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Restaurant repurposed to open by fall

*Former location of barbecue spot, **Come and Get It**, to be transformed into UNK International Student Center*

BY COURTNEY JONES
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It was a bittersweet day for Kearney residents on March 1, as the beloved barbecue restaurant Come and Get It shut its doors for the last time, never again to sell those crazed after loaded baked potatoes.

Come and Get It will have a new life when it is remodeled and reborn as the new International Welcome Center for the students at UNK. The building will be a place where the international students at the college will be able to go and feel welcome while studying or simply meeting other students. It will be a place they can call their home away from home.

Jaekeun Cho, the Korean Asian recruitment specialist, will have a big part in creating the new hangout for international students. Cho, originally from South Korea, came to Kearney and found his American family, who happened to be Greg and Laurie Swinney, the people responsible for the vision of the International Welcome Center.

"The idea for the center came from my American dad, and I am going to be one of the helpers with the project," Cho said. "I think he has seen many international students around the campus, and he would like to help them somehow. Having that comfortable place would be good for them because around campus there is not a specific place for only international students, so I think he wants to create that environment somehow."

Swinney will be renting the place from owner Mike Mawby, who is also his neighbor. The idea for the center was shaped around Christmas time when Mawby and his wife, Diane, took Christmas cookies over to the Swinneys, and the talking started.

The old restaurant has already started its transformation, and the organizers have hopes of being open and ready to go by the time school starts again in the fall.

"Hopefully the center will be open all

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Hub Photo: Mary Jane Skala

By fall, organizers of the International Welcome Center envision that students will be able to study, hang out, cook for fun and host community events at the former restaurant. They see it as a center of service for the whole community.



Photo by Joel Cedar

Almost 600 Kearney area volunteers worked each shift to pack 500,000 Manna-Pack Rice bags in the second largest Feed My Starving Children mobile packing event ever. The volunteers sent three semis to Haiti.

Kearney helps fight world hunger

BY JOEL CEDAR
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On April 12 and 13, the community of Kearney took an active stand against world hunger through a Feed My Starving Children event that not only united the community of Kearney, but aided the fight for over a billion people suffering in the worldwide hunger crisis.

Kearney area volunteers helped lower that number even further by packing 500,000 packets of food in the second largest Feed My Starving Children Mobile Packing event ever.

Founded in 1987, Feed My Starving Children is a Christian nonprofit organization that is 100 percent donation funded. The organization was created to help end starvation and malnutrition across

the world. Their solution for hunger was MannaPack Rice, which is a combination of foods that is designed to help transform a child from being affected by malnutrition to being healthy as soon as possible. The composition of rice (the most culturally accepted grain), soy, vitamins, minerals and dehydrated vegetables was designed with the help of scientists as well as major food companies.

Volunteer help is critical, and 92 percent of all donations support the Feed My Starving Children food program. The organization hosts mobile packing events all over the country so communities can come together and help pack the meals before they are shipped all around the world. Through the contribution of volunteers, over 400,000,000 meals have been

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Margaret Thatcher: A Hero to Some

Former British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, died on April 8 from a stroke in London. There have been mixed feelings about this, most of which seem to be more on the negative side.

Thatcher has been bashed in the media since her death, and that's not really fair. Thatcher was a terrific woman and deserves to be honored, as any public figure should be when they pass on.

In 1979, when Thatcher became Prime Minister, Britain was at an all-time low. The economy was close to collapse. This led to strikes by public employees, which took a huge toll on public services. Picketers blocked hospital entrances, railroad workers and truck drivers stopped transportation, garbage men let trash accumulate in the streets rather than doing their job, grave diggers even quit working, which led to bodies piling up at mortuaries.

Thatcher helped reduce inflation. The economy rebounded and grew. She priva-

tized state-owned industries, cut taxes on investments and reduced government spending.

President Obama released a statement honoring Margaret Thatcher. He referred to her as one of the "great champions of freedom and liberty," and said, "She stands as an example to our daughters that there is no glass ceiling that can't be shattered."

He's assuming that she is a great feminist icon, which is completely wrong. During her first campaign, the feminists loathed her. They had slogans like "We want women's rights, not a right-wing woman," and "Ditch the B----." Thatcher didn't have much, if any, support from the feminists.

Thatcher should not be praised because she was a woman, she should be praised because of her numerous accomplishments and the legacy she left behind. Thatcher should be praised because she was self-made. She didn't rise to power

behind her husband or her father; she did it on her own.

