. People talk about how great of a hitter he is, but nobody ever talks about how great of a right fielder he is. That is often overlooked."

He is now tied with Bronson Bosshammer at 229 hits. Kerkman had the chance to break the record Tuesday and yesterday in his hometown.

Ali Kerkman, a senior nursing major from Lincoln and Travis's brother, said, "We are all really proud of him. It's sad to watch his last season, but it's cool that he can get the record in his hometown, with his family in attendance. To break the record would be finishing

his baseball career with a bang."

UNK played Hastings at Haymarket Park in Lincoln Tuesday at noon. Yesterday, UNK played the nationally-ranked Cornhuskers at 1:05 p.m.

After losing the series opener Thursday, the Lopers (21-16, 9-5 in the RMAC) won the last three games with the Orediggers (11-31, 4-20 RMAC).

Svoboda said, "We need to show up and put together a good game. We can't overlook

Hastings. I think everyone will come ready to play. I don't have the impression we are, but it is critical that we don't."

"When we play the Huskers we still have to show up to play. We can't look at them like they are not a team we can compete against. I want to make sure guys are not intimidated. Paul [Schleifer] will start. He is throwing as well as anybody in the country right

now. I know Paul will not be intimidated."

Schleifer threw his third consecutive complete game against the Colorado School of Mines Friday night in Golden, Colo. He struck out 12, believed to be a school

record, while walking just one. He allowed three earned runs on six and is now 2-2 on the season.

If the Lopers can win seven of their last 15 games, the team will also set a new single-school record for wins in the Division II era.

UNK has been a member of Division II since 1991 and set the school record with a 27-win season in 1996.

Ali Kerkman said she and her family wish the team, and her brother, luck in breaking the records.

"He really deserves it. He has such a great attitude. He is not cocky at all. He doesn't play the game to break records, he plays because he loves the game," she said.

"I can't think of a better guy to have that record."

Seth Svoboda (about Travis Kerkman)
Baseball Player

Men improve; prepare for regionals in Arizona

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The UNK men's golf team has showed steady improvement throughout the year, from finishing sixth out of nine teams in Kansas, to finishing 12th out of 17 teams in Arizona, and now a stellar performance finishing in a tie for second in Colorado.

UNK finished with a total of 890 to tie for second place with Regis University at the Colorado School of Mines Invite last Monday and Tuesday in Fort Morgan, Colo.

Colorado State-Pueblo was the tournament champion firing an 885, only five strokes ahead of UNK.

All Loper golfers had a solid tournament as nobody finished outside of the top 20.

Andrew Hedrick of Colorado State-Pueblo took home medalist honors with a three under par 213.

For UNK, junior Mark Moller led the way with a three over par 219, with junior Rob Schaack tying for eighth with a 223 and senior Wes Bernt finishing 10th with a 224 right on his heels.

Senior Brian Fehr led UNK with 11 birdies and finished in a tie for 11th with a 225. True freshman Andy Bednar from South Dakota tied for 20th.

"We are disappointed we didn't play better because we know we could have easily taken five strokes off our

score," Head Coach Dick Beechner said. "The conditions out here were not ideal, but the hardest thing we are trying to do right now is to get the right five guys playing for our team."

"We are mixing and matching and trying to see which guys fit where, but right now we are doing more mixing than matching," he said.

The Lopers must be getting some things figured out as they have improved their scores an impressive 89 strokes since the first tournament of the year.

The Lopers golfed in Lincoln at the beginning of this week in the Northwest Regional Head-to-Head Tournament.

"If we play well in

Lincoln today and tomorrow [Monday and Tuesday],

then we move on to the Super Regional in Phoenix,

Ariz., on May 1, 2 and 3," Beechner said.

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Lopers sign two new players

Incoming Nebraska freshman look promising

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Staff Writer

The UNK men's co-head basketball coaches announced that Lincoln High School's Josiah Parker and Cambridge's Waid Vontz have signed national letters of intent to play for the Lopers next season.

They join Ravenna's Drake Beranek and Bellevue West's Jeff Martin as UNK recruits.

"We lost a great player in

Chris Dean. We recruited Josiah because he is 6'9" and can play inside. We signed the others because they can make an impact on the perimeter. We like to first look at Nebraska players when recruiting

who can help us," Co-Head

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Tom Kropp
Co-Head Coach

Coach Tom Kropp said. "We were fortunate that we were able to find all Nebraska kids."

Cambridge High finished its season going 22-4, and made the state semifinals this season.

Vontz averaged 26.6 points per game, the highest total in

state.

