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## UNK sends 27 to national conference

*Students travel to Washington for undergrad research, bumping up attendance 28 percent from last year*

**BY JESSICA ALBIN**  
Print and Online Editor

The University of Nebraska at Kearney Undergraduate Research Council sent 27 students to present their original research at the National Conference of Undergraduate Research in April, which is up 28 percent from last year.

Dr. John Falconer, director of undergraduate research and creative activity, said the increase reflects growing student participation in undergraduate research.

“Interestingly,” Falconer said, “UNK used to send 80 and 90 students to NCUR about 15 years ago. As various professional academic conferences

have included undergraduates in the presentation opportunities, many of our students have selected those conferences instead of NCUR. We clearly have more students presenting each year now than we did a decade ago.”

Falconer said the URC encourages undergraduate research in many ways. “We talk to classes, conduct outreach through faculty and advertise in the campus newspaper and the KLPR radio station.”

This year’s NCUR was April 16-18 in Spokane, Washington. Students spent three days presenting their research, attending keynote speakers and graduate school fairs and learning about the research their peers

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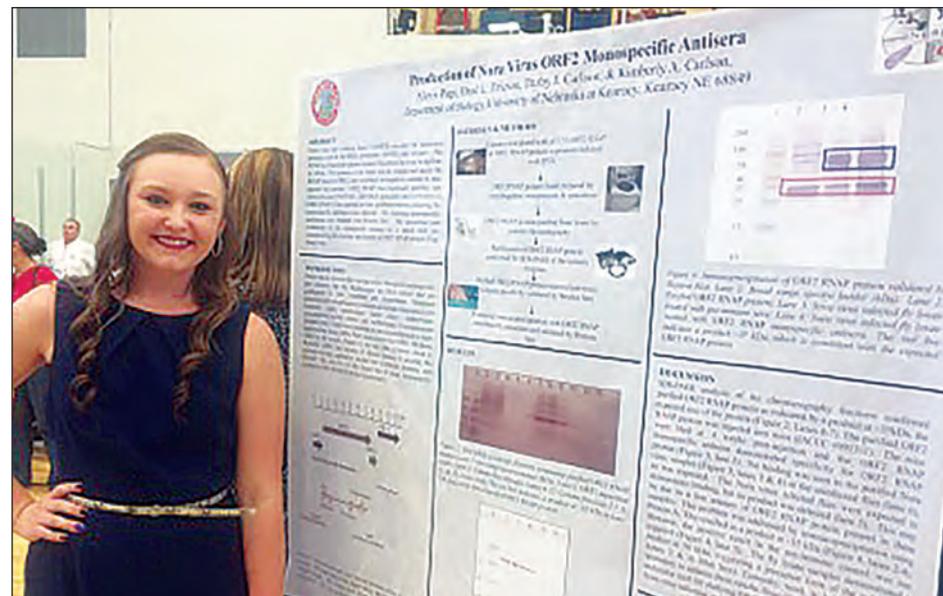


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Sophomore Alexis Page from Crete presented her research poster at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research last Friday. Page was one of 27 UNK students to attend the conference held at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington.

## Enactus places third in National Exposition

*UNK group rated one of top 48 organizations in the nation*

### UNK COMMUNICATIONS

Enactus team members and co-advisor Jessica Hinrichs, administrative specialist at the Center for Rural Research and Development, recently traveled to St. Louis to compete against nearly 200 teams.

The team delivered a 17-minute presentation about its on-campus and off-campus outreach projects aimed at improving quality of life by applying business concepts learned in the classroom.

UNK’s Enactus team was rated one of the top 48 organizations in the nation by experienced business professionals at the exposition. The team has qualified for the national competition 10 out of the 12 years the organization has been on campus. The team was founded in 2003.

Enactus is an international nonprofit organization that brings together students and academic and business leaders who

are committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to improve the quality of life and standard of living for people in need.

Guided by academic advisors and business experts, the student leaders of Enactus create and implement community empowerment projects.

UNK Enactus organizes New Venture Adventure, which helps high school and university students develop leadership and business skills; promotes recycling and sustainability on campus; conducts an interview readiness program for residents of the Crossroads Center Rescue Mission; manages the student-run Brewed Awakening coffee shop on campus and empowers residents of rural Nebraska towns to create entrepreneurial opportunities.

Competing members of the UNK Enactus team include:



**Albion** – Jesse Zwiener

**Amherst** – Samantha Duennerman,  
Stephanie Duennerman

**Bellevue** – James Knights

**Bennington** – Nicole Connor

**Fremont** – Laura Spale

**Kearney** – Abbey Rhodes,

Alicia Goodner

**Lincoln** – Amber Pietenpol

**Morrill** – Kori Dietz

**Norfolk** – Margaret Fennessy,  
Luke Fennessy

**Primrose** – Kelsey Martinsen

# Donkeys, elephants race to finish

*UNK students divided on 2016 Presidential race*

**BY AUSTIN KOELLER**  
News Editor

The 2016 presidential election is officially here.



**TED CRUZ**

Republicans Ted Cruz, Rand Paul and Marco Rubio have all announced their candidacies for president of the United States. On the Democratic side, former U.S. Senator and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announced her intention to run and is the singular Democratic candidate.



**RAND PAUL**

Marilyn Synek, vice president of UNK College Republicans; and Chris Navrkal, President of UNK Young Democrats, are two students with different views on the 2016 election and the major issues the candidates represent.



**MARCO RUBIO**

Synek, a freshman political science and multimedia major from Kearney, said she sees foreign policy as the major issue in the 2016 race.



