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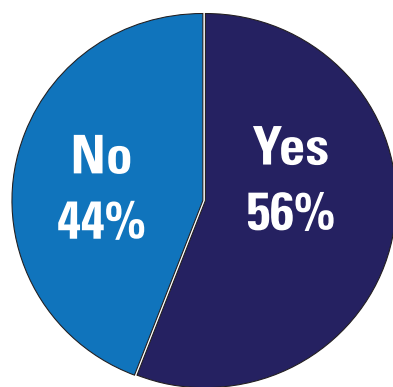
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BIG money equals BIG advantages for UNK medical programs, state

BY JAY OMAR
Antelope Staff

Earlier this month Gov. Dave Heineman signed a groundbreaking and unprecedented bill that will not only help the campus, but also benefit rural areas in Nebraska.

Gov. Heineman was at first outspoken against committing state funds for the program, but he did an about-face after talking to university officials. When the smoke cleared following this major announcement, one question was on the mind of students and faculty at UNK. What does this mean for the UNK campus?

The answer is nothing but good news according to UNK Vice Chancellor of University Relations Curt Carlson.

Heineman signed three budget bills, one of which included \$15 million allocated to the UNK Nursing Program. Close to \$71 million was budgeted to help the University of Nebraska medical programs. The money budgeted to the University of Nebraska Medical Center is to be distributed between UNK, a cancer center in Omaha and a vet diagnostic program in Lincoln.

"As governor, I am focused on two key priorities, education and jobs," Heineman said. "In order to continue to be successful, we must continue to invest in these two key priorities."

"With rural Nebraska having a shortage of nurses, these changes will keep students from transferring out of state to attend nursing school. If they graduate here, they are more likely to stay and work out here. This is a fantastic opportunity to for our campus and our students," Carlson said.

The current nursing program will be transferred from West Center and combined with the upcoming addition to Bruner.

Bruner Hall will be expanded allowing



Photo by Freddie Arnold
LEFT: The current nursing program will move from West Center to Bruner Hall. Students will have the opportunity to earn a doctorate of physical therapy through the allied health programs.

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BELOW: The University of Nebraska's "Building a Healthier Nebraska" initiative includes future plans for a \$19 million, 30,000 square-foot expansion onto the Bruner Hall of Science. UNK will use the facility for a University of Nebraska Medical Center nursing and five allied health programs.

Carlson optimistic Kearney can raise \$4 million

Gov. Dave Heineman has approved \$15 million for the university nursing program under one condition. The UNK nursing department must raise \$4 million to complete the estimated \$19 million project.

"It would be nice to receive a nice donation just to get started, but I am sure we will be able to raise this money. This is the kind of project that makes people donate to the campus when they never thought of doing it before," Carlson said.

The UNK foundation office is working closely with UNMC, donors and students to start the fundraising.

While optimism is high that the money will be raised successfully, it still must be done. It is up to the Kearney community to take the project the rest of the way.

"No one will understand how big of a deal this is until it goes into effect," Carlson said.

Plans are being drawn up for the construction of Bruner Hall with the addition to be added on the east side of the building. Close to 30,000 square feet is to be added, all of which will be usable space.

Once \$4 million is raised, construction can begin and the nursing program at UNK will take a large leap forward.

"With this project the sky is the limit on the effect, not only on our campus, but the entire state," Carlson said. "Students will graduate here and stay and work here ending the shortage of nurses and allied workers in rural Nebraska. This is just a huge step for our state."

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make a difference

Aspen urges others to 'be the change they want to see,'
grow by volunteering in their community



Junior Shannon Aspen has spent four years volunteering in Central Europe with various organizations. She is currently an AmeriCorps member serving at the United Way of the Kearney Area. In this letter to the editor, she encourages others to volunteer and support the United Way in either single-event or continuing opportunities.

The Ambiguity of Volunteering

I think most people would like to volunteer in one way or another, but they're not sure what tangible thing they can do or how to begin. That is my experience. I'd taken trips to help the poor in other countries, and I'd given money to far-away causes, but I didn't know how to go about helping my own community. Slogans like "Make a difference" and "Be the change you want to see" inspired me, but they didn't lead me anywhere. Volunteering was ambiguous to me.

