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**Baseball wins  
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## Weekend Weather

**FRIDAY**  
Showers  
High 57  
Low 38



**SATURDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High 63  
Low 37



**SUNDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High 64  
Low 42

**THE WEEK OF APRIL 22, 2004**

# Frank House sponsors ‘Titanic’ dinner



*Photo by Jason Krontz*

Elegant settings grace the Frank House tables at ‘Titanic’ dinner.

by **Amanda Muller**  
*Antelope Staff Writer*

Time travel is possible in Kearney with the use of a little creativity, a lot of imagination, a few motivated volunteers and a beautiful historic house.

Last Friday and Saturday night contributors gathered in the Frank House at 5:30 p.m. to travel back in time to April 14, 1912, in order to experience an authentic 18th-century dinner complete with a reenactment of the public response to the sinking of “Titanic.”

Contributors paid \$150 a plate to participate in this event which was designed to help raise money to preserve and continue to restore this historic house on the western edge of the UNK campus.

Gloria LeDroit, project chairwoman for “A Night to Remember: R.M.S. ‘Titanic,’” said this event was motivated by the 1996 book “The Last Dinner on the Titanic.”

This book contains recipes for period-authentic dishes that were actually served aboard ship, and the cooks used these recipes to prepare this “Titanic” dinner, LeDroit said.

She said she that she thought

a “Titanic” dinner would be suitably impressive.

“The Frank House is a house built to impress, so we try to find events that are built to impress,” LeDroit said.

The food at this event was designed to duplicate not only the dishes but also the serving style for first class diners aboard “Titanic,” LeDroit said.

The dinner consisted of eight courses including lobster, filet mignon, an asparagus salad, cream of barley soup and, of course, a desert, which was peaches in chartreuse jelly.

Two wait staff personnel in formal livery, aided by two runners and multiple others contributing to preparation, served the meal to six contributors on Friday night.

While the contributors were eating, LeDroit and other volunteers entertained them by playing historic roles.

LeDroit played the part of the chief of staff of the household complete with period appropriate costume and jewelry.

“My duties are to supervise the maids and keep order among the staff,” LeDroit said.

Bryce Long, a part-time UNK student, played the role of the sales officer.

“I’m selling packages for the return voyage of the ‘Titanic,’” Long said.

He said that throughout the night contributors would send telegrams to people currently aboard “Titanic.”

“Sometime during the night, I will announce that ‘Titanic’ has sunk, and at the end of the night, we’ll find out if the people we’ve been talking to made it,” Long said.

Virginia Lund, Frank House curator, ate dinner with the contributors and shared details about the fixtures and furnishings in the Frank House.

Lund said the house had light fixtures donated by various individuals that are either from the 18th century or designed to be period specific. One of the light fixtures is Venetian hand-blown glass and another is hand cut Austrian glass, she said.

The library still contains the original light fixture as well as the original desk and presentation swords of G. W. Frank and his family, Lund said.

Lund also said the drawing room is set up to show how Mrs. Frank would have entertained complete with antique piano which the music department will use occasionally for Baroque

recitals.

Chartwell's was in charge of catering this “Titanic” dinner, and has catered many other events at the Frank House as well.

Asif Hashim, one of the servers and a recent UNK graduate, said, “This is quite an experience.”

Fauza Abdallah, another server and UNK student, said that she knew a lot about the history of the “Titanic” and found this event to be very interesting because it gives people a chance to look back on this great historic tragedy.

Lisa Andrist, another Chartwell's employee, said that this “Titanic” dinner wasn't a one time event.

She said that even though there wasn't really enough interest to have the event last year, they did have it the year before.

Lund said it is possible for everyone to see this historic house.

She said the Frank House will be open to the public for tours this summer Tuesdays through Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. starting June 1 and ending on Sept. 15. For more information, contact Lund at lundv@unk.edu.

# Four seniors travel to PR conference

by **Kristen Lange**  
*Antelope Staff Writer*

Last weekend, four students from the communication department traveled to Pittsburgh, Kan., to compete in a public relations competition. The four students included public relations majors Robyn Sanders, Jodi Rief and Kristen Lange, and advertising major Amanda Harvey. Dr. Keith Terry, Chair of the Department of Communication, was the advisor for the group and helped the two teams of students prepare for the competition.

Dr. Terry received his master's degree from Pittsburg State so he was familiar with the campus and some of the faculty that were hosting this tournament.

Being the only advertising major in the group, Harvey was able to bring a different perspective into the competition.

“I thought overall it was a good experience for me because it helped prepare me for the real world since I will be graduating in May. Plus, it helped me tie together public relations and advertising. And, I overcame my fear of public speaking,” Harvey, a Grand Island senior, said. Harvey was teamed up with Rief and Sander and Lange were a team for the competition.

Prior to arriving in Kansas, the group only knew the rules of the competition, not what the topic was. Once they arrived, a general assembly was held for all of the teams from 17 different schools to

inform them on the problem that needed to be solved. After watching a short video, a student from Pittsburg State University escorted each team to a room where each team was given three and a half-hours to create a proposal for a yearlong campaign and create a detailed PowerPoint, outlining their strategy.

The client was the Ronald McDonald House in Joplin, Missouri and the teams were asked to create ideas for a campaign to raise funds for the organization and to create a campaign that would encourage more people to volunteer. Each team was given additional information about the Ronald McDonald House, including statistics that were gathered from a phone survey the group had previously administered in the Joplin community.

All of the schools had three students to a team; the UNK group however only had two per group due to scheduling conflicts with two of the other participants. Although this did put them at a slight disadvantage, both UNK teams used the knowledge they have gained through UNK classes and were able to create special events and produce a PowerPoint within the time limit. After the three and a half hour time limit was up, the UNK teams were able to go back to the hotel to change clothes and relax a little before returning to the PSU campus for a dinner. The dinner also included a drawing for door prizes that were given out to students who participated in the competition. Jodi Rief was the only UNK student to win a prize, which was a book.

The next day of competition began at 8:30 a.m. with a presenta-

tion of the teams' ideas. Each team presented their PowerPoint twice, to two separate panels of judges and was given scores for each round based on each team's ideas, presentation skills, creativity, and their answers to questions asked by the panel. Some of the panelists included board members and other individuals associated with Ronald McDonald House. The top three teams with the highest scores went into the final competition. Although neither UNK team made it into the finals, both teams had exceptional performances and Robyn Sanders and Kristen Lange received honorable mention in the competition. Sanders, a junior from Sidney said, “Since this year we got an honorable mention, I would like to try again next year to make it to the finals.”

The UNK teams traveled for a total of 16 hours making them one of the teams that traveled the farthest. The group left on Friday morning at 5 a.m. and returned around 10 p.m. Saturday night. The other teams at the competition included schools from Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and other surrounding states. The trip was entirely funded by the Ad/PR club and other university funds.

Dr. Terry was optimistic about the competition, saying, “I think it was a great learning experience in many ways. Our students had to work under pressure, they had a real client, they were evaluated by strangers, and they got to see how they rated against teams from other schools. That is about as real as it gets.”

# Graduation bash at Ramada Inn to be cancelled

by **Doug Carroll**  
*Antelope Guest Writer*

It is the Friday of Commencement, all graduates have walked across the stage and received their degrees and it is off to the real world, but there is usually one more place that these students go to for one last hurrah, the Semi-Annual Graduation Bash at the Ramada Inn. This out-of-control, wild party is where all students over 21 can hang out and not have to worry about the dreaded drive home after a night of drinking.

This year many students will head out there only to find out that the Graduation Bash has been cancelled for this May's graduation and every graduation hereafter. “There just gets to be too many people, the situation gets out of control and we [the hotel staff] can't monitor the state of mind of the people drinking,” says Michael Williams, General Manager of the Ramada

Inn. “There have been many injuries over the years and thankfully there haven't been anything really serious, the main concern of the hotel staff is the safety of all guests that stay under our roof,” continued Williams.

Letters were sent out to every student that had a room reserved for this May 7th stating that no parties will be tolerated, no outside alcohol will be allowed on the premise, and that there will be many security guards enforcing these rules, namely eight security officers and four off-duty police officers. “We have hosted the event the past several college graduations and have experienced some trying moments,” states the letter.

The countless numbers of doors, windows, and walls that have been damaged through the years along with the two to three day cleanup that is required after every graduation bash takes its toll on the property. The physical damage is fixed every year, but

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## Celebrating Service



*Photo by Jamie Dusin*

The National Residence Hall Honorary hosted a banquet on Sunday to induct new members and honorary members, hand-out recognition pens, and recognized people who have made large contributions in the residence halls over the year.