**HILLARY CLINTON**

“With the Middle Eastern crisis, I think it’s going to be way more prevalent in 2016,” she said.

Synek also cited the Iranian nuclear deal, countries having nuclear weapons and the threat of ISIS as reasons why foreign policy will be a major issue in 2016.

Navrkal, a sophomore political science and history major from David City, said the most important issue is to reaffirm our standing as a country.

“We have to redo some of our policies we’ve made under both the Obama and Bush administrations which are still being presented,” he said. “We also have to come to reestablish friendships and allies among

nations, especially among Europe and the Middle East.”

When it comes to the Republican candidates, Synek said she is impressed with both Cruz and Paul.

“I love Ted Cruz’s courage. He is such a great man. He is so intelligent and knows how to rally a crowd,” she said. “He is just completely fearless in what he says...Cruz would be my second pick for President.”

Synek added that she likes Paul due to his ability to rally the support of younger voters.

Navrkal disagrees with Synek when it comes to the Republican presidential candidates.

“In all honesty, I don’t believe any of them are very strong contenders,” he said. “Both Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz are kind of ‘war mongers’ and are willing to go to war over the smallest things.”

Navrkal said, in his opinion, some of the Republican policy issues are very redundant and harmful to the lower and middle classes. He said electing a Republican president would be a step back for the country.

Navrkal supports Democratic candidates such as Hillary Clinton. While he admits she has a few flaws, such as a history of working with Wall Street, big banks and big businesses, he believes Clinton is still a strong candidate.

“She does have a lot more strong qualities, such as actually working in the foreign policy department as Secretary of State,” he said. “She’s been in the White House before, even though it was as First Lady...So that would really make her a much stronger candidate because she’s ‘war torn.’ She’s gone through this before and knows how to win.”

Synek said electing Hillary Clinton as president would be a mistake.

“Hillary Clinton is the continuation of the Clinton dynasty,” she said. “She would keep America in the past when we need to be moving forward with our strong, energetic bench of Republican candidates. She represents the corruption and scandal that goes on in Washington that we in the Midwest are completely fed up with.”

The 2016 election season officially kicks off on Feb. 1, 2016, with the Iowa Caucuses.

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# Do you smell that smelly smell?

*After planning, paperwork, through research Anderson wants to know about how smell affects movement, learning*

**BY JESSICA NICHOLS**  
315 Research Series

How often do we think of the effects different smells have on us? This is a question Montaya Anderson, a junior organizational communication major, has selected for a student research project.

Anderson plans to examine nonverbal communication and how much it is related to smell and performance of students based on a smell they experience. This research trial is set to last entire the 2015–2016 school year.

“We chose smells that have been researched a little before and that are very different in their tones, (peppermint and lavender),” Anderson said. “We are choosing smells that should affect just how subjects learn related to smells around them. Does this smell speed up movements and learning, or does it calm them down? Questions like that.”

Anderson has finished her Institutional Review Board training, and now she’s working on writing her proposal. Once her research is approved by the IRB, the testing will begin. Anderson and her advisor, Communication Department senior lecturer Jake Jacobsen, are currently completing IRB paperwork to have the research approved.

“She is realizing how much work this

is and the fact that each paragraph has to be backed up with either research, or a research question, or different contracts that have to be made,” Jacobsen said. “She’s learning every single day that we work together, and we have a long way to go.”

The preparation is a big part of any research project. Anderson said she is spending about five hours per week on this current process but the actual research will be even more time-consuming. “I think once we get started in the research done with students that time will increase.”

## FIRST THE RESEARCH PLAN

Anderson plans to place a smell in a classroom before students go in for their normal class period. “Before they start their daily lecture, they will be given a questionnaire that they will fill out with questions concerning the smells and then those will be collected,” Anderson said.

On a different day, another smell will be placed in the classroom. Once again, the students will have to fill out the same questionnaire. “Once all the questionnaires are collected for both days, the data will be collected from them (with complete confidentiality for the students) and conclusions will be made from the data and put toward the research,” Anderson said.

When she finally gets to start the



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—Montaya Anderson

research, the Stromsburg junior is hoping to find a new perspective and some new answers for an area of research that hasn’t really been explored. “I am really interested in nonverbal research, so this is a great opportunity for me to be involved in the work.” She said.

Anderson has been able to learn about the research process. From creating the information to designing the questionnaires, she says it hasn’t been easy finding the right way to effectively collect the data from which research conclusions can be made.

## PROCESS YIELDS KNOWLEDGE

Anderson believes that this type of research is important. “I think it’s extremely important for a person to have this knowledge,” she said.

Since student research is not required for Anderson’s major, she never really thought that she would get involved.

However, she changed her mind when Prof. Jacobsen approached her with this undergraduate project she thought Anderson would enjoy.

Jacobsen said she had Montaya in two separate classes including a research-based non-verbal communication class for which the text is based on research that’s been done in the field of non-verbal behaviors.

As an instructor for a non-verbal communication class, Jacobsen said she pays close attention to the reactions she gets from students.

“If you know Montaya she is very eclectic and very enthusiastic about things,” Jacobsen said, “I knew this would be a good fit for her.”

This learning process is something that Jacobsen believes will push Anderson into more of an academic role on UNK’s campus. Jacobsen has had other students who have done research that have, in turn, been published in peer reviewed papers and journals. “This is a wonderful thing to already have done before you even start on your masters.”

Anderson believes her project will enhance the perspective of her major. She also recommends that other students should get involved in student research projects.

“I think it’s a great opportunity to study something you’re passionate about and maybe even study something that isn’t completely related to your major but opens up a whole world to new information and answers,” Anderson said.