Vontz was also named captain of the Omaha World Herald's, Lincoln Journal Star's Class D-1 All-State teams and the McCook Gazette's Area Player of the Year. Finally, he joined Beranek on the World Herald's All-Class Second Team.

Parker averaged 13.5 points and 7.1 rebounds to help the Links to a 12-10 record and a district final. He also shot 58.7 percent from the field and was

named Honorable Mention Class A by the World Herald. He is the son of former Nebraska Cornhusker lineman Stan Parker.

Vontz will also play for the UNK men's golf team.

UNK finished this past season 23-8, and has made five consecutive NCAA tournament appearances, one of the longest streaks in NCAA Division II.

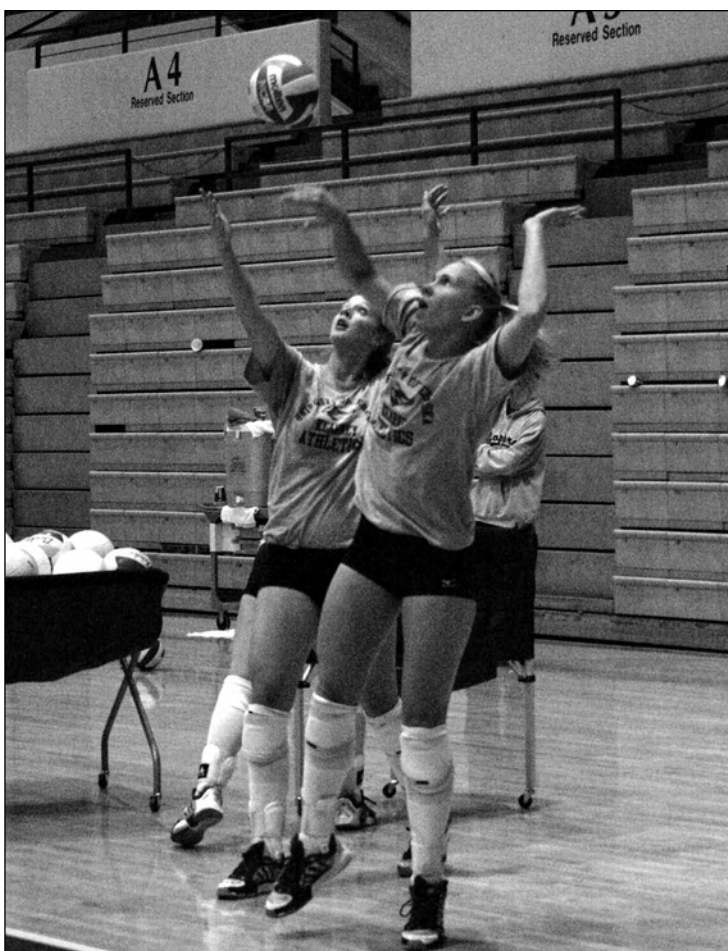
Kropp said, "We only lost one person, so it is improbable that we'll continue to sign players, unless we hap-

pen to find an impact player. An impact player would be a player that can make a huge impact on our team, one that could be the difference in two or three games. If we would sign, it would probably be a Division I or amazing JUCO player."

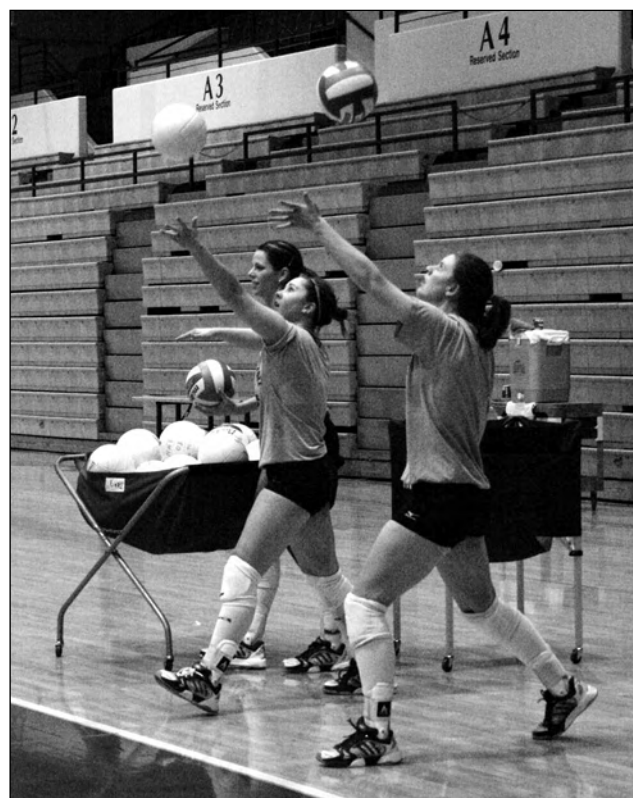
Returning to the team next year are All-American forward Dusty Jura and All-Conference performers Chad Burger and James Lane.