After Thatcher passed away, Spice Girl Geri Halliwell had nice words to say. However, she received a lot of negative feedback about them.

The former Ginger Spice tweeted "Thinking of our first lady of girl power, Margaret Thatcher, a green grocer's daughter, who taught me anything is possible..." She deleted the tweet shortly after posting it. She received a lot of comments from Thatcher's detractors saying the tweet was ignorant.

After she deleted the first tweet, she tweeted again saying, "Sorry if I offended u. X." She later posted on her blog, concluding that she admires Thatcher "whether she is right or wrong, regardless of her opinions. She had the courage to stand by her convictions." This isn't the first time Halliwell has been bashed for her admiration of Margaret Thatcher.




Margaret Thatcher was a great, noble woman with the courage to stick up for what she believed in and what she thought was right. She stood her ground and didn't change for anyone.

Whether a person agrees with what she believes in or not, Thatcher deserves to be honored at least for that, if not for her numerous accomplishments and her great legacy.

Ask Amy

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Dear Amy,

Hey, I actually finally picked a major (YAY!), but now I don't know who to tell to get it put in the computer. What should I do?

—Declaring in Deschler

Dear Declaring,

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At that very moment, confetti will fall, horns will blow, and a rainbow will appear in the north. Just kidding, but we will be happy for you, I promise! The

less personal way (but still involving a modicum of human contact) is to CALL our office (308-865-8501) and say the same thing. We'll get your major declared, get you the appropriate adviser, and you'll be good to go.

The very hands-off-high-tech method for declaring your major is to do it online. At the UNK homepage (unk.edu), there is a 'Quick Links' dropdown menu, and under 'Student Resources' there is a link called 'Major/Adviser changes (ugrad).' Fun title, eh? Anyhoo, you select that and the form to fill out to declare your major magically appears.

Fill it out, click 'Send', and it comes right to my inbox! I'll get it changed (or my wonderful, kind, efficient co-worker will), and we'll get you a new adviser and you never even have to set foot in our office. But that would be sad – we'll miss you, and please do remember that we're still here for you...even the student who just said to me yesterday "Well, I've picked a major, so I'm going to have to let you go." OUCH! He must have been taking lessons from Donald Trump!

But seriously, once you declare your major, good things DO happen. You can move forward with your future plans, take classes outside of the General Studies program (because even though they're great, you have to move

on, right?), you can start to develop relationships with the faculty in your new department, get involved in related student groups and honors societies and explore your options in that field with an eye to future careers and opportunities – it's great! But we're still here for you in ACS...ready to help you when you want to add a minor, or do your new résumé, all that other stuff, so don't forget about us just because you're all cool with your new major, okay?

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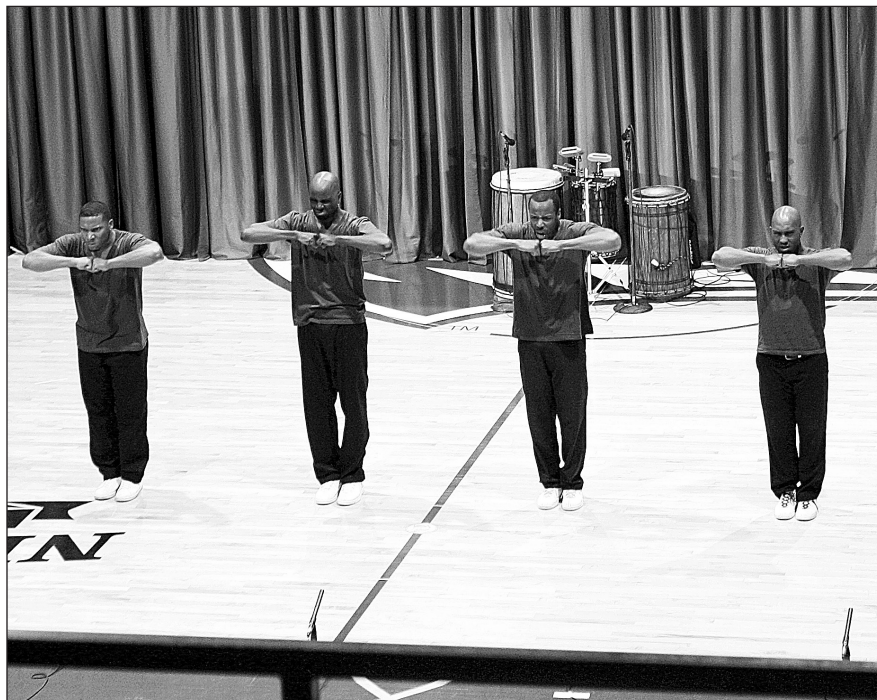


Photo by Woorim Cho

Step Afrika!, a professional dance company dedicated to stepping, performed on Tuesday, April 9, in the Health and Sports Center. Stepping is a dance that uses the body as an instrument, and combines footsteps, claps and spoken word to produce complex rhythms.