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# Simple, yet powerful

*"Wadjda" gives glimpse of Saudi Arabian culture, concludes semester of UNK @ The World International Film Series*

BY LAURIE VENTEICHER  
Copy Editor

College students and Kearney community members alike glimpsed Saudi Arabian culture this past weekend at the World Theatre. "Wadjda" was the final film in this semester's International Film Series through UNK @ The World.

As movie-goers entered the lobby, traditionally-dressed members of the Saudi community greeted them with traditional Saudi Arabian coffee and candied dates. Inside the theatre, guests sampled cultural appetizers: hummus, falafel, muttubak, al-harissah and chicken kofta.

Before the film began, Dr. Michelle Warren, assistant professor of Spanish in UNK's Modern Languages department, welcomed audience members. Dr. Chuck Rowling, a political science professor at UNK, gave a brief overview of US-Middle Eastern policy.

"Wadjda," which took five years to produce, was released in 2012 from director Haifaa Al-Mansour. This film is the first to be written and directed by a female in Saudi Arabia, as well as the first film shot entirely in Saudi Arabia. Much of the filming was done on the streets of Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia.

Warren is passionate about continuing the International Film Series.

"Learning about others serves many purposes, not the least of which would be understanding more about ourselves and understanding where we fit into a much bigger picture. Learning about other cultures certainly is one of the goals of a good liberal arts education, and our department of modern languages definitely embraces this as part of our mission," Warren said.

Because of gender inequality and restrictions placed on Saudi Arabian women, Al-Mansour could not interact in public with her male crew. She directed the street scenes from inside a nearby van as she watched on a monitor and gave instructions via walkie-talkie.

"Wadjda" tells the story of a feisty 10-year-old girl from Riyadh who memorizes passages of the Quran for a religious competition in order to raise enough money to purchase a bicycle.

"The bicycle is a metaphor for freedom of movement that does not exist for women and girls in Saudi Arabia. If I want to go anywhere, I need permission. I cannot drive a car, walk the main streets, or even take a train without family permission," Al-Mansour said. "But my film is not about

complaints or accusations; it is more about what we can do to move ahead, to change our world, and to create a positive space on an intrapersonal level."

At the end of the film, Saudi community members Nada Alsakhairi, Yousef Alghamdi and Wahab Akbar answered questions from the audience.

Alsakhairi was happy that so many people were interested in their culture.

"We appreciate that you opened your hearts and minds to us," she said.

Warren felt that the partnership between UNK and The World has been successful thus far.

"So far, we have had just under 1,200 spectators in two semesters of international film," she said. "I believe we have had a lot of spectators who had never watched a film from another country, or never dreamed of viewing films with subtitles. I hope this has provided an opportunity to open doors to different cultures for those viewers and make international film something accessible to both students at UNK and the greater Kearney community."

The Modern Languages and International Studies departments at UNK appreciate suggestions for future films. You can contact Dr. Warren at warrenm2@unk.edu or 308-865-8475.



Courtesy from the Huffington Post

**ABOVE: "It is my hope that 'Wadjda' encourages women to tell their stories—and to take chances," Al-Mansour said. "It wasn't easy to get this film made, but the positive response from audiences around the world should inspire Saudi women to put themselves out there. It is worth the struggle."**

Courtesy Photo

**RIGHT: A still of Waad Mohammed as the title character in "Wadjda." The film was Saudi Arabia's first official submission to the Oscars for Best Foreign Language Film (2014).**



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# Communication Day to showcase students, careers

BY STAFF

The Department of Communication in conjunction with the Honor Society-Lambda Pi Eta at UNK will sponsor the 2nd Annual Communication Day, Friday, April 24.

Events in the Cedar Room of the Nebraskan Student Union between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. include: Dr. Amber Messersmith's ORC practicum final project presentations (three sessions); UNK's Forensics Showcase; and a panel on careers and opportunities in the field of communication.

Representatives of various local businesses and charity organizations will be present as clients for the projects completed by the practicum students.

Saturday, April 25, Lambda Pi Eta will induct eight new members for the year 2015-2016.

Honor Society-Lambda Pi Eta Vice-President Alicia Goodner encourages everyone who can to attend. "It would

also be really wonderful to see all of you in attendance at these events, as well. We rarely all get together to support our staff and students as a whole, and it would be wonderful to see each and every one of you. We're providing snacks, so who can say no?"

Teachers can encourage participation in these events, either through encouraging attendance or offering extra credit for attending one of the sessions. Alicia Goodner, Cacia Lyon and Dr. Ziwoya will be keeping track of students attending these events and confirm their attendance.

Dr. Fletcher Ziwoya coordinated the first showcase last year. "Communication Day is an annual event aimed at showcasing what the Department of Communication has to offer. It is also an opportunity to bring back alumni from the program and professionals from various organizations to interact with our students for inspiration and guidance in their academic career." Ziwoya said. "We are thankful for the



Courtesy  
Students and other panel members focus attention on Candace Walton during the 2014 Communication Day. Lambda Phi Eta sponsors the event for current students, alumni and others interested in communication careers.

UNK RSO funding toward the event."

Questions can be directed to Dr. Fletcher Ziwoya (advisor) at [ziwoyaf2@unk.edu](mailto:ziwoyaf2@unk.edu) or Alicia Goodner (acting president) at [goodneram@lopers.unk.edu](mailto:goodneram@lopers.unk.edu).

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## Antelope Speaks & Sports Spotlight



This week on The Antelope Speaks: Sports Spotlight Bryce and Andrew recap another week in UNK athletics. The two recap the UNK baseball team's weekend series win against Lindenwood as well as the track & field team's record-setting week at the Kansas Relays. Dolan and Hanson take a look at what happened on the tennis courts. The two also give a preview of what's to come this week in Loper athletics, including the

UNK football spring game.