UNK CALENDAR

April 1-30: Asian American Heritage Month, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Wednesday, April 21: Sigma Tau Delta English Honorary Fantasy Festival, 3-6:30 p.m. in the Nebraskan Student Union Great Room. Come enjoy FREE food, entertainment while having fun with literature.

Wednesday-Sunday, April 21-25: MacBeth, presented by the UNK Theatre, 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Miriam Drake Theatre. Adult admission is \$7, non-UNK students and seniors is \$5 and groups of 10+ are \$3.

Thursday, April 22: ‘Habla con Ella’ (Talk to Her) foreign film, 7:30 p.m. in Thomas Hall, room 106. Spanish with English subtitles, directed by Pedro Almodovar.

Friday, April 23: UNK Baseball vs. Regis, 6 p.m. at Memorial Field. Free admission.

Saturday, April 24: UNK Baseball vs. Regis, 1 p.m. at Memorial Field. Free admission.

Saturday, April 24: UNK Softball vs. Fort Lewis, 12 p.m., 2 p.m. at Harvey Park. Free admission.

Sunday, April 25: MacBeth, presented by the UNK Theatre, 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Miriam Drake Theatre. Adult admission is \$7, non-UNK students and seniors is \$5 and groups of 10+ are \$3.

Sunday, April 25: UNK Symphonic Band/ Wind Ensemble Concert, 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

Sunday, April 25: UNK Baseball vs. Regis, 12 p.m. at Memorial Field. Free admission.

Sunday, April 25: UNK Softball vs. Fort Lewis, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. a Harvey Park. Free admission.

Monday, April 26: Spring Fling, 4:30 p.m. at the Cope Memorial Fountain. Features free BBQ and BMX Stunt Bikes.

Monday, April 26: UNK Chess Club, 7 p.m. in the Nebraskan Student Union Food Court. For more information contact Randall Heckman at heckmanr@unk.edu.

Tuesday, April 27: UNK Baseball vs. Hastings, 7 p.m. at Memorial Field. Free admission.

Friday, April 30: Reynolds Writers and Readers Series Presents: Poet Janet Sylvester, Harvard, 8 p.m. in the East Room at MONA, 2401 Central Avenue.

Monday-Thursday, May 3-6: Finals Week!

Friday, May 7: UNK Graduation, 10-12 a.m. in the Health and Sports Center.

Monday, May 17: Summer Classes Commence.

Monday, May 31: Memorial Day! No classes.

POLICE BEAT

April 9-12: A male facilities employee in Otto Olsen reported that \$2 in change had been stolen from his office.

April 10: A male Kearney man reported that a male Kearney man had possibly damaged his vehicle in Lot 7.

April 13: A female University Heights resident reported that a male Iowa man was trying to sell perfume in Lot 32.

April 14: A male Ludden man reported the theft of his yellow Trek bicycle estimated at \$250.

April 16: A male CTW resident was investigated for suspicious behavior.

April 18: A welfare check was performed on a female URN resident.

April 18: A male Columbus man’s Toyota Camry and a University of Nebraska Chevy Impala received damage to their back windows by wind blown objects. The estimated amount of damage to the Camry was \$350, while the Impala sustained \$450 in damage.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

UPCOMING SPRING FLING

A Spring Fling featuring free BBQ, bands and BMX Stunt Bikes will be held Monday, April 26, at 4:30 p.m. at Cope Memorial Fountain. Please take a break from studying and come enjoy music and stunts right on campus! The BBQ is free for UNK students. This event is sponsored by Loper Programming and Activities Council, funded by UPFF. Please call 865-8523 for more information

PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY NUMBER

Public Safety recently announced that its after hours and emergency phone number has changed. Anyone who needs to contact them on this line should note that their new phone number is (308) 627-4811. Please make a note of this change, effective immediately.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE TEAM WIN AWARDS

The UNK Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) team recently attended a regional competition in St. Louis, MO. And won two top awards, Rookie of the Year and First Runner Up. Dr. Susan Jensen, the SIFE faculty adviser, was also named a Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellow during the competition. Members of the UNK SIFE team are as follows, those with an asterisk after their names attended the St. Louis competition: Susan Breese, Aurora, Jodi Johnson\*, Blue Hill, Danae Wolcott, Elmwood, Shawn Kreis\*, vice president, Grant, Katie Mack, Julie Newman\*, president, Brandy Rasmussen, secretary, Sarah Teply, all of Kearney, Julie Pate\*, treasurer, Erika Redfern, McCook, Lindsey LaShell, North Platte, Brent Fay, Papillion, Julie Becker\*, Wakefield, Theresa Stroumbos, Westminster, Colo. and Olga Stasishena\*, Moldova. SIFE is a nonprofit organization that works in partnership with business and higher education to aid students in making a difference and developing leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise.

prise. For more information, contact Julie Newman, UNK SIFE Team president, or Dr. Jensen, faculty adviser, at 308.865.8189; or Michelle West, director of Public & Media Relations, SIFE World Headquarters at 417.575.3517 or visit www.SIFE.org.

GOV. JOHANN'S APPOINTS UNK GRADUATE TO DIRECT HHS

A 1994 UNK Social Work Program graduate, Nancy Montanez, Potter, has been appointed director of Nebraska Health and Human Services (HHS). Montanez, 43, has worked as the HHS Western Service Area CEO in Gering since 2001. From 1999-2001, she was a service area administrator for HHS in Gering. Prior to that she worked in the Professional Partner Program at Region III Behavioral Health Services in Kearney from 1995-1999. In addition to her work experience, Montanez has served on the UNK College of Natural and Social Sciences Advisory Board. As the new HHS director, she fills Ron Ross’s vacancy, who was sworn-in as State Treasurer in January. Dr. Richard Raymond, the state’s chief medical officer, has served as interim director since that time. Her salary has been set at \$100,500.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT OPENINGS, SOME PAID POSITIONS

Student Government is searching for students to fill the following positions: Secretary (paid position), Parliamentarian, and three positions for Graduate Senator. Applications are available outside the Senate office, or for more information call 865-4403.

FREE TUTORING OFFERED

The Center for Academic Success would like to remind students that free tutoring services are available to all UNK students in the north hall of the Memorial Student Affairs Building. There are free Math Study Groups and Science Study Groups from 7-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more details on these services

and more access the website http://www.unk.edu/LSO or obtain a tutor brochure in the office.

CHRISTIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP WORSHIP SERVICE

Christian Student Fellowship is sponsoring Church on Campus every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. in the Cedar Room of the Nebraskan Student Union. Come and encounter God in a laid back, student-led, comfortable and casual worship environment. Everyone is invited to attend at no charge. For more information, check out www.csfnep.org or call 234-3922.

FRIENDS PROGRAM

The Friends Program, a mentoring program affiliated with Campus Lutheran, is seeking UNK students to volunteer as Big Friends. Students are paired with children from local elementary schools and required to spend a minimum of an hour a week with his or her Little Friend. Stop by the Friends Program office at Campus Lutheran to pick up an application today or email at friendsprogram@msn.com. Apply before the February deadline.

REYNOLDS WRITERS AND READERS SERIES

The Spring schedule of the Reynolds Writers and Readers Series. These events are free and open to the public, and include a book signing and reception following each reading. The three events will be held at 8 p.m. in the East Room at MONA, 2401 Central Avenue. April 30: Poet Janet Sylvester, Harvard For more information about the series, please contact Director Charles Fort, Reynolds Chair in Poetry by phone at (308) 865-8164 or e-mail at fortc@unk.edu. The Office of the Chancellor, the UNK Creative Writing Program, and the UNK English Department sponsors this event.

MUSEUM OF NEBRASKA ART SCHEDULE

Museum of Nebraska Art,

2401 Central Avenue, open Tuesday-Saturday: 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday: 1-5 p.m. Through May 2: The Migration Stops Here: MONA’s Cranes. Through May 30: The Rohman Collection. Feb. 21-May 30: Nebraska Now- Yanna Ramakers Bronze Sculptures.

