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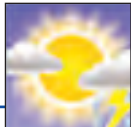


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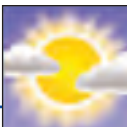
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Weekend Weather

FRIDAY
Scattered T-Storms
High 71
Low 52



SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
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SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High 78
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THE WEEK OF AUGUST 26, 2004

Outstanding faculty honored



by Ken Gallagher
Antelope Guest Writer

Chancellor Douglas A. Kristensen commended UNK employees for fulfilling UNK's mission at the opening convocation for faculty and staff Friday.

Chancellor Kristensen stressed that the university emphasizes excellent teaching, scholarship and service to foster student learning, then he backed up his words in an awards ceremony featuring local dignitaries.

These decision-makers included Kearney Mayor Bruce Blankenship, who spoke about the special relationship among UNK personnel and the community, and their need to support each other.

Special recognition went to retired physician and civic leader B.M. Stevenson and his wife, Beverly. Dr. Stevenson accepted the Ron and Carol Cope Cornerstone of Excellence Award on behalf of them both, presented by Chancellor Kristensen. The award recognizes outstanding citizens who support UNK. Dr. Stevenson provided medical services to the university's athletic program for many years.

Honored for outstanding teaching, service and research was biology professor Hal Nagel. Chancellor Kristensen presented him with the Leland Holdt/Security Mutual Life Distinguished Faculty Award.

The Pratt-Heins Foundation Faculty Awards were presented by trustee Michael J. Tye.

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by Derek Steenson
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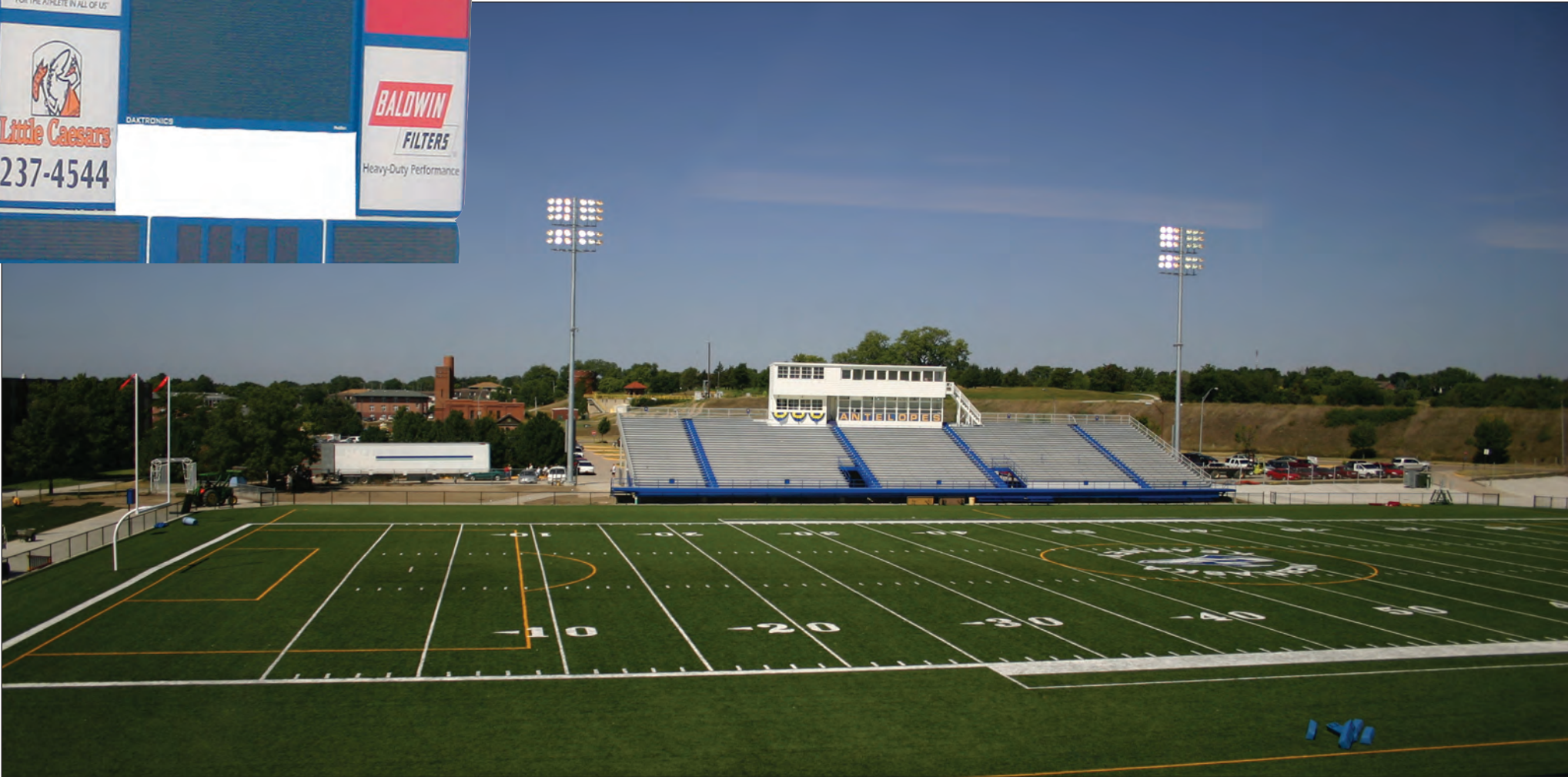
The Lopers have an offense capable of racking up yards and scoring plenty of points and the defense should be stronger than last years' relatively inexperienced squad. UNK hopes to rebound from this past seasons 5-5 record, and they hope to do so with the help of the brand new surface on Foster Field.