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## Fiction reading Thursday at Frank House

### UNK COMMUNICATIONS

Four English instructors will present their own works at a special reading on campus April 23 at the Frank House.

"Family Architectures: Fiction Reading" is at 4 p.m. Thursday Sponsored by the UNK Department of English, the event is free and open to the public.

The fiction reading will include stories from Senior lecturer Jessica Hollander, Lecturer Katie McGinnis and graduate students Kevin Stones and Joel Cardenas of Kearney.

Hollander will read from her book "In These Times the Home is a Tired Place," which includes a collection of 19 narratives that dissect domestic life. Hollander joined the English department this year to teach beginning, advanced and graduate-level fiction.

Winner of the 2013 Katherine Anne Porter Prize in Short Fiction, Hollander's collection fuses the common (childhood adventures, unhappy adults) with the bizarre (a grandmother obsessed with buttons, a gym full of people refusing to wear clothes) to show how social and family pressures drive people to absurd or

destructive behavior.

McGinnis will present an excerpt from "Horse Trader," her nonfiction novel that dramatizes her investigation into her grandfather's 1971 murder.

She currently is working on a collection of short fiction "A Little Town No One Knows Where," which includes stories set in Nebraska based in part on lived experience.

Stones will read from his story "Once Beneath the Poppy Fields," focusing on interactions between Greek gods Hades and Persephone. He is president of UNK's Sigma Tau Delta chapter and is pursuing a master's degree in English and creative writing.

Cardenas will read a story that portrays a soldier returning home to his mother and sister after finding out his father passed away. Unable to return in enough time to attend his father's funeral, he faces an adversarial homecoming. "All of our writing in some way complicates family relationships and cultural assumptions about the roles we assume when we call each other 'mother' and 'brother' and 'wife,'" Hollander said.

# #Lopes4Life

*9 Loper players leave baseball behind Senior Night*



BY DAVID MUELLER  
Sports Editor

Senior day couldn't have panned out much better for the Lopers at Memorial Field on Sunday afternoon.

With a 14-1 victory over Lindenwood University, the seniors accumulated the 97th win of their careers.

The seniors' phenomenal leadership and dedication to the club has not gone unseen. It is evident that each member of the group has positively impacted the program both on and off the field and has made the organization what it is today.

With a 27-16 record so far this spring, the Lopers have given themselves a favorable chance in the post season. Currently, UNK ranks fourth in the MIAA.

Here is a closer look at the seniors of the Loper baseball squad.

**TAKE A  
CLOSER  
LOOK AT  
THESE PLAYERS**

**Q & A**



**Aaron Smith #23**

Pitcher

Hometown: Cheyenne, Wyoming

Major: Elementary education K-6



**Brandon Landanger #32**

Outfield

Hometown: Kearney

Major: Criminal justice



**Coby Roming #3**

Infield

Hometown: Canyon, Texas

Major: Business administration



**Daniel Droll #9**

Pitcher

Hometown: Penrose, Colorado

Major: Sports administration



**David Boddiger #48**

Pitcher

Hometown: Longmont, Colorado

Major: Elementary education K-6



**Dillon Schroeder #40**

Infield

Hometown: Kearney

Major: Biology comprehensive



**Max Ayoub #24**

Catcher

Hometown: Grand Island

Major: Business administration



**Michael Hahn #38**

Pitcher

Hometown: Fremont

Major: Sports administration



**Ross Mortenson #13**

Infield

Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colorado

Major: Math education 7-12



## 1

### What is your most memorable moment playing for the Lopers?

**Brandon says:** The game all the freshman went in when we were losing and almost came back from an 11 run deficit: thus, the SBums were born.