Benefits of Volunteering

The benefits of volunteering are more definable. I know that from volunteering overseas. When I began volunteering, I hoped to help those less fortunate than my-

self, but the ripples of serving expanded farther than I anticipated. I became a more confident person as I saw how my meager actions helped to cheer and improve the life of others. I became more content with my "stuff" and more thankful for the support of my friends and family. My actions even inspired others to get more involved in reaching out. From there, I know the ripple of impact will continue to expand further.

The Solution - "Volunteer Solutions"

This semester, I found myself with a position at the Kearney United Way coordinating their "Volunteer Solutions" website. I was excited and surprised to find such a valuable and effective tool for volunteering. Now my goal is to get the word out about it.

Volunteer Solutions is an amazing website that lists and organizes the practical needs of the Kearney area in one place. Though this tool is managed by United Way, the website contains almost 100 local needs from over 50 Kearney area agen-

cies. About 90 volunteers have already registered their abilities and interests on Volunteer Solutions, but such a tool has the potential to reach many more.

The service needs range widely from reading to children, ushering a theatre performance or bowling with a disabled youth. There is something for everyone. If you cannot commit to regular participation, part of these opportunities are one-time events.

You can register at the following website: <https://volunteer.truist.com/uwotka/volunteer/home/>. There you will be asked to make a profile with your preferences and availability. Creating a profile doesn't obligate you to do anything, but it allows you to see the different opportunities and provides contact information if you are interested.

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After three days of competition at the American Forensics Association - National Individual Events Tournament, senior accounting major Robert Friedman brought home an award from quarterfinals in Communication Analysis. Pictured top right, the Plattsmouth native has competed in Forensics all four years of school at UNK and will graduate this May. Also pictured left to right is Katie Lamb, a sophomore organizational communication major from Lincoln; Wilfredo Lopez, a freshman biology major from Lexington; Brooke Alstrom, a junior organizational communication major from Bassett; and Kara Loeffler, a sophomore park and recreation major from Shelton.

Sudoku ★★☆☆☆

How to play:

Sudoku is a placement puzzle. The aim of the puzzle is to enter a numeral from 1 through 6 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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Legalizing marijuana: A smoking debate



With most politicians addressing the topic, conservatives say 'no' while liberals in different age groups disagree.

BY JAY OMAR
Antelope Staff

Hundreds of issues are debated among Americans on a daily basis, but as of late few have been more of a hot button topic than the legalization of marijuana.

Presidential hopefuls have brought up the issue during the current election, and congressmen have been constantly battling within their states for the position they have taken.

Legalizing marijuana has also been a common topic for friendly debates. A long list of reasons can be stated for the popularity of this two-sided issue, but proponents for legalization put this issue center stage, and conservative politicians are always ready to do battle.

Political concerns

A pros and cons list seems to be a simple way of finding out which side is right, but the legalization topic is much too complex for a meek solution. Disagreement about this issue goes deeper into the aspects of morals, the dangers of impairment and the effect legalization could have on America.

Cannabis is currently illegal, and 16 states have laws that decriminalize the drug for medical use or in very small portions. Another 18 states have pending proposals to legalize marijuana for medicinal use and talk of complete decriminalization has been mentioned. Keeping pot illegal has benefits, but also costs. Among the key reasons the law has yet to change on this issue: morals and danger to society from impairment. What about addiction? Is this not argued? Debaters usually bring it up down the line.

Generations can't agree

Marijuana use is common in society, mostly by younger generations. The 18 to 25 year-old age group, in which marijuana use is most popular, has had problems explaining reasons for legalization to the generations above them. A recent Gallup poll showed that 50 percent of Americans now believe in legalizing cannabis. The age group of 18 to 29 showed strong support at 62 percent, but the 50 plus age group disapproved at just fewer than 40 percent. This gap between generations is the main reason the law is still unchanged.

The older age group believes that drug use is morally wrong, and the opposition lies mainly in the older age group, the generation with the most influence in our society. Presidential nominee Mitt Romney shares this view.

"I believe marijuana should be illegal in our country. It is the pathway to drug usage by our society, which is a great scourge — which is one of the great causes of crime in our cities," Romney said in a speech given in Massachusetts.

While arguments have been heard over marijuana versus alcohol, the two cannot be compared. Deaths occurring from marijuana use are much lower than that of alcohol with a cannabis overdose nearly impossible to achieve. However, the use of alcohol in our society is accepted while the use of marijuana simply is not.