The new field is the first of several phases of construction to improve Foster Field and other athletic facilities on campus. The off-season and summer months saw construction crews tearing out the old field and building what is considered to be one of the best and most durable surfaces to date.

"FIELDTurf™ is a state of the art surface, and is something that is being used around the world," said UNK athletic director Jon McBride. "It's a level playing field and it's very soft and absorbent. It brings us into a modern facility."

The modern turf is a huge step up from the old sod field. In past years, the field was used not only by UNK, but also by the Kearney High School football team. "The field needed to be

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Senior enjoys intramurals



Photo by Dr. Beverly Merrick

Senior Jay Steadman, majoring in sports administration, says intramural sports discovered a lot of people at the Blue & Gold Chancellor's Picnic were interested in registering for 6-on-6 court volleyball. Entries are accepted until 4 p.m., Sept. 9, at Cushing Room 121. A \$20 entry fee is required.

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Blue & Glold Week welcomes students

by Ken Gallagher
Antelope Guest Writer

The University of Nebraska at Kearney kicked off a week-long celebration welcoming students to UNK last Friday.

UNK's Blue and Gold Welcome Week provides a mix of informational sessions, social and recreational activities for UNK students and their parents.

As a cooperative effort among many student organizations, university departments and the Kearney community, Blue and Gold Week is an opportunity for the university to assist students in their adjustment to life at UNK, according to Tim Danube, Associate Director of the Nebraskan Student Union and one of the event's coordinators.

The first major event of the week was the Blue and Gold Showcase, which featured exhibits from more than 100

Kearney businesses and UNK campus organizations. The showcase was designed to familiarize students with the services available in the community and with opportunities for students to get involved in campus activities outside the classroom. "The Blue and Gold Showcase creates a great link between the community and UNK," said Jami Schaffnitt, Coordinator of Student Activities at UNK.

Friday's events also included informational sessions for parents of UNK students and an opportunity for students to register for classes.

On Friday evening more than 3,500 people attended the free Chancellor's Picnic, at which UNK Chancellor Douglas Kristensen welcomed students and their families to UNK. An outdoor welcome-back dance rounded out Friday's activities.

On Saturday, students attended orientation and informational sessions. Additionally, UNK's academic buildings were open, giving students a chance to find their classrooms before the beginning of classes and to meet the faculty of the various departments.