BENEFIT DINNER

Candy Lewis is a manager at Old Navy here in Kearney. Just recently Candy and her husband, Lu, found out that he has lung cancer. They decided to travel to Chicago to a Cancer Center there for his treatments and Chemotherapy. While receiving his treatments he is unable to work to help pay for the cost of living. Candy, being the wonderful lady she is, is trying to be with her husband up in Chicago, while also trying to make it back to work as much as she can so hey have some type of income to help pay for the living expenses while he is in Chicago. Leaving her husband is very hard on Candy because the treatments and Chemotherapy are very intense. Lu needs Candy with him so she can be there to take care of him and make sure he is doing alright. That is where the Benefit Dinner comes in to play.

A group of co-workers and good friends of Candy want to put together a free will donation grill out, a silent auction, as well as a bake sale all at the same time to help raise money for Candy and Lu.

This will give Candy the opportunity to stay with her husband and will not need to worry about leaving to come back home to work and help pay for their living expenses. We hope to make enough money to cover their living expenses as well as give them some extra for other spending as well.

We are hosting a grill out dinner with two live bands, Klovv and Tenth Hour Calling, on Sunday, April 25 at the VFW Club here in Kearney from 5 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Donations or help would be greatly appreciated. Please call Megan at 308-234-1414 if you have any questions. Thank you for your time.

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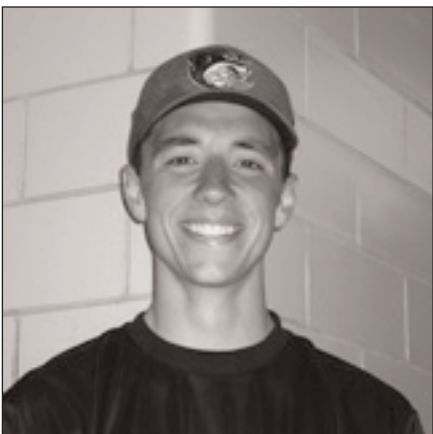


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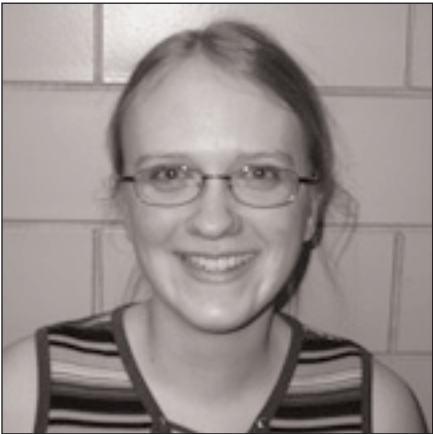
Cory Ciccone  
York sophomore

“Yes. Because he’s a man of great character and conviction.”



Brandon Schmidt  
Minden sophomore

“I don’t know, let the vote decide.”



Amber Rolf  
Fullerton sophomore

“No, I don’t think so because of the ‘no child left behind issue.’ It was a good idea written badly.”



# Marveling at Mama’s magic

Carrying the zero...



Molly Albrecht  
News Editor

To some, it might seem odd that at 20 years old, I fondly call my mother “Mama.” That she is the first person I tell when I am interested in a guy. That I can think of no one else I’d rather travel with. But my mom is truly my closest friend, and my relationship with her is solid.

Because Mother’s Day is quickly approaching, I thought I would devote my last column of the year to my marvelous Mama. Though 700 words won’t do her justice, I want her to know how grateful I am for her.

My mom and I were buds from the beginning. We played together; read together; studied together; painted together; and

swam together. She encouraged my myriad activities—theater, dance, softball, piano—and she was there supporting me every time I performed. She also made sure that I was culturally well-rounded, taking me to art museums and to music and dance performances from an early age.

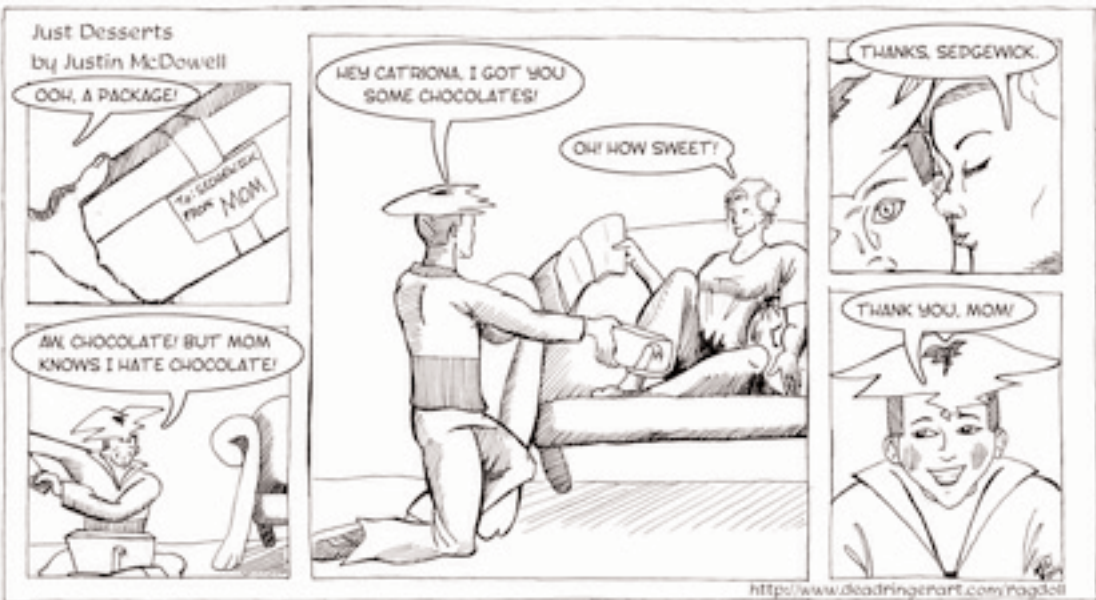
My childhood memories are magical mostly because my mom strove to provide a stable home environment for my brother and me. She—though working in her spare time on a novel—was a stay-at-home mom. I can’t remember a night at our house that my family didn’t sit down to dinner together and devour one of her decadent meals.

We loved that time together because it gave us all a chance to savor a plate of steaming spaghetti and discuss our days. From my childhood on, I always felt comfortable sharing the details of my life with my family, especially my mom. In fact, I looked forward to it, because I felt that no matter what I said, I would be loved and appreciated.

Unlike many of my peers, I didn’t go through adolescence fighting with my mom. If anything, my friendship with her deepened. My friends and I actually liked having my mom around, because she would talk to us as if we were adults and show a genuine interest in our lives. She could also be very silly and fun, which we all enjoyed. My mom welcomed my friends with open arms, feeding them along with my brother and me, and making sure they were content. Sometimes my friends felt so comfortable that they’d stay for days!

When I went away to college, my mom and I missed each other. We phoned and e-mailed often, and I tried to drive home every other weekend. She was there as a friend and as a mother as I went through some tough times that year.

One experience with my mom remains vivid. Last summer, she and I took a spontaneous weekend trip to Lincoln. We booked a room at the Cornhusker Hotel and, without any specific agenda, wandered around downtown. Unfortunately, after only a few



minutes of walking, my new sandals had cut into my feet and left them red and bleeding. The summer heat (it was around 102 degrees all weekend) seemed to exacerbate the pain. My mom insisted we trade shoes. After walking in mine for awhile, she ditched them and just went barefoot.

By that time, we were both so wet with sweat that it looked like we’d gone swimming. We ducked into the Embassy Suites

Hotel to gulp a glass of water, then rode the elevator up and down a few times, almost delirious with laughter (heat exhaustion can do peculiar things to people!). We went into numerous other shops to escape the heat. In one, my mom purchased two antique lamps, but since we were on foot for the day, she had to carry those around. She was a sight with two lamps and no shoes! We decided to go to a movie shortly

after she bought the lamps, so, of course, the lamps came with us. I don’t think I’ve received so many strange glances in my life!

We still laugh about that weekend. That experience and all the other fun times we’ve spent together flow through me like a positive energy. Each and every memory is precious to me.

Thank you, Mama. I love you.

# UNK needs to keep money in town

Livin’ La Vida Loca



Kara Mueller  
Sports Editor

Last week, I was sitting at work having a conversation

about baseball with my boss when the subject of the UNK baseball team came up.

No, we were not talking about their record or any of the players’ batting averages. We were talking about their uniforms.

Uniforms, you may ask. Here is the reason why the new uniforms that the UNK baseball team is sporting this season sparked our feisty conversation. Through the grapevine, my boss had found out that the new

uniforms were not bought from any of the four sporting goods stores in Kearney.

Furthermore, they were bought in Omaha. Instantly, I became curious and a little furious.