Marijuana does impair certain bodily functions. Impaired coordination, impaired motor vehicle skills and increased appetite are the most common effects. With no way to determine an intoxication level from smoking marijuana, it is hard to determine how impaired someone actually is. Mix in alcohol and the problem grows even greater.

Pot is less harmful

For millions of supporters, the argu-

ment to legalize pot seems to make more sense. Supporters argue the numbers are there indicating cannabis is the smart choice when compared to other legal drugs as well as for pain relief and stress reduction. These two reasons seem to be the driving force behind decriminalizing marijuana, but supporters also argue the economic benefit. Pro cannabis debaters simply state that if marijuana was legalized, it could be highly taxed and therefore benefit our economy. With the U.S. debt constantly rising, this tax could provide relief, an easy fix similar to alcohol or cigarette taxes.

Overcrowding legal system

Also, there is no question that marijuana users and distributors are filling up jails and prisons across the country. Nearly 42 percent of drug offenders in America are prosecuted for the use or sale of marijuana. Supporters believe that if the drug was decriminalized, these offenders would be out of the overcrowded criminal justice system and therefore save Americans money.

LEGALIZATION BATTLES IN THE MIDWEST

Iowa: Progress toward legalizing medical marijuana

Kansas: Progress toward legalizing medical marijuana in 2012

Colorado: Medical marijuana legalized & possibly completely legal in the Nov. election

Nebraska: One of 14 states with lower drug sentences

First offense is \$300

Second offense is \$400, jail time.

No bill to make marijuana completely legal

Senator Karen Tallian from Indiana believes this view is correct

"We need to think about this," Tallian said as she proposed a bill to legalize marijuana in Indiana. "We're cutting essential services out of the budget now,

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CAMPUS CRIME LOG

April 9: Jessica Anderson was issued a written warning for speeding on University Drive and not being in possession of an operators license.

April 10: Allison Hedge Coke was issued a written warning for a stop sign violation.

April 11: Jeremy Aquino was issued a written warning for failure to yield and not being in possession of an operators license.

April 13: Nicole Connor reported her bike stolen from West Center. It was determined the bike did not belong to Con-

nor and was returned to the owner who held proof of ownership.

April 13: A drug overdose was called in at CTW. On arrival, medical staff found that no overdose had occurred. Subject told her boyfriend via text message that she had overdosed on pills. The boyfriend called 911.

April 13: Yintian Duan was issued a written warning for left of center, no proof of registration and expired license plates.

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Student Alumni foundation recognizes award recipients

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Six University of Nebraska at Kearney students have been chosen as recipients of the Student Alumni Foundation Outstanding Senior Award.

The Outstanding Senior Award recognizes seniors for excellence in scholarship and leadership, as well as involvement and dedication to UNK and the Kearney community. The Student Alumni Foundation has been making these awards since the group was founded in 1981. The recipients will be honored at the UNK Mortar Board Honors Convocation in April.

Recipients are:

Alicia Titus is a mathematics major and a business administration minor from Aurora. She graduated in three years with a perfect 4.0. Alicia is an undergraduate researcher, a member of the Honors Program, grades for the Kearney math department and works at the Student Union Welcome Desk. She is a Student Diplomat for the UNK Admissions Office and an Academic Peer Tutor for the Learning Commons. Alicia has coordinated the Big Event, coached softball at Aurora High School and volunteered at the Press-on Youth Center. She has served as the Chancellor's Ambassador, secretary of Kappu Mu Epsilon, vice president of Loper Liaisons and Math Club, and has been a Nation Leadership Conference qualifier in client services at the Future Business Leaders of America competition.

Emmalena Kelly is a pre-med and exercise science major with a health science minor from Falls City. She is actively in-

involved in the Honors Program, ROTC, Alpha Omicron Pi sorority where she served on the Leadership Council and in many other capacities. Emmalena has participated in both Women's Soccer and UNK Track and Field Team. Emmalena is on the Leadership Team of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She has served in many leadership capacities in UNK ROTC as well.

McKenzie Wiese is an exercise science, pre-occupational therapy major with a health science minor from Filley. She is Mortar Board chair, Lopers Programming and Activities Council president and serves on the Honors Program Advisory Board. McKenzie is also a member of Kiwanis Circle K, Phi Eta Sigma honor society, Health Science Club vice president and Campus Recreation advisory committee. She also participates in Christian Student Fellowship, Loper Liaisons and Loper Legion. McKenzie has been a Dean's List student, Homecoming Royalty candidate and Freshman Convocation keynote speaker.