Sunday's events included breakfast and brunch in the commons, a sand volleyball tournament, live music at Cope Memorial Fountain, and the Chancellor's Barbeque. Students also attended the All Student Convocation, where they were welcomed by UNK head football coach Darrell Morris and volleyball head coach Rick Squiers. The convocation also included performances by the UNK band, the Nebraskats, and the UNK Spirit Squad.



From left, toasting their snow cones on a hot summer day at the Chancellor's Picnic are junior Asa Poole, of Denver, 270-lb. center; freshman Michael Wiseman, of Colorado Springs, 200-lb. linebacker; and freshman Jonathan Cannon, of Killeen, Texas, 260-lb. nose guard.

The new Foster Field

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changed out," said McBride. "The field was not level and it was tough to keep the grass up over the course of the year. A combination of the weather and the use between the high school and college teams out there did some damage to it."

The damage done to the field throughout the course of the year attributed to increased maintenance in order to keep the surface in decent condition. The new FIELDTurf™ surface should eliminate the majority of maintenance and upkeep. "From a maintenance standpoint, it will be a much easier surface to keep up," said McBride. "It gives us a consistent playing surface we can count on."

Also included in phase one of the construction project was installing field lighting, a new

scoreboard, a sound system and game clocks. The new and improved Foster Field is more fan friendly and will only become more so as construction continues over the next months.

"The next phase will improve the amenities that will affect the fans the most, like improved restrooms and concession stands, which are long overdue," commented McBride. The players can also look forward to improved player facilities. "Having a competitive athletic facility with no locker rooms or restrooms available for the teams is obviously something we need to improve upon." A building is planned for the north end zone area that will address these problems. "A building in the north end zone for locker rooms, meeting rooms, and training room space is in the next immediate

phase of work," said McBride.

The new facility has created excitement for players and fans alike, with Jon McBride included. "I think everyone is excited to get out and play a game on it. It's a nice place to watch a game and I think the folks that haven't been out there to see a game for a while will see a noticeable difference this year," said McBride. "It's just the beginning. We're excited about the field and the improvements for the future."

The Lopers open the season on Saturday when they travel to UNO. The first test for the FIELDTurf™ will come on September 4 when Wayne State comes to town.

For an artists rendition of the finished Foster Field project, visit <http://www.lopers.com>.

UNK's employees win excellence award

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by trustee Michael J. Tye to Wayne Briner, psychology professor, for teaching; Robert Rycek, psychology professor, for service; and Samuel Umland, English professor, for research. The Pratt-Heins Award has been endowed annually since 1981, when Dayle Fitzke earned special recognition for teaching.

Two received staff awards for excellence: Dixie Larson, who works office of affirmative action and equal opportunity at the university, and Mary Sommers, who is Director of UNK Financial Aid.

Also speaking at the convocation were Deborah Bridges, president of the UNK Faculty Senate, and Brett Chloupek, Student Regent and Student Body

President.

Names of hose recognized for tenure and promotions were presented by Finnie A. Murray, Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Student Life.

Nearly 50 new faculty and professional staff appointments were announced during the ceremonies.



Breaking News...

- UNK's summer schedule changes for 2005
- *Summer term will include three four-week sessions
 - *Summer commencement will be reinstated

See nest week's Antelope for the full story

Upcoming Blue and Gold Welcome Week Schedule:

Thursday, August 26:

11:45 a.m. -1 p.m.
Loper Luncheon, Health and Sports Center Arena (\$5 at the door)

2 - 6 p.m.
Inflatables, Nebraskan Student Union Courtyard, Compete on the Obstacle Course and Bungee Jump Inflatables

2 - 6 p.m.
Clayton Miller Blues Band, Nebraskan Student Union Courtyard

9 p.m. - Midnight
Destination Downtown! Downtown Kearney: Live music by After the Order, caricature artist, student discounts and prize packages. Trolleys run from Case Hall and URS to the MONA parking lot. Student ID required.