I have worked at a small town sporting goods store outside of Kearney for over five years. In that time, I have learned a great deal about the baseball/softball market in this area.

I know for a fact, that any one of the four sporting goods stores in Kearney could have

been as competitive as far as prices and selection are concerned as the Omaha outfit that won the right to outfit our beloved Loper baseball team.

Because all of the sporting goods stores in town buy in such large quantities, they receive lower pricing and could match just about any potential bidder.

Why did the uniforms come from out of town? That is an answer I would love to hear.

If the UNK Athletic Department was able to buy the uniforms and equipment cheap-

er out of town, great. But, there is another much bigger issue to this.

Look around at some of the athletic events that are held here at UNK. Look at who the sponsors are. Hogan’s Sporting Goods, Misko’s, Sports Village and The Sporting Edge all have contributed to the athletic program at some point.

By buying the team uniforms and equipment out of Kearney, the university is risking losing those businesses as sponsors, and therefore, losing donated funds.

Funds that the athletic department really should not risk losing.


The other issue at hand here is one of community loyalty. If the UNK Athletic Department expects the Kearney community to be active in their sports and events, then the UNK Athletic Department should be active in dealing with the local businesses.

I urge every department on campus to try and buy all of their equipment locally.

Get out there and support the community that supports UNK.

# “Dead Week” is alive and well

2+2=6



Amanda Muller  
Web Assistant

When I first enrolled in university classes, I was told that dead week was a week devoid of assignments and tests.

I thought this was a pretty good idea, at the time, and was looking forward to having so much time to study for final exams.

In the course of my collegiate career, however, I have come to realize that dead week is more myth than reality.

Even the undergraduate catalog doesn’t really preserve this idea of dead week.

The 2002-2004 catalog only lists the following two requirements for the last week of classes.

During the week prior to Finals Week, the only examinations that may be given are: laboratory practical examinations, make-up or repeat examinations, and self paced examinations.

Projects, papers, and speeches scheduled for completion during the last week of classes must have been assigned in

writing by the end of the eighth week of the semester. This refers to the project and its scope, not the topic.

These two requirements aren’t terribly effective in minimizing student work during dead week.

The first does outlaw the normal type of exam during this last week of classes, but it leaves the option of a self-paced exam open for professors who are intent on giving a dead week examination.

The second requirement doesn’t help students at all.

Many professors simply include the line “Quizzes and homework will be given during the last week of classes in their syllabi.”

This way they haven’t violated a university regulation since

the assignment has been given before the eighth week of the semester.

In these professors’ classes dead week proceeds just like any other week of class.

Other professors simply write syllabi with the same types of assignments due during dead week as are due during the rest of the year. They’ve told the students about the assignments so they’re covered as far as university policy goes, and again dead week doesn’t really exist.

This second regulation doesn’t even prohibit professors from giving an assignment’s topic for the first time during dead week.

To be fair I would have to say that most UNK professors try to be as fair to their students

as they possibly can because they want their students to succeed.

At least this has been my experience at this university.

Also I don’t even think I would argue that dead week is necessary.

I trust my professors to give me enough time to complete assignments because they have to give themselves enough time to grade assignments.

What I don’t understand is why the university continues to foster the dead week myth.

It seems ridiculous to put a dead week policy in writing if

very few professors observe even the idea of having a dead week.

It’s like having a law in effect to prevent speeding that allows drivers to speed as long as they call the police department before leaving their homes and report the fact that they are going to speed.

The regulations for dead week are more or less non-existent so let’s just get rid of the regulations entirely and save professors and administrators the hassle of making sure wording in their syllabi is sufficient to meet dead week regulations.

## READERS’ OPINIONS

Letter to the Editor:

I am writing this because of a major concern on the UNK campus. No, it’s not parking. It’s not tuition. It’s not even the price of books. It is more simple than that. It comes down to the fact that many students on this beautiful campus are down right rude.

My tenure here at the University of Nebraska at Kearney has seen some drastic changes. Not only changes in the campus and the faculty, but the students as well.

I long for the days when being kind and courteous was just an act of being nice. These days it seems as though it takes so much work to do that.

As I was to class’s everyday, I see so many acts of rudeness that it simply blows my mind. There are students who walk by each other, who know each other from other classes, and don’t even say a word to each other. No, “Hello. How are you doing? What’s up?” Nothing. Now tell me something, how hard would it be to smile at that person, or better yet, simply acknowledge that they are there? Not hard at all.

Also, as I walk toward the library, I notice other acts of rudeness that take place. The other day I was rushing to class because I thought I was going to be late. As I approached the door, I noticed someone was behind me. As I opened the door, I held it open long enough for this other male student to get in. As soon as he was in, he just kept walking. No, “Thank You. Thanks.” Nothing.

So I say to my fellow UNK students, lets try to be more courteous to each other. Even if that person is a complete stranger to you, just be cool. If someone smiles at you on campus, smile back. If someone says hello, acknowledge them back. And if someone goes out of their way to hold a door open for you, at least say something to let them know you appreciate it. Being kind and friend is contagious, so let’s do more.

Mario Casillas  
North Platte, senior

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# Lopers defeat second ranked CSU-Pueblo

by Derek Steenson

Antelope Staff Writer

The University of Nebraska - Kearney men's baseball team won three out of five games last week and this weekend, downing Hastings College 18-14 on Tuesday night and splitting a weekend series with No. 2 ranked Colorado State University - Pueblo.

The Tuesday night game, played at Ryder Park in Grand Island, was a pitchers nightmare. The game featured 32 runs on 29 hits, including nine home runs. Loper junior Will Tressner lead the way, going 4 for 5 at the plate with three homers and eight RBI's.

After junior catcher Josh Krowlikowski hit a three-run homer in the first, Hastings took a big lead, going up 9-3 off a second inning grand slam by catcher Shane Totten. From then on, the Loper offense caught fire. Tressner and junior second baseman Derek Miller hit solo homers in the third inning, and senior center fielder Tony Crosetto added a two run shot in the fourth.

A seven-run sixth inning by the Lopers gave them the lead they needed to hold on for the win. Tressner blasted a grand slam in the inning and added a three-run jack in the seventh to put the Lopers up 18-10. Hastings added four runs over the last two innings to push the score to 18-14, but junior Chaz Fernandez closed the game out by retiring the last two batters.

The weekend opponent was second-ranked Colorado State University - Pueblo, formerly known as Southern Colorado, who came into the four game series at Memorial Field with a 32-2-1



Photo by Lindsey Humston

Above: The Loper baseball team watches the action from the dugout. UNK split home games against CSU-Pueblo.

record. In the first game on Friday night, CSUP starting Pitcher Shawn Martinez struck out ten and the offense pounded out three solo homers in route to a 5-0 victory.

"They came out and pitched very well," said head coach Damon Day. "I thought our guys played timid [the first game]... and I thought our guys were just kind of going through the motions." The Lopers seemed to be intimidated by CSUP's stats coming into the game, batting over .380 and putting up more than 10 runs a game (10.5).

The second game of the series, played Saturday afternoon, featured more excellent pitching by CSUP. Starter Mike Massaro pitched a complete game one-hitter, striking out seven and walking four in leading CSUP to a 3-0 win. Lincoln junior southpaw Matt Webster had a good showing for UNK in the loss, allowing just three runs on six hits over seven innings. Coach Day was quick to commend his lefty on the performance; "...that was his best job of the year. They're averaging 10 runs a game and Matt Webster goes out there and only loses three to nothing. I think that woke our guys up. I let our guys know between games that we need to step it up at the plate."

The Loper offense did wake up in game three Saturday afternoon, putting up four runs on CSUP's crack pitching staff to earn a 4-3 win. CSUP ace Joe Newby came into the game with an unblemished 8-0 record and 2.39 ERA, but would leave with his first loss of the year.

UNK jumped out to a 3-1 lead in the second inning, scoring three runs on three hits and an error. Freshman first baseman Ryan Bucher drove in two runs with a double down the right field line. Sophomore catcher Matt Fisher drove in Bucher with a single to left. CSUP hit solo shots in the fifth and sixth innings to tie the game up at three and set up the game winning opportunity.

Freshman shortstop Gerald Sell led off the seventh inning with a double to center field. After a failed sacrifice bunt attempt by the Lopers, CSUP intentionally walked Fisher to set up a double play situation for freshman Cody Lusero. But instead of grounding out, Lusero slapped a line drive to right field that brought Sell around to score.

In a game that featured freshman leading the way, Lincoln freshman Joba Chamberlain quieted the big bats of CSUP by striking out seven and allowing only five hits.