Paloma Mena-Werth is a music education major from Kearney. She has been highly involved in the Kearney community working with several elementary bands, both the public middle school bands and with Kearney Public High School band. Paloma is a member of the National Association for Music Education and the Nebraska Music Educators Association. She served as Student Body Vice President, chair and founder of UNK Traditions Council and chair of Student Affairs.

Paloma has also been senator for the College of Fine Arts and Humanities as well as Mortar Board vice president. She is an ex-officio of UNK Division of Student Affairs, president and founder of the Astronomy Club and Student Life presenter for Summer Advising and Enrollment. Paloma has earned a place on the UNK Dean's List every semester as well as being a member of intercollegiate honor band and Phi Eta Sigma.

Brooke Brown is a psychology and pre-occupational therapy major and music minor from Scottsbluff. She has been a member of UNK Pride of the Plains Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Circle K and Mortar Board. Brooke has been on the Dean's List for six semesters. She has poetry published, and has presented at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Conference and the National Conference on Undergraduate Research.

Vanessa Leeper Jones is a business marketing and sports administration major with an international business minor from Colorado Springs, Colorado. She played Varsity Women's Basketball as well as soccer at UNK. In 2012, she was named First-Team Academic All-American, the first woman UNK athlete to achieve this honor. Vanessa also earned RMAC Academic-Player of the Year in 2011 and First-Team All-Conference. She is active in the American Marketing Association where she serves as vice president and is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma where she presented at a National Conference for Undergraduate Research.

Library unveils posters for National Library Week

BY CHRISTIAN LUJAN
Antelope Staff

The UNK Calvin T. Ryan Library celebrated National Library Week April 11 with the unveiling of the new READ poster, featuring Chancellor Doug Kristensen and Nebraskan Author/Illustrator, Preston McDaniels.

The READ posters are very popular in libraries across the nation. The library staff wanted to adopt the READ poster to help encourage students to read more often.

"Never give up on life long learning," said Calvin T. Ryan Library staff member Rochelle Kruger. "That is what comes with the joy of reading."

The library has also put together two display boards that allow students and the library staff to highlight what



they are reading or recommend reading. The display boards are located next to the library stairwell on the first floor. The display boards however will be taken down sometime next week.

The Calvin T. Library has thousands of books and e-books available for check out at any time.

Photo by Christian Lujan
Janet Stoeger Wilke Dean of the Calvin T. Ryan Library unveils new READ posters featuring Chancellor Doug Kristensen on Wednesday during National Library Week. The library staff also encourages students to check out the display boards of the staffs' favorite books as well as the students' favorite books.

Resident assistants team up with Habitat for Humanity

BY CAITLIN OSTBERG
Antelope Staff

It was a chilly and quiet morning on Saturday. That is until the clanging sound of hammers broke the silence.

Bright and early, the UNK resident assistants were at work alongside Habitat for Humanity building walls, door frames and window frames.

It was the third year for RAs partnering with Habitat as part of the Resident Assistant Council's desire to encourage RAs from different residence halls to work together while volunteering outside of campus.

"We looked at various philanthropic opportunities in the Kearney area and brought them back to RA Council and Habitat was chosen," said senior biology major Meagan Doyle, RA Council president. "In the past, everyone who participated in Habitat with us had a great time, and it's a good way to see the progress of your efforts while giving back to the community."

RAs are the leaders, programmers

and authorities in charge of each residence hall on campus. Helping residents is their job and so is building community between their residents.

However, because they are so busy with their own halls, it's hard for RAs to get together and build a community within.

"I enjoyed spending time with fellow RAs while we were helping out the community," said senior management major Nate Holmes of Grand Island.

Working together, walls were quickly and efficiently assembled along with window and door frames at the Habitat for Humanity warehouse.

"It was nice to get a bunch of people together to support a cause," said sophomore industrial distribution major Tyler Roenfelt of Imperial.

At the end of the day, RAs from all buildings had time to relax and enjoy time spent together. Next year, the tradition will continue as the RA Council has decided to pair up once again to aide Habitat for Humanity with their efforts to give back the Kearney community.