Lopers practice for spring volleyball

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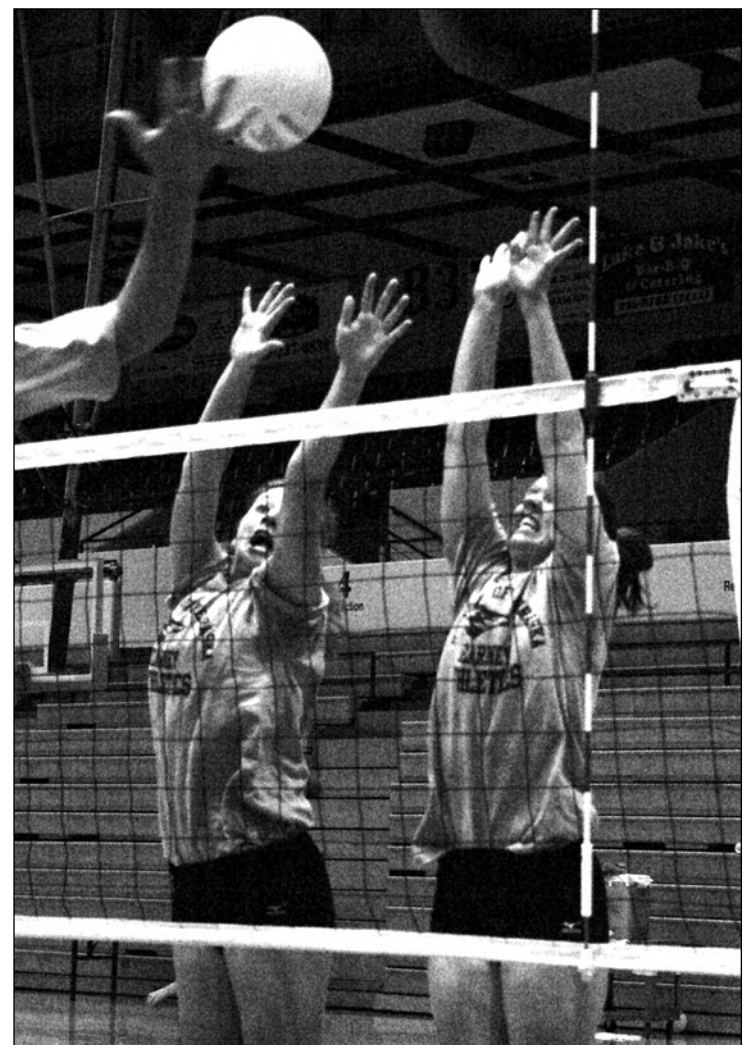


Sophomore right side hitter Alison Glidden and junior outside hitter Ashley Solt serve in the "Around the World" serving drill.



Freshman defensive specialist Jill Gergen and freshman outside hitter Lauren Nordhues practice serves during practice.

Spring season volleyball is on a roll as the Lady Lopers head to UNO for a tournament this Saturday. The team will host a scrimmage against UNK alumni on April 26 in the Health and Sports Center.



Sophomore right side hitter Alison Glidden and freshman outside hitter Lauren Nordhues practice blocking drills.

New track records set

Two athletes break school, meet records

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Two UNK athletes set school records at the outdoor track and field DII Challenge last weekend in Emporia, Kan.

Lesley Crutcher, a senior communications major from Elkhorn, said, "I placed first in the high jump with a jump of 5'-10.75".

This jump is a new school and meet record, which also means an automatic qualification for the national meet.

"In high school, I broke the triple jump and 1600M relay record, but this will be

my first college record," Crutcher said.

Rest is one of the big reasons why Crutcher believes she did so well.

"I jumped at the Alex Francis Invite and did not attend the Concordia Invite. I think that this meet, at Emporia, went so well because I had a meet off. Rest is a big factor," she said.

Dane Tobey, a freshman exercise science major from Utica, also broke the school and meet record.

"I placed first in the discus throw with a throw of 183-07," Tobey said.

The throw means Tobey will be added to the nation-

al's list. As a team, UNK placed seventh out of 22 teams. UNK is now preparing for the rest of the season. The steeplechase race is one event UNK athletes will be preparing for.

Brock Steinbrink, a sophomore accounting major from Kearney, said, "The first week in May, I will be running in the steeplechase race. This will be the first time I have ever participated in this race. It is a tough race and a lot of people come to watch this event. I am excited to run it."