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The Bench

An opportunity slowly slipping away



BY KENT KEHLER

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As I sat between Thomas Hall and the library on a recent Tuesday morning, instead of going to class, I got to thinking. There were a million things running through my head. One thing was how I could nicely tell this pretty girl how to pick up her feet. Not only did it sound like a little kid dropping rocks down a slide, which we have all done, but it was so annoying. But I didn't say anything; I just smiled and said "hi" as she went by.

The second thing I thought of was the people griping about the cold. Sure, it isn't sunny and 70 out, but at least you have a coat. Instead of complaining, maybe you should be thankful to be alive and see the beauty of today. Think of all those homeless people freezing under that bridge; yeah, it's not so bad for you. Although my ears may have gotten frostbite and my butt frozen to the bench, I have sat in colder weather waiting for that big buck. It's probably not smart, but it is definitely exciting.

The third thing that came to mind was the empty seat next to me. There are some pretty awesome people alive that I wouldn't mind sitting and having a nice chat with, but that's not what I thought about. It wasn't about Michael Jordan sitting next to me, or even some gorgeous model. No, the people I was thinking about don't walk on this earth anymore. There were a few people in my mind: my grandpa, my uncle, my young friend and a few others.

As I sat here on this cold steel bench, I thought of having a last talk with someone from my past. Yes, of course, they have all gone too soon, and for that I'm selfish. Yesterday I went to a funeral

for my classmate's grandpa. After all, this kid was the only one in high school who came to my grandpa's funeral. Yes, I cried like a big baby, but that doesn't matter. All the people who have gone could come have a seat right by me, and I wouldn't argue. The things I'd say would be amazing. I could tell them all the things I needed to and that I loved them. Again, be thankful for the time with others. You never know when it could be the last time.

Unfortunately, this was no magic bench.

After all that thinking, I decided to begin a new outlook about this place. What I've always seen as a place similar to a prison is really a place of opportunity— an opportunity to meet people, learn or party like a rock star. This place was built by hard-working hands to educate and help the world.

I sat here and saw students, old professors, high school kids on a tour, birds, squirrels, students, but most of all I saw opportunity. Although the sights and sounds aren't the same, I would consider this similar to sitting in the deer stand. On this

bench I heard cars, trains, clicking heels and the occasional crane.

On the topic of cranes, what is the chance that one of those big birds would land some crap right on my shoulder as it flies over? Anyways, I sat and watched and listened. I saw and heard many things. I learned some math from the girls talking about it and I saw a guy with jeans on tighter than any man should wear. But most of all, I saw opportunity slowly slipping away.

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CAMPUS CRIME LOG

- April 1:** Car was vandalized in Lot 28, when an unknown subject put tape and paint on the vehicle. The car's paint was damaged when the tape was removed. The case remains open.
- April 1:** The Antelope Hall RA reported the smell of burnt marijuana from a room on the third floor. A resident denied search upon contact and no further action was taken.
- April 1:** Female subject was issued a stop sign citation for failing to stop at parking lot 32 and University Drive.
- April 2:** Female subject reported her phone stolen from Men's Hall. The phone was later found at CTE. The case remains open.
- April 3:** Disturbance reported at Mitchell Center where female subject was refusing to leave with her mother. Issue was resolved upon contact.
- April 5:** Ten subjects were issued conduct summons for Minor in Possession of Alcohol in Mantor Hall.
- April 6:** Subject found dead turtle in a restroom at Mantor Hall that appeared to have been shot with a BB gun. The case remains open.
- April 7:** Female subject was issued a warning for a stop sign violation near campus.
- April 7:** Male subject was cited for speeding on University Drive.
- April 8:** Male subject was issued a warning for driving the wrong way in a one-way in what was formerly Lot 9.
- April 8:** Male subject reported his car had been vandalized in Lot 11. The right rear window had been forced down but nothing was taken. The case remains open.
- April 9:** Four students in CTE were issued conduct summons after the RA reported the use of alcohol.
- April 10:** Male subject was issued a warning for driving the wrong way in a one-way in what was formerly Lot 9.
- April 11:** Subject reported theft of iPad and \$80 in cash from a backpack in the Health and Sports Center. The case remains open.
- April 11:** Subject reported theft of backpack, car keys and iPhone from Cushing Coliseum. Subject later reported theft of items from his vehicle. The case remains open.
- April 12:** Male subject was cited for stop sign violation on campus.
- April 13:** Two female subjects were cited for Minor in Consumption in a vehicle in Lot 3.
- April 13:** Three male subjects were cited for Minor in Consumption in Mantor Hall after a disturbance was reported there.