Photos by Caitlin Ostberg

(TOP) Senior Leah Nelson, a graphic design major from Deshler, helps lay the boards for a future wall. The RAs who participated worked together to build five walls and several window and door frames. (ABOVE) Senior graphic design major Tracy DuBas of Woodbine, Iowa and senior art education major Alie Brabec of Clarkson, work together to build a door frame for a house. Resident Assistants used the time working with Habitat to get together with friends. (LEFT) Junior Shelby Krause, an art education major from Lincoln, and senior Andy Miller, a geography major from Ralston, secure the wall frame together. The RAs spent Saturday building the frames for a future house.



Students rock the runway

UNK students took the stage at QSA's costume party drag show, Antelope and Nester Hall's Recycled Project Runway



Photos by Emily Seevers & Amanda Arnold

(TOP LEFT) Dr. Gay presented the event and performed Savage Garden's "I Knew I loved You" as well as Trey Songz "Bottom's Up" Friday at the Queer Straight Alliance's costume party drag show (TOP MIDDLE) Lennox Bower West, dressed in tight leather, performed songs by Muse and Adam Lambert. (TOP RIGHT) Sean Nelson modeled this garbage bag tux on the runway. The tux won third place in the competition. (ABOVE) Designers stand next to their creations while waiting for the winners to be announced. Casey Olson (second from right) took home the top honors of the night.

How much would I do for my child?

UNK Theatre Department presents "Bright Ideas" through weekend

BY BRIANNE WETOVIK
Antelope Staff

Just how much would you do for your child? The UNK Theatre department has been tossing this question around in preparation for its upcoming performances of Eric Coble's play "Bright Ideas."

Everyone knows a few overbearing parents. They're in every school. So how are we supposed to deal with them? And just how much exactly are parents willing to do for their children? How about murder?

New parents Joshua and Genevra Bradley are thrown into the melee with parents from privilege as they vie for a spot for their preschool aged son Mac at Bright Ideas Academy.

Janice Fronczak, director of "Bright Ideas" says that she discovered the play while in Denver for a theatre festival, and

it stuck with her. Meetings for design and concepts took place early on in the semester, and rehearsals have been going full force since the first week of March.

Audiences can expect a dark comedy showing the many faces parents put on for the sake of their children. Fronczak also said that it has been "tricky for myself as the director and the actors to find that fine line between high physical comedy and straight drama."

The show is witty with an ample dose of danger. Don't expect your average story line or characters.

This strong, talented cast is fully ready for an audience, and Fronczak wants audiences to "come and be prepared to laugh." You won't be disappointed with witty lines, an imaginative set, cheery colors (it is a preschool after all) and unforgettable characters. "Bright Ideas" may make you reconsider your own future parental plans.



Photos by Adam Konruff

The Bradleys, played by Spencer Wolfe of Omaha and Megan Buresh of David City, decide that they will do anything, even murder, to get their son into Bright Ideas Academy.

Uppity Denise, played by Natalie Potts Burling of Kearney, talks up her child to the overwhelmed Genevra Bradley, played by Megan Buresh, during a rehearsal of the UNK Theatre production, "Bright Ideas." The dark comedy will be shown April 18-21 at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee showing April 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the Box Office.



THE CAST OF "BRIGHT IDEAS"

Jacey Anderson as Lynzie
Dillon Nelson as Mr. Scott, airline steward, Coach Angus, Bix
Megan Buresh as Genevra Bradley
Molly McPhillips as Cate, Ms. Labradour, Miss Caithness
Natalie Potts Burling as Denise Kearney, Katherine Ridder
Charisa Ramsey as Mrs. Heath, Ms. Lennox, Mom #1
Spencer Wolfe as Joshua Bradley
Madison Hoge as Mrs. Menteith, Mrs. Malcolm, Mom #2
Matthew Schwan as Ross

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets can be purchased at the theater box office. Entry is free for UNK students with an ID. Show dates and times are April 18-21 at 7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. April 22 in the Miriam Drake Theater.

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Sigma Tau Delta honored at international convention

BY EMILY SEEVERS
Antelope Staff

UNK's Sigma Tau Delta was one of three chapters to bring home the Outstanding Chapter Award and were awarded \$350 for presenting a display at an international convention last month.

Six members of the English honor society had the opportunity to travel to New Orleans to join 800 other Sigma Tau Delta chapters at the International Convention Feb. 29 to March 4 in New Orleans.

"In Kearney, it is just our little group, so it was really nice being there with thousands of other people who are passionate and interested in the same things that we are," said Jacob Sandman, a senior English major from Curtis.