**Dillion says:** Lip-syncing to Miley Cyrus with the team

**Coby says:** Seeing My Hittas on SportsCenter twice this year

**Max says:** Clinching a playoff birth in 2014 with only nine healthy position players

**Aaron says:** I don't think I've had my most memorable moment yet.

**Ross says:** Standing on the field for the national anthem for the first time as the starting pitcher

**Daniel says:** Kyle Honeycutt hitting his walk off grand slam to complete the cycle

**Michael says:** When we made SportsCenter twice because we have guys that can hit the ball really far

**David says:** Watching the squad ball out

## 2

### What is your favorite movie?

**Brandon says:** Big Hero 6

**Dillion says:** The Croods

**Coby says:** Fury or Star Wars

**Max says:** Frozen

**Aaron says:** Summer Catch, or Harry Potter films

**Ross says:** Bull Durham

**Daniel says:** Bull Durham

**Michael says:** American Sniper

**David says:** Summer Catch, Harry Potter films



## 3

### Who is your celebrity look-a-like?

**Brandon says:** Prince Charming from "Shrek"

**Dillion says:** A young Leonardo DiCaprio

**Coby says:** Mike Winchell

**Max says:** "Shrek"

**Aaron says:** The Gingerbread Man from "Shrek"

**Ross says:** A mix between Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and David Beckham

**Daniel says:** Lord Farquaad

**Michael says:** Carrot Top

**David says:** Optimus Prime

## 4

### Where is your favorite place to eat?

**Brandon says:** Wendy's with my best friend Daniel Droll

**Dillion says:** Parents' house

**Coby says:** Ruby Tequila's in Amarillo, Texas

**Max says:** Topperz

**Aaron says:** My Mom's house

**Ross says:** Chipotle or Chick-fil-a

**Daniel says:** Wendy's, with Brandon Landanger

**Michael says:** For sure, Qdoba

**David says:** Qdoba

## 5

### Who is your celebrity crush?

**Brandon says:** Kim Possible

**Dillion says:** Jennifer Anniston

**Coby says:** Scarlett Johansson

**Max says:** Emma Watson

**Aaron says:** Anna Kendrick

**Ross says:** Hayden Panettiere

**Daniel says:** Anna Kendrick

**Michael says:** Nina Dobrev

**David says:** Amanda Cerny



## 6

### What are your plans upon graduating?

**Brandon says:** Chicago Cubs center fielder

**Dillion says:** Coming back to help Coach Day and getting my Masters in Wildlife

**Coby says:** To make moves on a global scale

**Max says:** To be a stay-at-home son

**Aaron says:** Have some fun

**Ross says:** Teaching and coaching in Colorado Springs

**Daniel says:** Being a magician

**Michael says:** Hoping that I can live with my parents, but hoping that I can get a job after my internship with the Omaha Storm Chasers.

**David says:** Wait for my letter to Hogwarts school of Witchcraft and Wizardry

## 7

### Which teammate is the best singer?

**Brandon says:** Danny Droll tries really hard, so there's that.

**Dillion says:** We concentrate more on dancing. Danny Droll has some good moves.

**Coby says:** Brandon Baeckel (a.k.a. The Billy Joel of our generation)

**Max says:** Danny Droll

**Aaron says:** Brandon Baeckel, no doubt

**Ross says:** I am by far, but I also duet a lot with Shane Sharkey.

**Daniel says:** Max Ayoub and Brandon Landanger together singing songs from the movie "Frozen"

**Michael says:** No question...its me.

**David says:** Aaron Smith



# A new golf rivalry?

*Spieth's record-setting weekend at the 2015 Masters likened to Tiger Woods in 1997*



**BY BRIAN HUSMANN**  
Antelope Staff

Jordan Spieth, a 21-year old Texas native, clinched a historic win at the 2015 Masters Golf tournament during the second weekend of April.

Not only did he win his first green jacket at Augusta, it was also his first U.S. Major Championship. And at 21 years of age, surely there will be more to come.

Spieth golfed an 18 under par through the 72 hole weekend, and tied Tiger Woods' record set in 1997 for lowest overall score. But he wasn't finished there. Spieth also birdied 28 holes, breaking a previous course record, and he had the lowest 36 and 54-hole scores in tournament history with -14 and -16, respectively.

Talk about an incredible come-back performance after finishing as runner-up in 2014.

"I watched Bubba Watson walk up the 18th green to the standing ovation knowing he had won the Masters... that's one I dreamt about," Spieth said. "It was tough to watch that happen to somebody else, so it kind of drove me the whole year to get back to that position."

Watson, 2012 and 2014 champion, was one of many past champions and other champions throughout the season competing in this year's tournament, so it was no cakewalk for Spieth. Other golfers in the competition included legendary, four-time Masters Champion Tiger Woods,

three-time Masters winner Phil Mickelson, and at the time, No.1 golfer in the world, Rory McIlroy.

Mickelson wasn't far off the lead, tying for second place at 14 under par, with McIlroy finishing at fourth with a 12 under par.

"I'll take my score next year, and the year after, and the year after," said Mickelson. "But it's hard not to like and pull for Spieth."

Sure, even though Spieth is the just second youngest golfer to wear the champions green jacket, hit the record setting overall score of -19 before bogeying the 18th hole and earn nearly \$2 million for his performance at the Masters, all those accomplishments finish behind what it means to his family.

"The sacrifices that they went through to get me this position...it was really, really special. And it was the first time they've been there on the 18th green after a win, and this was a good one for them to be there for," Spieth said.

But Spieth indicates that his motivation doesn't come from his parents alone. His main source of motivation originates in the form of his biggest fan, his 14 year-old sister, Ellie, who has autism.

"Most of the time, she's asking me after each round if I won... and then the majority of the time I have to tell her 'No I didn't win this week.' So to tell her I won and that I'll be coming home soon and get to share it with her, it'll be really special," Spieth said.

Many experts may call this victory Spieth's superstar jump into the golf world, much like Woods did after his 1997 Masters win.

So, now sitting at No. 2 in the world, still behind McIlroy at No. 1, everyone is excited to see Spieth's career take off after his win at Augusta. And with Woods and Mickelson growing older and older each year, a Spieth vs. McIlroy rivalry could ignite soon between two young stars, with potential to be compared with Jack Nicklaus vs. Arnold Palmer. But rest assured, it's all in good fun.

# The road less traveled

*Nicholson finds home with UNK tennis program*

**BY STEPHANIE MOORBERG**  
Antelope Staff

program. In Nicholson's time here, he has been named RMAC Freshman of the Year and competed in tennis Nationals.

Nicholson says, "Tennis is mental more than physical," and because of this he plans to continue playing the game as long as possible. When his eligibility ends this semester, he will use his sports administration degree at an internship in Omaha. He will do sports marketing and finance for the Triple A baseball team for the Kansas City Royals, the former Omaha Royals, now the Storm Chasers.

Reflecting on his time spent at UNK, Nicholson says he made it through college as a student athlete by "balancing workloads, taking the good with the bad and getting everything done to become a well-rounded individual."

Currently, the men's team is ranked No.1 in the region. Nicholson really hopes he can start and end his college career by playing in the national tournament. The Loper tennis program will miss Nicholson's game and attitude whenever their season ends.

Having come to Nebraska from England, senior Jack Nicholson now calls UNK home. After spending four years with the tennis program and the sports administration department on campus, Nicholson is ready for the next step in his life.