Gays marriage rights to Supreme Court

"It is part of a larger outgrowth from the civil rights movement thinking about what it really means that everyone is entitled to equal protection under the law."

— *Christie Maloyed*

BY ADAM KONRUFF
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The issue of gay marriage was catapulted to the national stage when the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on two cases in March, but there is considerably more to this topic than simply who is allowed to join together in the sacred bond.



CHRISTIE
MALOYED

"It is part of a larger outgrowth from the civil rights movement," said Dr. Christie Maloyed, assistant political science professor at UNK. "Thinking about what it really means that everyone is entitled to equal protection under the law."

Esther Peterson, a freshman political science major from Valentine, sees the issue in the same light. "Right now, it is the LGBTQ community's turn to struggle, just as it has been for other groups, many of whom are still struggling," she said.

Peterson is a lesbian in a committed relationship. She hopes to someday marry her partner, but is uncertain that the chance will come. The Court's rulings on these cases could have a large impact on whether or not Peterson will ever wed.

The Supreme Court heard arguments over California's Proposition 8 on March 26 and the federal Defense of Marriage Act, or DOMA, on March 27. Both are laws that state that marriage is only recognizable as being between one man and one woman, one at state level and the other at federal level.

The rulings that are handed down in June will take many parts of this issue into account. Maloyed said the cases revolve around civil rights, states' rights and congressional authority. On one end of the spectrum, the Court could decide that same-sex marriage is a constitutionally protected civil right. This would make gay marriage legal in all states. On the other end, the Court could say that both laws are constitutional, leaving 12 states with legalized gay marriages that aren't recognized at the federal level.

Peterson thinks the result will be more moderate. "I feel very strongly that the courts will rule that DOMA is unconstitutional," she said. "It creates a group of second-class citizens and violates state sovereignty as laid out in the 10th Amendment.

"But I think it would be an awful idea to try to mandate that all states allow same-sex marriage. The federal government has no business forcing that on any state," Peterson said.

"Justices Scalia and Thomas have been highly in favor of states' rights and this issue being decided at the state

level," said Maloyed, "which might mean that they would rule against DOMA saying the decision should belong to the states."

Maloyed said it's never a good idea to try and make predictions on the Supreme Court, but the hearings gave reason to believe this might be the case.

Justice Kennedy decides most cases with his vote, Maloyed said, voting with conservatives on some cases and liberals on others. "He seemed hesitant to say that he thought Congress had the authority to define marriage through DOMA. Many gay-rights advocates have seen this as reason for optimism."

Peterson knows that a win in both cases for gay marriage will not necessarily mean she is able to marry her partner in Nebraska, one of 32 states with constitutional amendments barring same-sex marriages.

Same sex marriage in Nebraska will be possible only if the Court declares same-sex marriages legal, striking down all state and federal laws banning it. Neither Maloyed nor Peterson see this happening.

Peterson supports a state's right to choose whether or not to legalize same-sex marriages. She hopes that over time, states that have laws against the practice will evolve toward a more accepting stance.

"What needs to happen is for people to stop generalizing groups of people and instead humanize them," Peterson said. "We need to realize that we are all humans, and we all deserve the same basic rights."

Sudoku ★★☆☆☆

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

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A World of Music

Dr. Deborah Freedman prepares large, multi-language work for orchestra and choirs

BY CODIE MILFORD
Antelope Staff

The Kearney Area Symphony Orchestra is currently preparing with the University Choraleers to perform "Music of Peace & Harmony," featuring Christopher Tin's "Calling all Dawns," a 12-movement song cycle in 12 different languages, performed with the UNK Choraleers, visiting vocalist Charles Ahovissi and ethnic drums under the direction of Duane Bierman.



DEBORAH
FREEDMAN

And the woman at the head of it all? Dr. Deborah Freedman, who came to UNK in the fall of 2012 taking on the conducting, music history and literature, and sight singing/ear training classes. Freedman also teaches

French horn lessons and conducts the chamber orchestra and the Kearney Area Symphony Orchestra.