Friday, Aug. 27

UNK All-Day Tournament
UNK vs. Wayne State, 12:15 p.m.
UNK vs. Edwards, 7 p.m.
10 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Alcohol/Tobacco Free Night at the YMCA, Kearney YMCA
Complimentary refreshments and prizes provided



Drumathon kicks off with a bang



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UNK professor composes opera

by Kent Lutt
Antelope Entertainment Editor

Almost everyone loves music. Uplifting songs ease the burdens in our lives, and beautiful ballads bring tears to our eyes.

To others, music goes far beyond love. For Darleen Mitchell, music is life.

“My whole life is music. I’ve been playing piano since I was eight or nine years old, and I began composing almost right away. Now I have over 100 pieces of music,” Mitchell, an assistant professor of music at UNK, said.

To embrace and share

her life of music, Mitchell has completed the score for her new opera, “A Soul’s Journey: The Life of Saint Edith Stein.” The gripping production is on its way to the stage, with orchestration and choreography in the works. The opera breathes new life into Edith Stein, who mirrors Mitchell’s deep affection for religion.

Mitchell became intrigued with Stein and researched her history extensively. This provided the necessary background for the genesis of Stein’s life on the stage. Her life, filled with hardships, suffering, and grandeur, are suited

perfectly for the stage under Mitchell’s guidance.

In the first act of “A Soul’s Journey,” Mitchell introduces Stein and most of the characters to the audience. She also sets up the background through the opera’s song and dance routines, including a waltz near the beginning of the production. Mitchell uses modern classical music to give the scenes their special texture.

Stein was born in Germany on Oct. 12, 1891. Her parents, Auguste Courant and Siegfried Stein, were both Jewish. This Jewish heritage provides tension onstage

between Stein and Auguste, her mother.

After studying philosophy in Germany, Stein revoked many of her past beliefs. She

passages found in both her writings and the Bible were used by Mitchell to construct lyrics and ideas.

The second act of “A

Auguste and Stein in the first act returns again. Because of her Jewish heritage, the Nazis captured Stein as they invaded the surrounding lands.

Stein was transported to the infamous death camp, Auschwitz. The concentration camp was equipped with Hitler’s genocide weapon, the gas chamber. Stein’s life ended at Auschwitz on Aug. 9, 1942.

Because of her deep devotion to Catholicism and incredible written works, she was named a saint in 1998. And now Mitchell’s “A Soul’s Journey” brings an even wider appreciation for Stein’s life.

Mitchell hopes her opera impacts the audience members as much as Stein has impacted her.

“Every time I finish performing the score, I always have tears in my eyes,” Mitchell explained.

Mitchell hopes to finish “A Soul’s Journey” in the near future. She has made plans to rehearse the score with the performers before delving into the full-fledged duty of orchestration.

The opera is meant to touch everyone, whatever religion they might have. Not only does the production entertain and inform, but it teaches the audience the importance of belief. Even Stein continued to believe as she sings the last words in the opera, taken from the Canticle of Simian in the Bible: “You may dismiss your servant, for I have seen your saving power, a revealing light to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people, Israel.”

The life of Saint Edith Stein is a beautiful and tragic story. Mitchell has made a production to help keep Stein’s presence alive in all of our hearts.

“A Soul’s Journey: The Life of Saint Edith Stein” is bound to become a modern-day classic among concert-goers.

The saint later in life



Photo courtesy of Self-Portraits and Letters: 1916-1942

This is a picture of Edith Stein as a nun at Cologne-Lindenthal before she was sent to Auschwitz.

then turned to Catholicism, deeply hurting Auguste. Some scenes in the opera deal with this topic.

Stein lived her life as an intellectual and feminist. She wrote numerous works, letters, and memos in her search for the deeper meaning of life. The Bible was of utmost importance to her writings. Many of the

Soul’s Journey” deals with Stein’s new life and untimely death. In 1933, she became a nun at Cologne-Lindenthal. She rose in rank within the church through her teaching, writing, and spreading of the holy word.

The coming of World War II in the opera foreshadows Stein’s horrible fate. The same tension that developed between



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This is a picture of Edith Stein in her youth when she worked as a feminist writer. Even at this time she was very religious.