At the convention, the students met in panels and sessions classified by topics to present their work and discuss it with their peers. Sandman was put into a panel group with four other people whose works all were based loosely on ancient Greek literature. He presented his text "Gender and Sexuality in Ovid Metamorphoses" based upon a collection of eight Greek myths.

"I have horrible stage fright, but the panels are really relaxed and com-

fortable. It is a really great way to meet people and make connections," said Sandman, whose text will be published in a Michael Prince novel as well as be used as an example of how to understand and analyze ancient literature at other universities.

Shay Champ, a senior English major and history minor from Wheat Ridge, Colo., presented her text "Teens in Revolt; Violence and Revolution in Suzanne Collins' 'The Hunger Games.'"

"I wrote it for an adolescent literature class. It was a lot of fun," said Champ, who adds that other people on her panel did texts about boarding schools, specifically in the "Harry Potter" novels and Sherman Alexie's "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian." Champ also chaired a panel classified by fiction relating for childhood.

Celeste Lempke, Sigma Tau Delta's president from Wallace, graduated from UNK in 2007 and returned to UNK last year to pursue a graduate degree in English Literary Criticism and to study graphic novels and adolescent literature. Lempke, who won the Student Leadership Award for her work with Sigma Tau Delta, presented her work "The Underlying balance of Imbalance: Structure in Willa Cather's 'The Professor's House'" in the American



Photo by Emily Seevers

The six presenters from UNK were awarded The Outstanding Chapter Award at the Sigma Tau Delta International Convention in New Orleans. (Left to Right) Jonathan Anderson, Jacob Sandman, Celeste Lempke, Aaron Dickey, Shay Champ and Justin Zyla.

Literature panel.

For the display, the chapter used newspaper articles, event posters and research papers to show the work that they have been doing throughout the year.

"We couldn't have done it without the

help and support from UNK, the English department and the undergraduate Research department as well as everyone who helped with funds," said Sandman, who is thankful to have had the opportunity to make the trip to New Orleans.

Big Money from page 1

more research and space. Along with new equipment and renovations also comes the ability to expand the education of the department. Five new allied health programs will be introduced after the completion of the project.

These programs are more than important to our university, Carlson said.

"Not only will the funding help our

education, it will help us expand. With the five new allied health programs, we will introduce the first doctorate program ever at the University of Nebraska Kearney," Carlson said.

Students will have the new opportunity to earn a DPT, or doctorate of physical therapy through the new allied health programs. This program is the

first program of its kind at UNK.

With the funding being approved by Gov. Heineman and supplied by state and private funds, it will be a rare opportunity for students to watch the changes be made, and know that the cost will not affect them.

Through the money handed to UNMC, the renovations will be funded

separately leaving tuition of UNK students untouched.

While UNMC has control over the project, UNK will still play a major role.

"The relationship and cooperation between UNK and UNMC is completely unprecedented," Carlson said. "We will work side by side to make this happen and make campus better."

Marijuana from page 4

and it may not make sense to spend millions of dollars prosecuting marijuana cases."

Tallian proposed this bill in a very conservative state as she follows other members of Congress down the path of decriminalization.

The debate to legalize marijuana will not go away until something is done. Support is strong on both sides, but the backing for legalization is increasing. The controversy about legalizing cannabis is unique with positives and negatives on both sides. This issue will be resolved only when one sides' arguments are strong enough to gain enough support to bring this debate to an end.

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Backer Club hosts banquet

BY FREDDIE ARNOLD
Antelope Staff

Before hitting the road for the long awaited summer vacation, students and faculty are encouraged to help raise scholarship funds for the Loper football team as they prepare for their entrance into the MIAA.

The Loper Football Backer Club will be hosting their third-annual dinner and auction at 5:00 p.m. on May 1 at the Younes Convention Center. The evening will feature a social hour that includes a silent auction. Following the social period, guests will be served dinner prior to a live auction.

The Loper Football Backer Club is a community based group that helps raise scholarship dollars for the UNK football team. In their previous two years the club has been successful in raising an estimated \$200,000 and has increased the total number of scholarships in football by approximately eight.

“In terms of its importance to our program; it is huge,” said Darrell Morris, head UNK football coach.

Among the list of items that will be auctioned include sports memorabilia, ladies jewelry, a wide range of trips and plane tickets and even Colorado Rockies and Denver Broncos tickets that include accommodations.