Freedman said "Calling all Dawns" is a fantastic piece a student brought to her attention. "He even had the music score with him at the time – and he

asked if we could look into performing it with the Choraleers," she said.

"It's a large work – it includes nine soloists, including a professional vocalist being brought in specifically for the concert, and there's a percussion specialist coming from Omaha to work with the students not only for the concert, but to perform in a master class with them as well. This is all being sponsored by the Faculty Artist Lecture Series and the Nebraska Arts Council."

Released in 2009, Tin's work won two Grammy Awards, including Best Classical Crossover Album and Best Instrumental Arrangement Accompanying Vocalist for the first song, "Baba Yetu." Video game fans will recognize this song as the main theme of "Civilization IV."

There are four songs in each of the three movements: day, night and dawn. The choir has been hard at work learning the songs, which range in languages from Japanese, Swahili, Polish and French, among others.

"It's a very epic piece of music – I

love the melodies, and the chorus parts," Freedman said. "I think it's going to be really effective for the audience to hear as well, with the orchestra on stage and the choir in the back of the audience – I'm really hoping we can get the balance right between the two, because it really has the potential to be a big stereo sound for the audience."

In her very well-organized office, Freedman reminisced about how she made the decision to move from teaching young students to teaching at the collegiate level. "I taught public school for three years, where I had fourth

"'Calling all Dawns' is a very epic piece of music – I love the melodies and the chorus parts."

—Deborah Freedman

through twelfth grade, both instrumental and vocal," Freedman said. "I didn't get a preparation or a lunch period, I was there before and after school, and it started to wear me out. I realized I enjoyed teaching and interacting with collegiate students more, and it could be more than, 'Oh, this is a 'C' scale' over and over again."

Freedman decided to go back to

school herself. She studied at the Peabody Conservatory of Music at Johns Hopkins University, where she obtained her master's and doctoral degrees in conducting. She then taught at Missouri Western State University for 20 years before moving to Michigan to teach at Grand Valley State University for three years before arriving at UNK last year.

She said she's been just as excited to teach here as she was at her previous schools. With little hesitation, Freedman was quick to name one of her most memorable moments in the past two years: last semester's concert with Chris Brubeck, a musician from California.

Freedman said she expects to provide another highlight for her most memorable moments list with the upcoming performance "Calling All Dawns," a 12-movement song cycle in 12 different languages.

Enjoy this elaborate piece of music in the Fine Arts Recital Hall on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are free for students with a UNK I.D., and \$10 for the general public. Tickets can be reserved/purchased by calling the Box Office at 308-865-8417.

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Students teach at Research Day

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Catalina Jaimes (right), a double psychology and Spanish translation major, and French minor from Colombia, South America, explains her research topic "Vocabulary Acquisition: An Analysis of Short and Long-term Retention" to an attendee at the Student Research Day. She shared with others her knowledge of how the brain works when it is stimulated with a second language and the advantages and disadvantages of studying a foreign language.

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Take back the night



Photos by Adrianna Tarin

ABOVE, LEFT: Angela Rose, a nationally recognized advocate for women's rights and education on women's issues, spoke in the Ponderosa Room on Thursday night. Rose spoke about her experience with sexual assault and discussed bringing issues like this to light.

BELOW: Many students, faculty and members of the Kearney community showed up for Take Back the Night on Thursday, April 11. The event was organized by the Women's Center, Queer Straight Alliance and the Social Justice League on campus.

About *Take Back the Night*

The Take Back The Night Foundation seeks to end sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual abuse and all other forms of sexual violence. They serve to create safe communities and respectful relationships through awareness events and initiatives.





ht nd look fabulous.

Drag queens and kings traveled from all over the Midwest to perform for the crowd of UNK students, staff and parents when The UNK Queer Straight Alliance hosted their annual drag show Thursday, April 11 in the Ponderosa Room in the Nebraskan Student Union. QSA, which hosts many events throughout the year, continues to gain members and encourages students to participate and join in on all of their activities, including karaoke nights and movie nights.

Photos by Emily Seevers



Loper Action

BY KENT KEHLER
Antelope Staff

Women's Soccer unbeaten in spring ball

UNK soccer traveled to South Dakota Saturday, April 13, to play the final two spring games. UNK took the first game 4-1 over Augustana and tied the second game with Division I South Dakota.