"Joba got some offensive support from his teammates," said coach Day. "I definitely think that he's a young man who's going to be one of those special weekend guys for us over the next three years. We're very excited with his progress."



Photo by Lindsey Humston

Jason Miller, North Platte junior, delivers a pitch to the plate.

The fourth and final game of the series, on Sunday at noon, became an extension of the third game with the Lopers building confidence off their game three win. On a very windy day at Memorial Field, the Lopers were dialed in on offense, pounding out 19 runs on 22 hits en route to a 19-7 smashing of CSUP.

The highly touted pitching did not show up for CSUP on Sunday, and the UNK hitters took advantage. Homers by Crosetto, Miller, Lusero, first baseman Travis Kerkman, pinch hitter Mik Dickson, and pinch hitter Adam Krueger helped put up 19 runs, the most since a 2001 game against Regis. Blake Beebout earned the win for the Lopers, pitching 3.1 innings and allowing one run while fanning three in relief of starter Jason Miller.

Coach Day was happy with his teams performance in the four game set. "We need to learn to spread those runs out over all four games," joked the coach, referring to the 19 run fourth game. "I'm very proud of our guys. Our guys deserve to be commended for what they accomplished this weekend. It hasn't been an easy year of transition. A lot has been expected of them and they've answered the challenge."

Knocking off the second ranked team in the nation twice in a row has to give a team and it's coach a great deal of confidence. When asked if the Lopers could beat any team in the country, coach Day had a quick, one word answer. "Yes."

"Yes."

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Photo by Lindsey Humston

A Loper batter gets ready for the upcoming pitch.

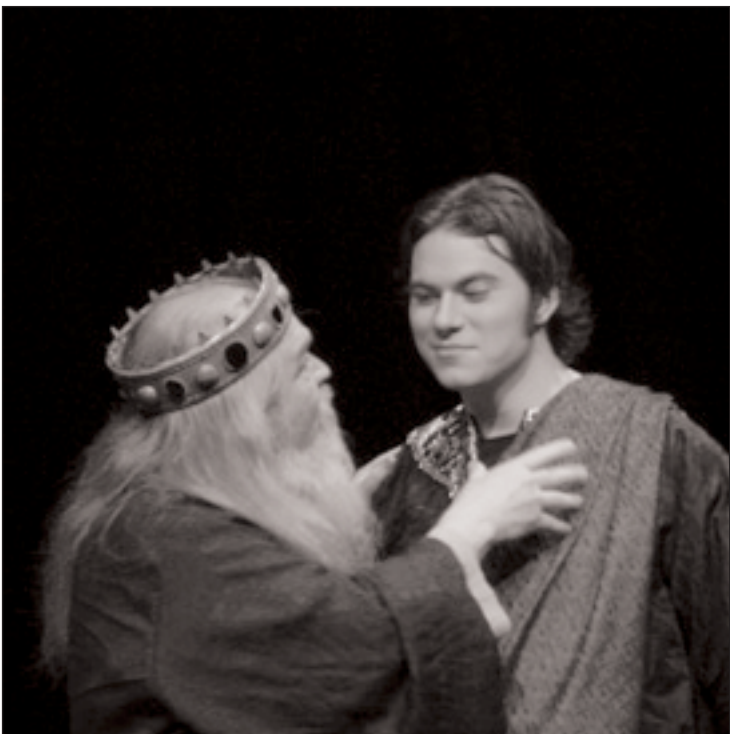


Above: Head Coach Damon Day argues a call with the home plate umpire. During the Sunday home game, six UNK batters nailed homeruns to win 19-7.



*Something wicked this way comes...*

# UNK Theatre presents Macbeth



“When shall we three meet again, in thunder, lightning or in rain?”

UNK’s Department of Music & Performing Arts is rounding out the 2003-04 season this week with a production of William Shakespeare’s tragedy “Macbeth.”

This Scottish play tales the rise of a king as he takes to the

throne through battles and bloody altercations.

Macbeth’s wife presents to him the forbidden fruit, encouraging him to take to evil in order to attain the thrown with speed.

He takes her advice, sending him into a spiral of murder and madness.

And don’t forget about the



*Photo by Scott Barry*

UNK’s Theatre production of Shakespeare’s *Macbeth* opens April 21 at 7:30 p.m. and will be running through Sunday afternoon. Don’t miss this stellar performance of what has been called the Bard’s bloodiest work.

*Lutt’s Cut*

## Hallapalooza: a Martin Hall tradition

by Kent Lutt

*Antelope Staff Writer*

The concept of a band is a strange part of society. Band life is a religion to some that follow the ways of music. To others, it is simply a hobby or an escape from the bores of normal life. It can also seem like a curse when problems arise.

Understanding the inner-workings of the band concept is like trying to understand why we need to eat. Both involve normal human urges that we need to fulfill in order to survive. Some people just like music more than mealtime. Musicians feel something special about their songs. When other musicians also feel special with the songs and join forces, the band concept is born.

So how do you explain to someone that’s never been in a band about that feeling of being in one?

As a member of the band fear is calm, I have experienced the special feelings of being a part of a musical group. Although I’m still young in my life as a musician, I have gained vast amounts of knowledge while recording songs for our album and performing at live shows.

Recently, my band performed on campus at Martin Hall’s annual “Hallapalooza” concert along with nine other acts, including Dead by Morning, Forever Forgotten, Unforeseen, Tenth Hour Calling, Custom Made, Sex We Regret, Sylvan Scene, and Temper Wall. The concert was an excellent example of everything music is and can be, seen from the eyes of a participant and observer of the band concept that night.

The days and nights leading up to April 15, 2004 were nerve-racking. Will the drums get to Kearney safely? Would we need to restrung the guitars? Where will we keep all the equipment when it gets here? Hundreds of questions bounced endlessly inside my head.



*Photo by Blake Mullanix*

**Ten bands took the stage at Martin Hall’s fourth annual Hallapalooza. The groups took to the stage with punk and rock, giving spectators a night full of ear candy.**

The first part of the band concept is that bouncing sensation called anxiety. And it affected each and every one of us on the night of April 15. The rest of my band mates arrived with our equipment, we pulled up to Martin Hall shortly before seven. Hallapalooza was about to begin, and the first concert-goers were weaseling into the lounge area to pay the cover charge. We weren’t nervous, but we knew that something could and probably would go wrong at any moment.

“Never think for a minute that everything will go as planned at a show. Something bad will happen, and it’s better to just expect it rather than hope it doesn’t happen,” Jonathan Zach, bassist for fear is calm, explained.

After checking in at the Martin lounge, we entered the hall to gauge our crowd size and equipment placement. Part two of the band concept: confidence. We needed to become confident with the size of the room and the possible large crowd that would develop. As we breathed some of our last worry-less breaths for the night, we exited the hall to begin assembling our equipment.

We then met some of the other band members who would perform that night. We were now in stage three of the band concept, which involves connecting with others for confidence and encouragement. This is very important to musicians, as they tend to compare themselves to one another. Hallapalooza’s bands would



perform many different types of music that night, but all of the musicians could connect with one another because of their similar knowledge of existing in a band.

Patiently waiting outside to climb the stage, I began to remember why I loved music. I remember the shouts of the excited fans urging you on, begging you to help them understand why life is worth living. The feeling of connecting with other musicians is important, but connecting with your crowd is feeling nirvana. The fourth and most important part of the band concept is becoming one with your crowd. When you can look at someone in the throngs of people below you and see their eyes closing, mouthing the lyrics you created, no amount of

words can explain the great swelling of achievement inside of your musician soul.

Even though the cramped stages and lack of monitors caused many problems onstage, the bands played on...Even though the door prizes between sets caused many bands to have their performances cut short, the band members gave it their all. Through all of Hallapalooza’s shortcomings, which any concert experience might throw at its participants, the bands elevated above them. Because each and every guitarist, drummer, and singer in a musical group understands the feeling you get from performing music. The feeling is creation and being able to share it with your loved ones and with those you have never met. Friends and

strangers are brought together through music, and because of this life is worth living.

Hallapalooza may have had its problems, but the night of April 15 was a smash success in a musical sense. The crowd enjoyed each performance immensely.

“It was a really great experience. The atmosphere was good, and I got to hear some really enjoyable music!” Lauren Blessing, freshman, said.

The band concept flowed through everyone in full-force. The crowd cheered for each new group that graced the stage and patiently waited for the next to step up and perform. Fear is calm and every band that night performed with love and reverence for the ages-old concept of music.