“The MIAA is without a doubt the toughest Division II football conference in the country,” Morris said. “The auction is a vital part of our efforts for us to become competitive in that conference.”

Sudoku answer:

Upside down, from page 3

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Osborn goes down in history

*Track senior brings home national
Division II championship in hurdles*

BY ARTHUR HOBBS
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Senior Allen Osborn credits discipline and focus as key factors in allowing him to outperform his track competition this season.

“My will to win drives me to work as hard as my body will allow,” he said.

Winning became somewhat of a habit for the UNK track star. In his senior season with the Loper team, Osborn was the epitome of success during the indoor season. What better day for the biology (pre-dentistry) major to cap off a season filled with record-breaking times, than to win a NCAA National Championship?

That’s exactly what the Chadron native did on March 10. Not only did Osborn win the Division II title in the 60-meter hurdles, making him just the fourth UNK male track athlete to win the coveted title as an individual in UNK history, he also bested the school record with a time of 7.78 seconds.

Osborn was able to check winning a national title off his to-do list and claim a conference title in hurdles during the indoor season.

For the NCAA championships, Osborn prepared by eating right and training hard all while continuing to perform in the classroom. “It makes for long days, but [school] keeps me focused,” Osborn said.

Osborn said he knew track was the sport for him while still in high school. At Chadron High, Osborn was a three-sport athlete. He participated in football, basketball and, of course, track and field. It wasn’t until his junior year that Osborn decided to continue running track in college. “I chose track because I was successful at it in high school, and I had a passion for it,” he said.

However, this passion didn’t prevent him from trying out for football his sophomore year. Osborn was a receiver and special teams player for the 2009 Loper football team; yet, track became his sole focus, and led him to become an All American as well as a member of the All-RMAC team.

Although Osborn is ending his collegiate indoor career on a high, the work isn’t over yet. He also participates during the outdoor season and is tacking on extra events including the 100, 200, 110-meter hurdles and the 4x100m relay, which is a greater number of events compared to the indoor season. Osborn currently holds the UNK record for the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.21 seconds.

The Division II 60-meter hurdles National Title holder is undecided whether or not he will continue running track after he graduates.

Photo by Adam Konruff
Loper track star Allen Osborn practices sprints Monday at the Kearney High School track. Osborn won a national championship in the 60-meter indoor hurdles in March and is now looking to achieve the same in the outdoor season.



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NBA MVP race shows little 'Love'



BY NATHAN BOROWSKI
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As the NBA regular season is drawing to a close, the race for the NBA's Most Valuable Player Award is heating up. Fans and analysts alike are debating and ranting about a handful of players they consider worthy of the award, but one player is not getting as much love as he deserves.

There is no denying that players like LeBron James, Kevin Durant and Kobe Bryant, are deserving of the praise and consideration they are being given for the award. But where is the love for Kevin Love?

Love is averaging 26 points per game, good enough for the fourth highest average in the league and less than one point behind LeBron James's average of 26.8 points per game. Love also ranks second in the league in rebounding with an average 13.3 per game. Oh, and did I mention that he won the 3-point competition this year?

Listed by the NBA as a forward/center, Love, a 6'10" post player can not only score down low, but he can shoot the ball too. Sounds like MVP material to me. Why then is he not getting as much love in the MVP race as players like James and Durant? Well he plays for a lousy team that's why.

Currently sitting on a losing record, it is Love's team, the Minnesota Timberwolves, thus spoiling his chance of winning the MVP Award. Players on a losing team just don't get serious consideration for the MVP title. That is how the NBA works. So while Love is equally as deserving of the award as James, Durant and Bryant, he will be lucky to place within the top five vote winners because of his team's poor record.

This is an injustice that needs to be corrected. An MVP Award should be given to a player who is the most valuable to his team regardless of that team's record. Take James off of the Miami Heat's roster, and they will still be a winning team. The same can be said for Durant and Bryant with their respective teams. Take Kevin Love off of the Timberwolves roster though, and that team will go from bad to just plain terrible.

It's time for voters of the MVP Award to stop focusing on who is the best player on the best team in the NBA and to start focusing on who is the best player in the NBA regardless of their team's record. Maybe then Kevin Love would get all of the love that he deserves.

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Free Belly Dancing lessons by the T.I.A.R.A.s of Mu Sigma Upsilon was at the Nebraska Student Union Cedar Room on April 11. It was open to the public and participants learned various movements of belly dance to Indian-style music.



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