Catch the soccer team scrimmage April 17 at Cope Stadium at 5 p.m.

In game one, the Lady Loper's scored four goals while only allowing one goal to Augustana. Four different Lopers scored, including three freshman, Montanna Hosterman of Papillion, Holly Brown of Glenwood Springs, Colo., and Mckinzie Rieber of Highlands Ranch, Colo. The last goal was scored by junior Nikki Thompson of Centennial, Colo. Hosterman said, "In the beginning of the first game we played down to their level, but then picked it up and pretty much dominated the game in the second half."

In the second game, UNK took on Division I South Dakota. The game ended in a tie. Hosterman scored the only goal for the Lopers in the second game. Hosterman said, "In the second game we were down early, but I got a nice pass from Sarah Talcott."

Junior Sarah Talcott of Denver, Colo. put the free kick where only Hosterman could get it. "South Dakota was by far a much bigger, more athletic team than Augustana," Hosterman said. "It was a very aggressive, well-fought game between the two teams. We didn't lose a game in the off season. With how we played this spring, things look very promising for us."

Head Coach John Maessner was pleased with the way spring games went. Maessner said, "We have progressed so much from the fall. We now understand the things we need to do better, and we now have a clear picture of where we want to be when we show up in August. The critical thing for us now, with one week left of training, is to work hard individually over the summer and show up in good physical condition so that we have a chance to accomplish our goal of qualifying for the conference championship and getting into the NCAA tournament. The team is ready to make that leap."

Baseball drops double header

The Lopers dropped game one of the double header 15-5 and lost the second game 11-4.

UNK junior Mike Kattula, of Sterling

Heights, Mich. was 2 for 4 from the plate with two homeruns and three RBIs, but the Broncos scored four runs in the third and fourth innings, and scored seven runs in the sixth. The top third of the Broncos order batted 500, while scoring six runs. Tyler Crabtree, the leadoff hitter had two doubles and a homerun.

In the second game, UNK also had a hard time getting out the top of the Broncos lineup. The top three were 6 for 10 with six runs and six RBI's. UNK sophomore Max Ayoub of Grand Island, hit a two-run homerun, while junior Scott Jameson of Lovell, Wyo., went 2 for 2 and scored one run.

Head Coach Damon Day said he is pleased with the offense the Lopers have showed this year. "Offensively we have done a great job of producing runs and giving ourselves a chance to be competitive," he said.

Day said the weather has played a factor in the way the Lopers have been playing. "The weather and changes have absolutely hindered every aspect of continuity we have as a team. Baseball is a game that needs to be played consistently, and repetition is a huge part of it, but when you don't get outside to practice or play, it seems like you are starting over every weekend," he said.

"The season has been a roller coaster because of all the weather issues and the lack of getting outside to practice very often. Throw in the fact we have had to play 22 games on the road, and I would say we are hanging in there," Day said.

The Lopers will be back on the road for a double header at Northwest Missouri State on Wednesday, April 17, at 4 p.m.

The Best of the Lopers

Top performances of 2012-13



BY AARON URBANSKI
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For many students at UNK, bringing up memories of the past school year can be difficult at times. Some moments we wish to remember in all their glory, others we certainly do not.

Nonetheless, the 2012-13 calendar year has given us no shortage of memorable performances from the many young men and women who proudly wore the blue and gold for every game, set and match.

From championship caliber seasons to outstanding individual efforts, the following list was determined in respect to the quality of the performance as well as the importance of the event for the respective team.

Here are the Antelope's top Loper sporting moments of 2012-13:

Soccer: Not every good story ends with a championship

For the first time in the brief history of UNK women's soccer, the Lady Lopers posted a winning record in the 2012-13 season despite missing the MIAA conference tournament by one game.

After a mid-season slump, the Lopers rallied to win three of their last four games to finish the season with a program best 9-7-2 record.

"The talent is there for this team to make an impact on the league going forward. Coach (Maessner) has done a really

great job of getting the program in the right direction and I am really honored to have been a part of this team," reflected former team captain Jen Kotulak in a previous interview with The Antelope. "The support we got from our coaches, the university and the community is something I'll look back on and cherish the rest of my life."

Track and Field: Finding their place in history

It was a special indoor track season for junior long-distance standout Marissa Bongers and sophomore heptathlon specialist Dillon Schrodt.

Bongers led the women throughout the indoor season while setting school records in the 600, 800 and 1000 meter runs.

"There have been a lot of great athletes at UNK, and it is an honor to be right up there with them," Bongers said.