Because both places are filled with countryside scenery, coming from Basingstoke in south central England to Kearney was not as big an adjustment as Nicholson would have first thought.

He left his younger brother, Henry, and parents to follow his chance to play four years of tennis at the collegiate level. Nicholson said feels close to his brother now that they are older. His mother has traveled to watch him play in his last season of tennis, and his father will be with him at the athletic Senior Banquet next week.

While in Miami, Florida, at a Tennis Camp, Coach Saulsbury saw Nicholson playing, had an instant connection and knew he would be a great fit for the

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# Dancing into the future

*Shoemaker shares past experiences, hopes, dreams*

BY JESSICA NICHOLS  
Antelope Staff

Before coming to college, Brooke Shoemaker struggled with her confidence in her dance abilities. “Girls in class would get showcased, or pointed out, for doing something that “we all should emulate those girls for,” and I would always get put in the background,” she said.

One day though, she got pulled aside by her teacher.

“I had a teacher at CPD (Cheryl Priess Dickey School of Dance) pull me aside and tell me that I shouldn’t let the catty girls in my classes bring me down and that she saw more potential in me than all the snarky girls combined,” Shoemaker said.

“It meant a lot coming from that one teacher because her daughter was a Miss Teen world champion, or something similar. The trophy was bigger than her daughter, so she had seen many people with talent that was beyond comprehension. And for her to say that she saw potential in me was one of the biggest compliments that I have ever received,” she said.

The junior sports management major has danced for the last 18 years, but said she didn’t get serious about it until she reached high school. Shoemaker danced for the Lincoln North Star Dazzlers all four years of high school. She even transferred dance studios, to Pure Movement Dance, during her senior year to end her career with her dance friends.

Shoemaker began her dancing career when she was three years old. Born and raised in Lincoln, Shoemaker danced at the Cheryl Priess Dickey School.

Shoemaker started dancing because of her mom. “I started dancing because my mom thought it was a good idea and something for my sister and I to do after school,” she said.

Shoemaker began with ballet and tap, and then like most young dancers progressed to jazz, hip hop, modern, pointe

and lyrical. For the majority of these dance years, Shoemaker attended CPD School (now HJ Dance).

After graduation, Shoemaker wasn’t sure she would dance in college. “I tried out for a couple other schools that had nationally ranked teams and didn’t make it, which was pretty hard to swallow,” she said.

In the end, she ended up at University of Nebraska-Kearney. “When I came to Kearney, it was for many different reasons, but one of the reasons was because I could dance here.”

Shoemaker danced for the UNK Sapphires for the last two years. She currently isn’t a member of the team for personal reasons, but still holds them in the highest regard.

“Being a Sapphire is pretty incredible in my opinion. You get to represent the school in a way that not many people can say they have. I get some of the best views of all the sports that we cheer for,” she said. “But it wouldn’t be worth it if the entire team wasn’t as great as they are. I have met so many girls, and many of them have turned into some of my greatest friends. And the coaches and director have been some of my greatest mentors and advisors.”

In 10 years Shoemaker hopes to be traveling the world, going on adventures and holding down a “big girl job.”

Looking even more long term, with dance in the picture, Shoemaker says is difficult.

“Long-term dance goals are really hard to make when there is very little opportunity for dancing in older years,” she said. “I think that I would really love to coach a high school or collegiate level dance team. Maybe I will try out for some professional sports dance teams, but I’m trying not to get my hopes up about any of those possibilities.”

Even if a dance career is a possibility, Shoemaker is unsure if she would like a career related to dance right now.

“Potentially, when I am older, I’ll miss it enough to consider making it a career, but for right now I don’t see that as an avenue that I would head down,” she said.

*Photos by Jessica Nichols*

**There are an endless amount of dance styles in the world, but Shoemaker only has one favorite.**

**“My all-time favorite dance style is ballet, but I just really love dancing in general, so I’m always happy when I get to dance, no matter the style,” she said.**

**Illusions are Shoemaker’s favorite dance move. “It’s kind of a fake-out aerial on one leg and you end where you started,” she said.**

**When it’s time for Shoemaker to perform, she said she tends to ‘black out.’ “I think when I perform I black out. I don’t usually remember performing — just walking on and off the stage/court. I think that after practicing the same routine over and over again I go on autopilot when its performance time,” she said.**



# Big Event a big success

*Lyon wants to say big 'thank you' to Big Event volunteers*

BY ALISON BUCHLI  
Editor in Chief

Over 700 students, the highest number to date, participated in The 10th annual Big Event April 11 at 43 different job sites around Kearney.

Volunteers could be found doing various jobs around the community, including mowing lawns, painting houses and cleaning gutters.

“Many of the sites are yard work sorts of jobs,” said Cacia Lyon, the Student Government Secretary of Community Relations. Lyon, a senior communication major from Giltner, said students worked as needed: “Things elderly people might not be able to do for themselves. There are a lot of churches, schools and non-profit organizations that registered to be job sites as well.”

One nonprofit organization, the Kearney S.A.F.E Center, had volunteers scattered through the community painting teal ribbons on business windows in honor of April sexual assault awareness month.

“I really appreciate the project we did for them [the S.A.F.E Center],” said junior Katie Kuntz, an exercise science major from Otis, Colorado. “I think it's important to get awareness for sexual assault out to

the public eye. It's not the easiest or most comfortable thing to talk about, but I think it's important to spread awareness and let those affected by it know that people are there to help them,” she said.

Kuntz has participated in The Big Event for the past two years, both times with the Alpha Phi group. “Service is a core value for Alpha Phi, and I am really passionate about doing community service events,” she said. “Kearney is such a great community to be a part of, and they support the college so much, I feel it's important to give back to them in whatever way I can,” Kuntz said.