*Rehor’s Randy Review*

## “Walking Tall” hits the box office hard

by Jonathan Rehor

*Antelope News Editor*

Sly Stallone is getting older; Arnold has gotten into politics; Harrison Ford is busy buying up landmasses from Canada to South America. Is there no last-action-hero willing to rule the box office? Well, rule it may be an exaggeration, but The Rock’s “Walking Tall” did take the second spot in the weekend box office, trailing behind Tarantino’s revenge-thriller “Kill Bill Vol. 2.”

The newest addition in The

Rock’s movie portfolio, “Walking Tall,” is inspired by true events. Chris Vaughn, played by The Rock, is returning from serving eight years of active duty in the military. Upon arriving in his hometown in British Columbia (the story originally took place in Tennessee),

Vaughn notices several changes have taken place: the sawmill where his dad had worked is now closed; there’s a non-Indian casino; and to make matters worse, there’s a strip club/XXX video store on the main drag. On top of all this,

Vaughn’s own nephew is smoking marijuana and experimenting with methamphetamines.

The Rock’s best friend, a reformed drug addict, small-time criminal played by Johnny Knoxville, accompanies The Rock and several other high school chums to the casino. One of their childhood friends, Jay Hamilton, played by Neal McDonough, owns and operates the casino.

Aside from Vaughn’s former girlfriend stripping at the casino and various wet tee-shirt contests, the casino initially seems ship-shape. Everything goes to

saw dust when Vaughn notices a craps table attendant throwing loaded dice. A scuffle ensues, and The Rock ends up on the wrong end of a box cutter.

The town sheriff refuses to help Vaughn avenge the assault or press charges against the casino. The Rock goes on a rampage and assaults several casino employees in addition to smashing the place up with a length of wood. He’s hauled to court and promises the jury to run for sheriff and clean up the town if he’s acquitted.

I don’t want to ruin the movie, but I’m sure you can

guess it: he’s elected. Vaughn sets to work making good on his promise of discovering and crippling the porn and drug industries. He’s met with more than mild resistance, as his trusty Chevy is blown up and the sheriff’s department is shredded with automatic machine gun fire. The Rock takes this affront personally and ends the lives of several of his attackers.

While Vaughn is fighting his own battles, his family isn’t immune to the violence. Several armed thugs break into their home and take the family

captive, only to rely on the crime fighting skills of Knoxville.

In the classic “good vs. evil,” Vaughn eventually has to face his nemesis and casino owner, Jay Hamilton. This fight occurs outside of the “squared circle,” without the commentary of “Mean Gene” Okerland.

This movie has plenty of action and enough violence and swearing to make it enjoyable. Watch out for The Rock as he scrambles to capture the “last action hero” spot in Hollywood. Can you smell what Rehor’s cooking? Oh yeah!



Who's the man?

# Bottorff takes "Big Man" title

by Robyn Sanders  
Antelope Staff Writer

The Phi Sigma chapter Alpha Omicron Pi held their annual Big Man on Campus fundraiser on Wednesday, April 14. The competition included categories such as talent, formal wear, swim wear, best pick-up line, and the best idea for a romantic date.

The men were selected ten campus organizations. They were Adam Zrust, Albion; Asa Poole, Denver, Colo.; Nate Modlin, Grand Island; Mike Nyffeler, Kearney; Sean Bottorff, La Vista; Jeff Rutledge, Lincoln; Jesse Cain, North Platte; Nick Lemek, Omaha; Colin Conway, Omaha; and Jeff Siepmann, Papillion.

Sean Bottorff dominated the evening, winning the competition and taking home the title of Big Man on Campus.

"I was asked to be in the contest. They wanted somebody funny. I thought the title would be cool but I didn't think that I had a chance as a freshman. A freshman winning shows that anything is possible," Bottorff



Photo by Scott Barry

Some campus studs displayed their talents last Wednesday evening at Alpha Omicron Pi's annual Big Man on Campus competition. Sean Bottorff, right, took home the title.

said.

The proceeds from Big Man on Campus will go to the Arthritis Foundation, which is

the international philanthropy of Alpha Omicron Pi. Arthritis affects over forty million Americans and is not limited to

a certain age group. Arthritis causes pain, disability and disfigurement. Little is known about what causes arthritis but



one out of six people in the United States are living with it. In Nebraska there are 263,000 people with arthritis. Another 285,000 children have a form of

rheumatic disease. Monetary Donations to the Arthritis Foundation fund medical research, public education and specialist training.

# Campus rocks with Sig Ep show

by Traci Witthuhn  
Antelope Entertainment Editor

UNK was rocking on Tuesday night with four Omaha bands when the Nebraska Gamma chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon brought back one of their most entertaining philanthropic events.

"Courtyard Concert is a philanthropic event that worked well for Sigma Phi Epsilon in the past, so we decided to bring it back," Craig Moore, Omaha freshman, said.

Moore and company hand selected these punk and rock groups, bringing only the best to Kearney.

"From my experience and what I've seen, these are some

of the best bands out of Omaha," Moore said.

Headlining the event was Grasshopper Takeover, a group that has proven to be a K-town favorite over the years, frequenting Cunningham's and various nightlife establishments. GTO is a native-Nebraskan three-piece group that began playing live shows in 1997.

The group now tours coast to coast and has released five albums in addition to two limited edition CDs.

Also on the docket was Straight Outta Jr. High, a band that played Courtyard Concert last year. SOJH, which was found its origins in the spring of 2000, is known for their punk antics and high-energy shows.



Photo by Quincy Cromer

AnchondO rocked the crowd at URN during the Courtyard Concerts on Tuesday night. The group was one of four bands to play at this benefit show put on by Sigma Phi Epsilon.

They have released two CDs and are set to have another out this summer.

Trippin' DeFault took the stage on Tuesday to display their hard-hitting rock style. The group was formed in 1997 and began performing together in

1999, they claim to blend aggressive rock with funk grooves and emotional lyrics to create a distinct sound.

The crowd also got a listen of funk-rock group AnchondO. This four-piece band was formed in 2001 and has expand-

ed a fan base in Omaha, Lincoln, Chicago, Kansas City, and St. Louis.

With a cover charge of two cans of food or three bucks, the fraternity had no problem raising funds for the Kearney Area Food Bank with this jam-style

soundtrack.

"The event went well, and the crowd had fun," Moore said. "We were glad to see UNK and Kearney come out to support a good cause and hope to keep Courtyard Concerts around in the future."

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# UNK track team dominates relays

by Sarah Stuart  
*Antelope Staff Writer*

The Loper track and field team was away again this week-end at both the Kansas and Doane Relays.

The Kansas Relays is one of the biggest meets in the country that features 5,000 athletes from 19 different states. A total of 620 teams participated in this year's event, and 1,274 medals were handed out.

For UNK, 16 Lopers competed including eight men and eight women.

The 800-meter run allowed two women to place in the top six in a field of 24 competitors.

Hildreth senior Kathryn Alt finished sixth with a run of 2:19.77, and Lexington junior Andrea Andersen finished third with a personal record time of 2:18.14.

Andersen was excited about her place and time in the event.

"This was a really big meet, and I was pleased with my performance," Andersen said.

She is currently sitting in second place on the RMAC list for the 800-meter run and hopes to compete well.

"It is every runners goal to do well at RMAC, and I hope to get some of my best times there," Andersen said.

Other leading performances on the track included Bellwood junior Kate Semin who ran one of the fastest 400-meter dashes in the prelims in school history at 54.98.

This time was also the third fastest in Division II this year. She ended up placing seventh in the event after running a 56.57 in the finals.

Springfield junior Denise Kolar contributed to her team's effort by placing seventeenth in the 400-meter hurdles.

The women's field events also took home several spots for UNK.

Butte junior Amber Tienfenthaler placed seven-teenth out of 32 in the hammer throw with a toss of 149-6, and Culbertson freshman Sara Wagner finished tenth in a field of 35 with a leap of 18-04.25 in the long jump, and placed tenth in the triple jump as well. Her effort in the long jump provi- sionally qualified her for the NCAA Championships.

In the pole vault, Hooper junior Cali Cordes was fifteenth and Kearney freshman Kellie Hawkins took twenty-second.

For the Loper men, Kansas senior Nate Wheat and Kearney freshman Chase Beideck had top ten finishes in the shot put. Wheat was fifth while Beideck took eighth. Kansas sophomore Kellen Jacobs took ninth out of 30 competitors in the hammer with a toss 167-1.