Schrodt also experienced record-setting success in the heptathlon with a total score of 5,204 points. The heptathlon is a multi-event consisting of the 60-meter sprint, long jump, shot put, high jump, 60-meter hurdles, pole vault and 1000-meter run all taking place over a two-day stretch.

"It is a great feeling to be on the record board," Schrodt said. "I have had great high school coaches to build a solid foundation, awesome college coaches and teammates to push me, parents to support

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The Big Blue Cupboard

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The crowd watches the Loper baseball team at Memorial Field. Loper Baseball had a good season with a solid 38-win season. The team is hopeful that they will qualify for the MIAA tournament that takes place May 3.

A big man, a big fastball, a big heart and big goals

Sophomore Micheal Hahn finds home through baseball



BY JOSH SMITH
Antelope Staff

Redshirt sophomore, Michael Hahn, has found a home on the Loper baseball mound. Hahn, who made the trek to Kearney from Fremont, has fought through tons of adversity to get to where he is now. After a torn meniscus and pitching only out of the bullpen for two years, Hahn had to dig deeper than ever to find the motivation and inspiration to fight through.

Hahn had to work incredibly hard to become a starting pitcher in the Loper rotation. His deep passion for the game and love for his teammates is unparalleled, which makes Michael a huge asset to the Loper baseball team.

With that being said, Hahn has some essential qualities that are even more natural to him. Head to toe, Michael measures in at 6 feet 6 inches, making him the tallest player on the entire UNK roster.

More important than height, however, is his wingspan; stretching out, Hahn's arms go about 6 feet 9 inches across. His height and length give him an incredible advantage as a pitcher, and Hahn can sling the fastball.

In the 2010-2011 season, Hahn was a redshirt freshman, and watched his team

record a solid 38-win season. After seeing the success and enjoyment his teammates had, Hahn made it a personal goal to work as hard as possible to solidify a role in the starting rotation as soon as his knee recovered. And that is exactly what he did. "I got my feet wet my freshman year with a couple of successful outings," Hahn said, "and my teammates and coaching staff are amazing. They are the reason I have accomplished those goals."

Despite some tough starts this season,



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HAHN

Hahn has had a really good year in the starting rotation, and is using that momentum to help push himself and his team through the final stretch of the season. "If our team plays to our capability, we can beat anyone at any time," Hahn said.

Big goals and big dreams are necessary for success, and Hahn encompasses that, making his ultimate goal to make a trip to the Division II College World Series in Cary, NC. "My personal goal is to do whatever I have to do to contribute to the team's success," Hahn said with a smile. His unselfish attitude and team oriented view is contagious to his teammates and allows for each baseball player to set aside individual goals and channel energy and focus toward the team goals.

The Loper baseball team is a bonded family of brothers who are always there for each other, picking each other up in times of failure and holding each other up in times of success. "I've got the best teammates anyone could ask for," Hahn said.

The Lopers close the regular season hosting Southwest Baptist at Memorial Stadium April 26 and 27, and will hopefully qualify for the MIAA tournament May 3.

"I've got the best teammates anyone could ask for."
—Hahn

Sudoku answer:

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Pittsburg rallies, sweeps Lopers



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Junior catcher Jen Cramer hits a ground ball during Saturday's game against Pittsburg State University at Dryden Park in Kearney. The Lady Lopers ended up with two losses and no wins. Their season record stands at 8-24.

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me, but most of all God has blessed me with many talents."

Volleyball: Defining dominance

There are only a handful of NCAA programs that have experienced a similar level of success year in and year out as Coach Rick Squiers' bunch has.

The Lopers finished a memorable 2012-13 season with a lofty 35-3 overall record that included an MIAA regular season and tournament championship in addition to the program's 17th-straight NCAA Division II tournament appearance and third-straight Sweet-16 matchup.

Despite the team's success, improbable was probably the best way to describe this year's chapter of Loper volleyball after leaving the always-fruitful RMAC for the deeper, more talented MIAA.

At the end of the season, the MIAA finished with four teams in the final AVCA Coaches Poll.

"We're proud to be MIAA champions in our first year in the league. We came into the season with a lot of question marks, but our team made as much progress as we could have hoped for and they did it the right way," reflected Coach Squiers following the season. "We had a great journey and it was an absolute privilege to be a part of it."

Wrestling: A golden repeat

The 2012-13 season was a bright one for the UNK wrestling team after bringing home its second national championship in two years and third in school history.