Other volunteers felt similarly to Kuntz. “I did the Big Event because it's great community service, and helping people is my passion,” said Kaizelle Renz Mones, a freshman nursing major.

Mones participated with the Asian American Student Association (AASA) group doing landscaping projects for Horizon middle school.

“I think it's interesting going to different sites,” said Ariana Rivas, a junior business administration major. “Every year I've participated, I've gotten to go to a new job site. When helping, you get to know different parts of the community,” Rivas said. Rivas volunteered with the Social Justice League at the Lighthouse Foursquare Church. Volunteers did various jobs there including painting siding and landscaping.

Lyon had participated in the Big Event three years before she took on planning the 10th annual event.

“When I was a freshman I was close with the RAs in CTW, and they were trying to get a group together. It was a chance to meet other people, so I took it,” she said. Since then she has participated every year with her residence hall.

Now, Lyon got to experience the Big Event in a new way, from a planning perspective.

“This year we did a lot more advertising,” Lyon said. “We went to NTV News, the Kearney Hub, the UNK Bulletin, and we created a website.” This made it easier for all interested people to access information and for job sites to register.

“It was fun to work with the graphic designers and the logo,” said Lyon, on one of her favorite parts of the process. “I just really enjoy planning, and especially organizing. It's been a long road, but it's always rewarding; the volunteers appreciate what I'm doing,” she said.

“I try and encourage people to participate and I am planning on participating next year as well,” Kuntz said.

“If I wasn't graduating, I would plan it again in a heartbeat,” Lyon said. “I just want to say thank you to all the volunteers. It's really hard to thank 700 people, but I just want them to know that I have so much appreciation for them and their help.”



*Photo by Alison Buchli*

**Senior Sara Johnson and freshman Beth Tjerdsma of the Alpha Phi group paint a teal ribbon on a window at Eileen's Colossal Cookies. The ribbon is part of the S.A.F.E. Center's April Sexual Assault Awareness month.**



**CACIA LYON**

# Smoothies and sun salutations

*Yoga Community hosts smoothie social April 15*

BY RU MENG  
Antelope Staff

*Photo by Ru Meng*

**The new Yoga Community officers demonstrate yoga moves to show how much they love doing it. The officers were announced at the end of the social. From left to right: Vice-President Brooke Butterfield, sophomore dental hygiene major from North Platte; President Emily Edwards, a junior business administration major from Omaha; and Secretary Courtney Leydig, a freshman business administration major from Kearney.**



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—Alexis Page

have been conducting.

The students attending the conference this year presented on topics ranging from molecule synthesis to implications of parenting styles to music and language learning. The 27 students came from all four of the colleges and had 24 different faculty mentors.

Faculty mentor Jake Jacobsen from the communication department said she was impressed with the quality of the research presentations at the conference. "The presentations I sat in on made me realize the diversity of the projects we teach at the university level. I'm so embedded in my department that seeing the diversity of the research projects presented is fascinating. If you look at the university system as a whole, you'll see students doing research that can and does impact how we currently live, but also our future."

Sophomore Alexis Page also said she found the conference enlightening. "I think it's really cool that this particular conference encompasses all disciplines. I think seeing research from other departments is part of being a well-rounded person academically."

The purpose of the Undergraduate Research Council (URC) is to encourage undergraduate research and creative activity by UNK students. Several support

mechanisms have been developed with this purpose in mind, including Undergraduate Research Fellows, Summer Student Research and Student Research Day. The URC also strongly promotes student-faculty relationships and collaboration within the research process.

**Cairo**— *Traci Turek*, junior. "Physical Activity Motivation among Sororities and Fraternities." Dr. Matthew Bice, kinesiology and sport sciences.

**Columbus**— *Holly Hartman*, junior. "Determination of the Role of the Transaldolases in Samonella Pathogenesis." Dr. Travis Bourret, biology.

**Crete**— *Alexis Page*, sophomore. "Production of Nora Virus ORF2 Monospecific Antisera." Dr. Kim Carlson, biology.

**Deshler**— *Haley Houtwed*, senior. "Synthesis of a Molecule to Detect Hydrogen Sulfide." Dr. Haishi Cao, chemistry.

**Hartington**— *Rachel Flaugh*, sophomore. "Determination of Electroosmotic and Electrophoretic Forces in a Gel Matrix in Different Ionic Strength Conditions." Dr. Kristy Kounovsky-Shafer, chemistry.

**Hue, Vietnam**— *Nga Nguyen*, "Cavitand Mediated Supramolecular Control of Bimolecular Photochemical Reactions." Dr. Carman Panaitof, biology and Dr. Mahesh Pattabiraman, chemistry.

**Humboldt**— *Cody Dreier*, senior. "Mammalian Records from Western Oklahoma and Southwestern Kansas, Including Crawford's Desert Shrew (Notiosorex Crawfordi) from Kansas." Dr. Keith Geluso, biology.

**Gibbon**— *Jacob Vega*, senior. "How Video Games and Simulation can be used to Enhance the STEM K-12 Educational

Experience," Dr. Jose Mena-Werth, physics and physical science.

**Grant**— *Alecia Friedel*, senior. "Investigating the Siop Model in Elementary Classrooms: A Multiple Case Study." Dr. Chris Jochum, modern languages.

**Kearney**— *Cole Johnson*, senior. "Addressing the Future of Rural Dental Health: A Look at Mid-Level Dental Practitioners." Dr. Michelle Fleig-Palmer, management.

**Kearney**— *Michael Livingston*, senior. "How Video Games and Simulation can be used to Enhance the STEM K-12 Educational Experience." Dr. Jose Mena-Werth, physics and physical science.