Lexington senior John Laux finished tenth in the triple jump with a top effort of 48-6. Kansas senior Skyler Price was-

n't too far behind with a twelfth place finish. Laux's jump pro- visionally qualifies him for the NCAA Championships.

Ansley senior Derek Bailey took home the sixteenth place in the high jump along with an eleventh place finish in the pre- lims of the 110 high hurdles.

Another outstanding perfor- mance was Grand Island senior Clark Spanel's top jump of 23-8 to take eighth in a field of 30 competitors.

The men's throwers were the high point at the Doane Relays that UNK also competed in this weekend.

Although some of the Loper's top athletes were com- peting at the Kansas Relays, the UNK track team still managed to take 22 top five finishes at the event held in Crete.

Placing first for UNK were senior Nate Wheat in the shot put, junior Denise Kolar in the 400-meter hurdles, and sopho- more Drew Tonniges in the

5,000-meter run. The men's throwers dominated for UNK taking four of the top six spots in the shot, four of the top seven in the discus, and three in the top eight of the hammer.

Kearney freshman Chase Beideck took third place in the shot put while Eustis sopho- more Lance Pfeiffer was fifth.

Grand Island senior Scott Jorgensen was second in both the discus and the hammer, with Walthill junior Derek Frese hav- ing the next best effort in each event.

Tonniges won the 5,000- meter run with a time of 15:17.17, and Grand Island senior Clark Spanel took third in the 200-meter dash after competing at the Kansas Relays.

Kearney junior Nolan Little was fifth in the 800-meters at 1:58.54.

For the women, placing sec- ond on the track were Wyoming senior Angela Sorensen in the

200, and Marshland sophomore Randi Furman in the 100-meter dash. Furman also took fifth in the 200, and Lincoln junior Andrea Herndon was third in the 5,000 meter run.

Throwing for the women were Central City sophomore Shauna Birchard who was run- ner up in the shot, and took fifth in the hammer.

Kearney senior Lisa Calleroz was second in the discus, and provisionally qualified for this event with a 141-8.

Finally, Elkhorn junior Lesley Crutcher was third in the high jump with Gering fresh- man Katie Schaneman taking fifth in the pole vault.

The Lopers are looking for- ward to the competition at the Nebraska Wesleyan Invite this Friday in Lincoln.

"I hope the team will have good competition this weekend, and that we all get high marks and some personal records," Andersen said.

# Men's tennis wins twice

by Kory Engel  
*Antelope Staff Writer*

The University of Nebraska at Kearney men's tennis team finally got to play their oppo- nents at home and they took full advantage of it as they defeated the University of Colorado- Colorado Springs and the University of Colorado State- Pueblo by the scores of 6-3 and 5-4.

UNK coach Patrick Fischer said that the win against Colorado State-Pueblo was really big for this team.

"It was really close and everyone got super excited, and so I was worried about a let down on Saturday," Fischer said.

UNK had reason to be con- cerned against Colorado Springs as they were up only 2-1 after doubles play was over and relied on its #1 singles play-

er Jorge Ramos to turn the moment back to UNK.

"Doubles didn't turn out as well as I had hoped for. We were up 2-1 and our #2 and #3 singles lost and Jorge playing at #1 really stepped up after losing the first set 6-1 and really fought hard to win the second set 6-3 and then really broke this opponents spirits and steam rolled him in the third set," Fischer said.

After the win by Ramos, #4 singles Nate Wiegand, #5 sin- gles Luke Backhaus, and #6 sin- gles Tyson Thomas all won to close the door on any upset bid of Colorado Springs.

Fischer said it was good to finally play at home and make the opponent adjust to the lower altitude as opposed to the thin air of Colorado.

"Usually when we go to Colorado the altitude is a factor. This time it's the other way

around when were at home because people come down and have to adjust to playing at a lower altitude with different balls and I think it certainly helped us and we took advan- tage of it," Fischer said.

The Lopers won't change their strategy much as they now go into the conference tourna- ment.

UNK, Colorado School of Mines, and Colorado State- Pueblo are in a three way tie for first place with a record of 12-3 and with a couple of other con- ference opponents not too far behind.

UNK cannot afford to under estimate any opponent if they plan on making it to the regional tournament.

"We just gotta make sure we play our best game, worry about us first, and everything will fall into place I'm pretty sure," Fischer said.



Photo by Jaime Dusin

Above: The Loper women's tennis team was also in action against Colorado State-Pueblo and the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs. Unfortunately, the women lost both matches.

# Softball splits with Adams State

by Amy Jo Hand  
*Antelope Staff Writer*

The Lady Loper softball team split the weekend with the Adams State Grizzlies in Alamosa, Colorado.

Kearney swept Adams State on Saturday 12-3 and 9-1, but Sunday, the Grizzlies got their revenge taking the win in both games, 6-5 and 7-4.

After this weekend, UNK stays one game above .500 at 20-19 overall and 17-13 in RMAC play.

Saturdays' wins ties this year's softball team for the longest win streak at ten during Head Coach Holly Carnes' UNK career.

In the fifth inning of game one, Adams trailed by only one run.

That all changed when the blue and gold brought nine runs across the plate in the final two innings to secure victory.

Senior Katie Anderson took the win, allowing three earned runs on four hits and only one walk.

She set six down Grizzlies at the plate in her thirteenth win of the season.

Catcher, Sarah Raymond busted two homeruns in her three for four batting record on the game, including four RBI's and two runs scored.

Junior Breanna Fleshman went yard in the seventh to bring three runs home.

In the nightcap, Danae Wolcott won her fifth game of the year, allowing no earned runs over five innings pitched.

Again Raymond led the offense with a two run double in the fourth finishing at two for three with two RBI's and two runs.

"I think we all did pretty well; everyone hit very well over the course of the weekend. Everyone has their weekend and this was mine," Raymond com- mented on her awesome offen- sive game.

Brooke Epley went two for two with one run and one RBI, while Fleshman was two for two as well with two runs scored and one RBI.

The tables turned Sunday as

the Grizzlies reclaimed their ter- ritory, handing UNK two losses and gaining only their seventh win of the season.

In the first game, the Lopers were up 3-0 in the fourth, but ASC had started a comeback and were only behind 3-4 at the top of the seventh. Amanda Hitt scored on an Adams State throwing error in the seventh, giving UNK a buffer point heading into the final at bat.

It didn't prove enough though as ASC immediately loaded the bases.

A wild pitch and sac fly tied the game, and an infield single by Grizzly Stephanie Williams scored the winning run for Adams State.

Raymond crushed her fourth

hit of the week over the fence, "You just go up there swinging as hard as you can and hope for the best," Raymond said.

Ashley Speak also was pro- ductive at the plate going two for three.

Three Loper errors in game two allowed Adams to gain a

four-run lead on the blue and gold (6-2) by the second inning.

Anderson threw four score- less innings of relief for UNK and junior Cody Pettibone went two for four at the plate.

This weekend the Lady Lopers finish their regular sea- son at home against Fort Lewis.

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# UNK ‘Blood Wars’ gushing success

by Chris Araujo  
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The average lifespan of blood cells is as little as five days for platelets and 42 days for red cells. With this in mind, it is stressed that donating blood is an important part of a successful life-saving structure.

On March 31 and April 1, Randall Hall sponsored this

spring’s annual Blood Wars in the Nebraskan Student Union. This year’s blood drive was recorded as being the best ever held on UNK soil.

Jody Elson, president of the Randall Hall Council, was the event’s main organizer. “This is the best blood drive that the Red Cross has had since they’ve been to UNK. About 35 volunteers had a hand in the event. We had approximately 140 good

units of blood altogether. We collected enough blood to save 420 lives,” Elson said.

The Curtis native also had some promising news about the type of blood collected. “Fifty-one percent of the units collected were Type O blood. This of course is the universal blood type that can be given to anyone. This is important because the Kearney area has been having a recent blood shortage,” Elson

said.

First year graduate student Amy Grenier of Littleton, Colo., said, “We just kind of mixed it up this year. In the past it was solely put on by RAs and staff members. This year we left it up to the Randall Hall Council. We were very excited by the turnout. We exceeded our goals both days.”

Jenny Stahla, a junior from Lexington, also a hand in orga-

nizing the drive. “My duty was making sure there were rewards for the donors,” said Stahla. Most of these rewards came in the form of Easter candy or gift certificates from local businesses.