Of the nine Loper wrestlers invited to the national tournament earlier this spring, seven earned All-American honors while senior Raufeon Stots (149 lbs.) and redshirt freshman Daniel DeShazer (133 lbs.) brought home individual golds.

But the road wasn't always easy for this year's Lopers. After a mid-season slump, the team came together for their best stretch of the season following conference play.

Stots finished an All-American senior season with an overall record of 34-4 and became only the fourth Loper wrestler to finish his career with two individual titles.

"It felt great to bring home an individual championship and a third team title for the program," DeShazer said. "We went into nationals with the mindset of earning a second title in two years and I'm proud of my teammates for that."

Where did you think the Loper's excelled this year?

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Junior third baseman Sarah Rome prepares to field a ball in Saturday's game against Pittsburg State University. Rome and Katie Ruwe lead the Lopers with five home runs this season.

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18,000 children died every day from malnutrition. That number is now down to 6,200.

Over the last eight months, a group of pastors from 10-12 churches across Kearney helped plan the event. Pastor Mitch Ivey, from Grace Fellowship Church, said that the event had a threefold effect. First, he said the event provided food for starving children around the world and increased the participants' worldview. Second, it gave Kearney a tangible way to make an impact through missions. Lastly, the event united the Kearney community.

"It has brought a great sense of unity in our community knowing that we are coming together to do this and that it is not just one church, not just my denomination, but all these churches coming together has created great unity in our community," Ivey said.

Groups of almost 600 volunteers worked two-hour shifts during the event so the goal could be achieved. After an orientation time, the groups were organized into a massive assembly line to pack as many meals as possible. Volunteers helped fill the food bags, weigh the filled boxes of food packs and load the semis with pallets of boxes.

Feed My Starving Children brings their life-giving food packets to 70 coun-



Photo by Joel Cedar

An army of hairnet clad volunteers sit through a brief orientation time before their two-hour shift begins. There was an average of 600 volunteers per shift.

tries around the world. The food packed at the Kearney event is going to children in Haiti. Ivey said that one semi left directly after it was packed on Friday night, and the volunteers packed three semis in total.

Ivey said, "It is a great rallying force to know that we are providing half a million meals for children around the world. Not one church could do this. It could only happen with all of us coming together, and seeing the power of the body of Christ working together as one is really incredible."

If people were not able to attend the event but still want to help support the cause, they can financially give at the Feed My Starving Children website or at h2h-kearney.com, which will help support the local Kearney event.

Ivey explains why he thinks this event was needed, "I think the greatest reason why we did this event was create awareness in the hearts of people, and to give people an opportunity to connect with missions around the world."

WHO SAID RUNNING WASN'T FUN?



Photo by Ru Meng

Participants in the Fun 5K run/walk on Saturday, April 13, head in to cross the finish line at the University View. The event started at 9 a.m. and attracted UNK Students as well as members of the community.

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the time, but we have not decided quite yet when it's going to be open for sure. It will probably be open for studying from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. so the students can come over and have a place to stay," Cho said. "My American dad wants to try to open it so anyone can come at any time. They might have another table so the students can sit down and have tea or coffee. We just want to create a welcoming place for the international students."

The vision for the center is multifaceted. Students can come, hang out and study, but they also want to have events where people around the community can get involved in what the international students are doing.

"For now it's just a place to hang out, but we will be thinking about setting up some kinds of events and try to invite the students by country. So for one night it can be just for the Chinese and so forth. All the students can come, but we have an

especially large Asian student population. We want to hold some other small events where the other international students and the American students can come and see what we are doing."

"Since it was previously Come and Get It, all the kitchen facilities are available, so it would be very easy for us to cook some different kinds of cultural food," Cho said. "One of the events could be showing the different foods to the people in the community. I think it should be a fun experience for all the students."

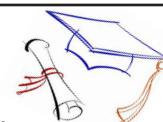
Last year, UNK had 600 foreign students from 58 countries, including 175 from South Korea, 142 from China, 129 from Japan and 33 from Mexico. The international student population continues to grow.

Cho said they hope to have American students from the campus at the center at all times. "My American dad wants to have more American students go over to the center and stay there and have conversations with the international students. Hopefully those students are always there and the international students will come over and they can all hang out. The American students can be there to help the international students improve their English abilities and those kinds of things," said Cho.

"And that is my vision, that the international center can spread the word throughout the campus. I think this is the structure that we need. Right now we are starting from scratch and trying to do everything that is needed."

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