**Kearney**— *Wyatt Behn*, junior. "Characterization of Ferroelectric Relaxor Thin Films." Dr. Timothy Reece, physics.

**Lincoln**— *Jessica Albin*, senior. "Handwritten Notes and Retention Rate Correlative to GPA." Jake Jacobsen, communication.

**Norfolk**— *Morgan Wipperling*, junior. "Connections Between Music and Language Learning." Dr. Sharon Campbell, music.

**North Platte**— *Danielle DeTurk*, senior. "The Influence of Parenting Styles on Risky Behaviors in Young Adults." Dr. Jody Van Langingham, social work.

**North Platte**— *Jeffrey Olson*, senior. "Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska: The Findings of Marketing Research Study in the Tri-City Area." Dr. Greg Broekemier, marketing.

**Omaha**— *Josh Lallman*, junior. "Determination of Electroosmotic and Electrophoretic Forces in a Gel Matrix in Different Ionic Strength Conditions." Dr. Kristy Kounovsky-Shafer, chemistry.

**Papillion**— *Will Jones*, freshman. "Controlling LED Displays Through an

Arduino Micro Controller." Dr. John Hastings, computer science and information technology.

**Pierce**— *Tad Fuchs*, senior. "Production of Nora Virus ORF1 Monospecific Antisera." Dr. Kim Carlson, biology.

**Pierce**— *Peyton Wragge*, junior. "Physical Activity Motivation among Sororities and Fraternities." Dr. Matthew Bice, kinesiology and sport sciences.

**Ravenna**— *Rachel Nozicka*, senior. "Labor and the Shifting Perception of Private Property in Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels." Dr. Denys Van Renen, English.

**Seward**— *Bobi Albrecht*, senior. "A Report on Creatine Kinase Levels in Migratory Songbirds Using South Central Nebraska as a Stopover Site." Dr. Letty Reichart, biology.

**Stanton**— *Natalie Hall*, senior. "I Told Him/Her/It/Them: The Problem of Epicene Pronouns." Dr. Megan Hartman, English.

**Wakefield**— *Tara Bjorklund*, senior. "Understanding the Nickel-Binding Activity within the Metallochaperone Slyd." Dr. Amanda Glass, chemistry.

**Wausau, Wis**— *Paige Kordowony*, sophomore. "Physician Recruitment: Is Culture Being Overlooked?" Dr. Michelle Fleig-Palmer, management.

**Wayne**— *Emma Carstens*, senior. "Does School Breakfast Influence Student Performance." Dr. Christina Sogar, social work.

**Westmoreland, Jamaica**— *Shava Parkinsen*, "Cavitand Mediated Supramolecular Control of Bimolecular Photochemical Reactions." Dr. Carman Panaitof, biology and Dr. Mahesh Pattabiraman, chemistry.

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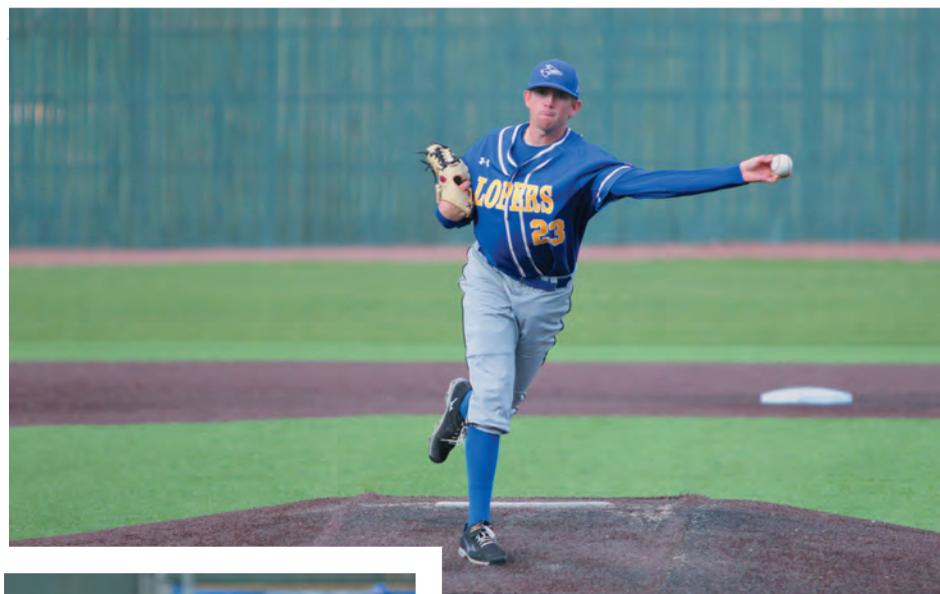
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**ABOVE:** The Loper baseball team huddles together to celebrate the seniors on a phenomenal season. With one more home game, a weekend in Wisconsin and the MIAA Tournament ahead, the Lopers' season was coming to an end.

**LEFT:** The senior baseball boys gather with their coaches as the Lopers celebrate their second to last home game here in Kearney. The seniors beat Lindenwood in their second game with a score of 14-1.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Senior Brandon Landanger is up to bat against Lindenwood University at Memorial field on this windy Sunday. Originally from Kearney, this is Landanger's last year on the Lopers' baseball team.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Leading off of first base is Dillon Schroeder. The senior, originally from Kearney, is a designated hitter for the Lopers after injuring himself this season. Previously Schroeder was a shortstop for UNK.

**TOP:** Pitching for the Lopers against Lindenwood is senior Aaron Smith. Smith pitched seven strikeouts against the Lions in the second game this past Sunday.