Elson had more information on the approximate 200 donors over the two days: “We gave prizes to the top participating organizations here on campus. Randall Hall and Martin Hall

each received two DVDs for their participation. URN received one DVD, as did Sigma Phi Epsilon. The Chi Omega sorority earned themselves a free pizza party,” she said.

“It really makes you feel good when you help out with something like this that can save a life, maybe even one of your loved one’s or even your own,” Stahla said.

## Seek Student Support Services

by Molly Albrecht and Heather Bunsen  
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What do first-generation college students, students on academic probation and non-traditional students have in common? At UNK, they are all candidates for a program known as Student Support Services. This program strives to help eligible students meet their academic goals.

There are a variety of factors that qualify students to utilize Student Support Services, ranging from social, financial and cultural factors to academic factors. The first set of criteria is that the student is a first-generation college student; the student is eligible for a Pell Grant, thus meets income guidelines; and/or the student can document a disability that interferes with academic performance.

“Student Support Services is a federal TRIO program that was initiated during the Great Society programs of the 1960s. The federal government identified two aspects of society that often hindered students from getting into, and then succeeding in, college: being low-income and/or first-generation,” Brandon Benitz, academic advisor for Student Support Services, said.

“In the 1970s, students with disabilities were likewise identified as a segment of the population that were struggling to get into, and through, college. So they were added to the criteria. Student Support Services was started as a way to encourage those students to enter college, then it acts as a support mechanism while they are there,” he said.

Students may take advantage of many different services such as one-on-one counseling for academic success; free tutoring from academic mentors; auxiliary advising/counseling; time management/stress reduction tips; financial assistance information; skills assessment; individualized referrals to appropriate Student Services; personal advocacy; special needs assistance; cultural opportunities; graduate school exploration; and referrals for career planning.

Benitz said, “Student Support Services is a unique program on campus in that we tailor-make our comprehensive services to the needs of the individual students who we serve. And our students are just as unique--some students stop in on almost a

daily basis, others check in only periodically, some are in the Honors program and some are recognized as outstanding student leaders on campus.”

The Student Support Services Mentor Program is an excellent way for students to find some academic support. This program offers tutoring in math, natural sciences, English and other general studies areas. The program also offers advice in how to study sufficiently and helps in making students feel at home at UNK.

To enter the Student Support Services Mentor Program, a student must meet one of the following needs: composite ACT scores below 20 or SAT composites of less than 800; English ACT scores below 20 or SAT verbal skills of less than 400; math ACT scores below 20 or SAT quantitative of less than 400; reading ACT scores below 20; science reasoning score below 20; high school graduation class of less than 100; conditional admission; academic probation; students with less than a 2.5 GPA; non-traditional students (age 25 and above); graduate school potential (ACT scores above 25 or equivalent SAT scores or GPA of 3.5 or above for current UNK students); English as a second language; or previous participant in a TRIO program.

“We try to serve our students in such a way that we look at the whole person—to incorporate other issues into our solutions, not just the problems they may be facing in class,” Benitz said.

Benitz said he enjoys his job because he basically gets paid to hang out with college students and can help them make their lives better by helping them succeed in college.

“It’s a bittersweet moment when I realize that we have given a student the tools they need to succeed and they no longer need us like they once did. Watching them walk across the stage at graduation and knowing that it’s not just their life that is changing, but their parents’ lives and their children’s lives as well, is so fulfilling,” Benitz said.

All students are encouraged to seek any help that is needed to ensure their academic success. More information about Student Support Services may be found on their Web site at <http://www.unk.edu/offices/sss/programs.html>.

## There will be nada at Ramada

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the wear and tear on the desks, carpet, beds and other furniture does not always get fixed. “Ramada is geared toward the families that want to have a small get together after graduation, not the graduation parties that have happened in the past,” says Michael Hartman, Front Desk Supervisor for Ramada Inn.

There will never be another party like the Ramada Inn threw after every graduation for the past many years. “Most hotels do not tolerate the room parties like we have seen in the past,” Williams remarked. Each hotel that has a bar on property has a liquor license, and this license means that the establishments that hold those licenses have exclusive rights

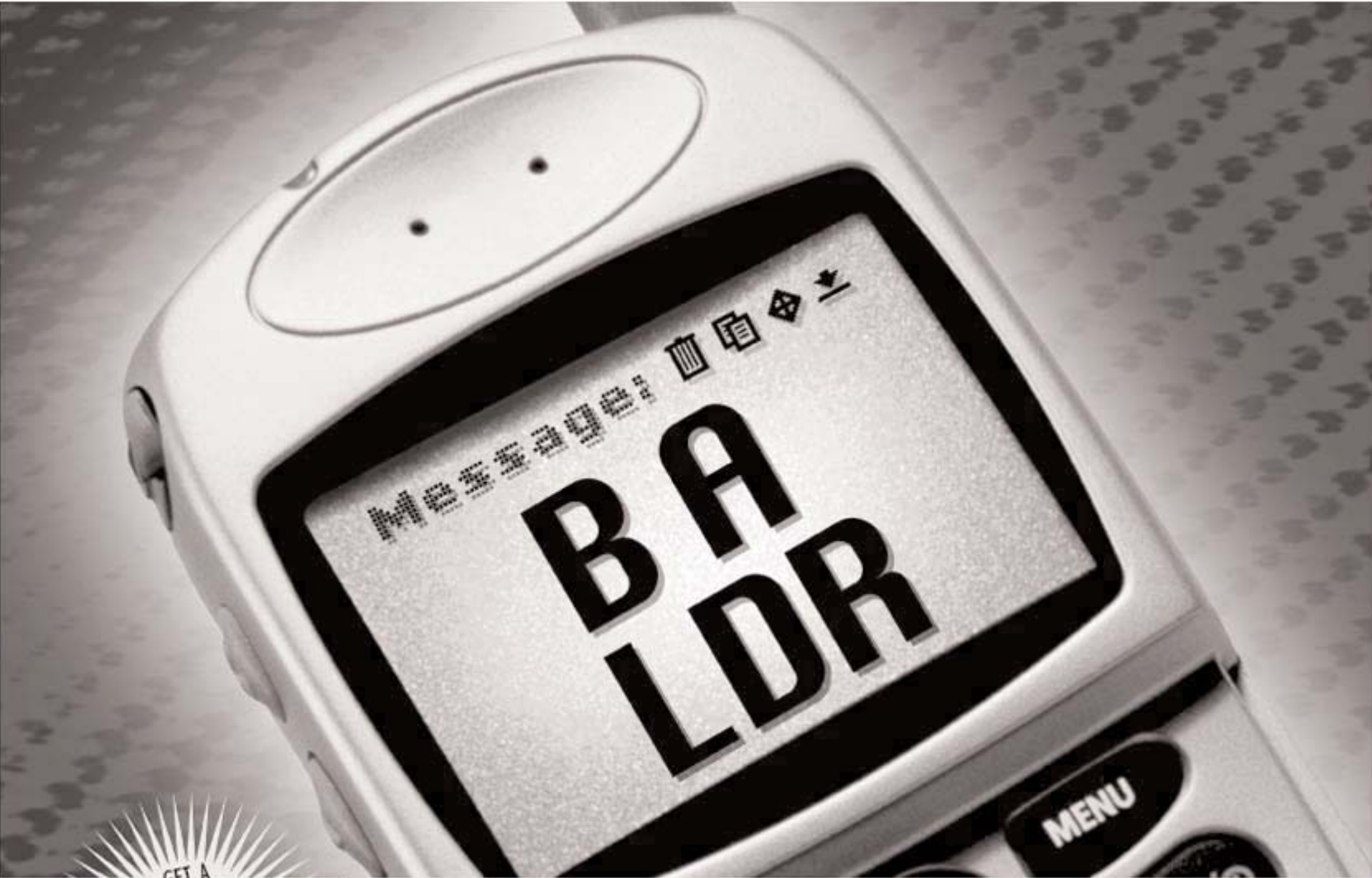
to the liquor that is handled on that property. With that comes the liability of the people that drink alcohol becoming too intoxicated and doing something harmful to either property or themselves. That liability was just too much for this year’s graduation bash.

There are many things that the graduates can do that night besides party at the Ramada Inn. Renting out space at the fairgrounds might be one option, the bars around town will certainly be open that night, or the old-fashioned house party might be the other option; just keep it down or the first night as a graduate might be spent in the Buffalo County Courthouse. “Congratulations graduates, have fun and be safe,” Hartman added.


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