UNK will be at the Kansas Relays this weekend in Lawrence, Kan.

Tennis teams take all

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The UNK tennis team traveled to Colorado last weekend where both teams swept Colorado Christian.

Jorge Ramos, a senior industrial technology major from Colombia, said, "We won 9-0 against Colorado Christian last Friday."

Not all of the men's team participated in the meet.

"Coach decided to let the top three guys sit out to give the new guys a chance to play. The new athletes stepped up and proved that UNK is strong in all numbers," Ramos said.

The women also won 9-0.

Callie Erickson, a freshman public relations major, said, "This win is exciting. They are an RMAC team and it was good to play this team."

The team was supposed to play Metro State last weekend, but the meet was cancelled from the rain. It is rescheduled for today.

Ramos said, "Metro State and us are the only two undefeated RMAC teams. When we play Metro State on

Thursday, it will determine who is the No. 1 seat for the RMAC tournament."

The RMAC tournament is next weekend in Denver.

Erickson said, "We play our last home game on Wednesday. Then we play Thursday at Metro State, and Friday starts the RMAC tournament, which will last all weekend."

UNK will host the last home game on Wednesday against Hastings.

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Jorge Ramos
Senior

UNK lady golfers finish fourth

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The UNK Lady Lopers golf team had a great finish in the Maverick Spring Invite last week, where 10 teams competed on the par-71 Tia Rado course.

UNK was unable to top Grand Canyon University, Fort Hays State and Mesa

State.

However, the Lopers placed right after in fourth place. This finish marks the best score this season.

The tournament ended with 671, but also with a season record of 316 in one round. The previous best was a 330-shot this season.

Placing the highest overall for the Lopers was senior Ambur Vanneman in ninth

place with a score of 163. Following her was sophomore Kami Hehn in 10th place with a 164. Junior Bobby Kosch and senior Lindsay Vivian tied for 18th place with scores of 174. Also, freshman Megan Marshall, who shot a 177, tied for 24th.

Winning the individual tournament was Shelby White from Fort Hays State

with a shot total of 155. The winning team total went to Grand Canyon University of Arizona, who shot a 646 overall.

The season is about to end with the Lopers' last meet being this week at its own invite at Meadowlark Hills golf course. This invite is the lone home tournament for the lady golfers.

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Research day displays student talent

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Students and faculty presented their various research projects at the eighth annual UNK Student Research Day last week.

Ken Nickels, the dean of the graduate studies program at UNK, was the event coordinator.

"It's an opportunity to highlight student research and creative activity on campus and to identify and recognize the faculty that make these opportunities available to the students," Nickels explained.

He said students took part in oral presentations and poster sessions. Oral presentations were from the departments of political science, communications, psychology, sociology and social

work. The poster presentations were from the sciences, the behavioral sciences particularly, but also from the art department.

Nickels added that the works on display included all of the award-winning art pieces from this past academic year.

"They have been jury-chosen and won a number of awards," he said.

According to Nickels, the process for entering work in the Student Research Day is very easy.

"There is a simple submission process that is all done electronically. There is a form to complete online and the students then must submit an abstract that is displayed in our program," he explained. "Students just work with their faculty advisor on completing these things. There is no fee and

we have judges that look at the posters and we give awards at a reception."

Robert Hartman, a graduate student studying health and physical education from North Platte, had a poster presentation displaying the data he collected for his research. "I did a study on the effect of dynamic versus static stretching on 30-meter sprint performance in trained division II track athletes," Hartman said. "I found that dynamic and static stretching both decrease sprint time."

The judging for this year's Student Research Day began at 9 a.m. and went until noon. From 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. there were a number of oral presentations, one with the guest speaker for the day's event, Nate Eidem, a former UNK

student who received the National Geographic Society internship award last year. The awards recep-

tion closed out the day's events from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For a listing of all student research projects, visit the

research day Web site at <http://www.unk.edu/acad/gradstudies/ugr/index.php?id=13144> for the program.

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From left to right: Suzana Cook, Faithe Knoll and Jenna Hull next to their display for their research project. Cook, Knoll and Hull worked collaboratively on neutral words in gender contexts.



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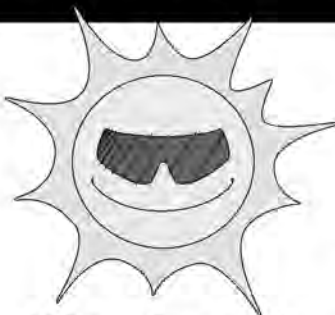


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