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## UNK BLUE AND GOLD slam dunk

A new school year begins with a

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as students move in and come out strong for opening festivities.

*Photo by Kristen Brockman*  
Megan Becker, a junior from Beaver City and member of the women's basketball team, gets ready for a splash during her turn in the dunk tank at the Blue and Gold Showcase. Students from Residential and Greek Life, student government, athletics and the marching band all took a dunking in the spirit of fun.



Photos by Kristen Brockman

ABOVE: UNK Chancellor Doug Kristensen helps carry boxes for students moving into Centennial Towers West. Volunteers from the sororities, fraternities, campus ministries and various community organizations were on

hand to assist students and their families with moving chores.

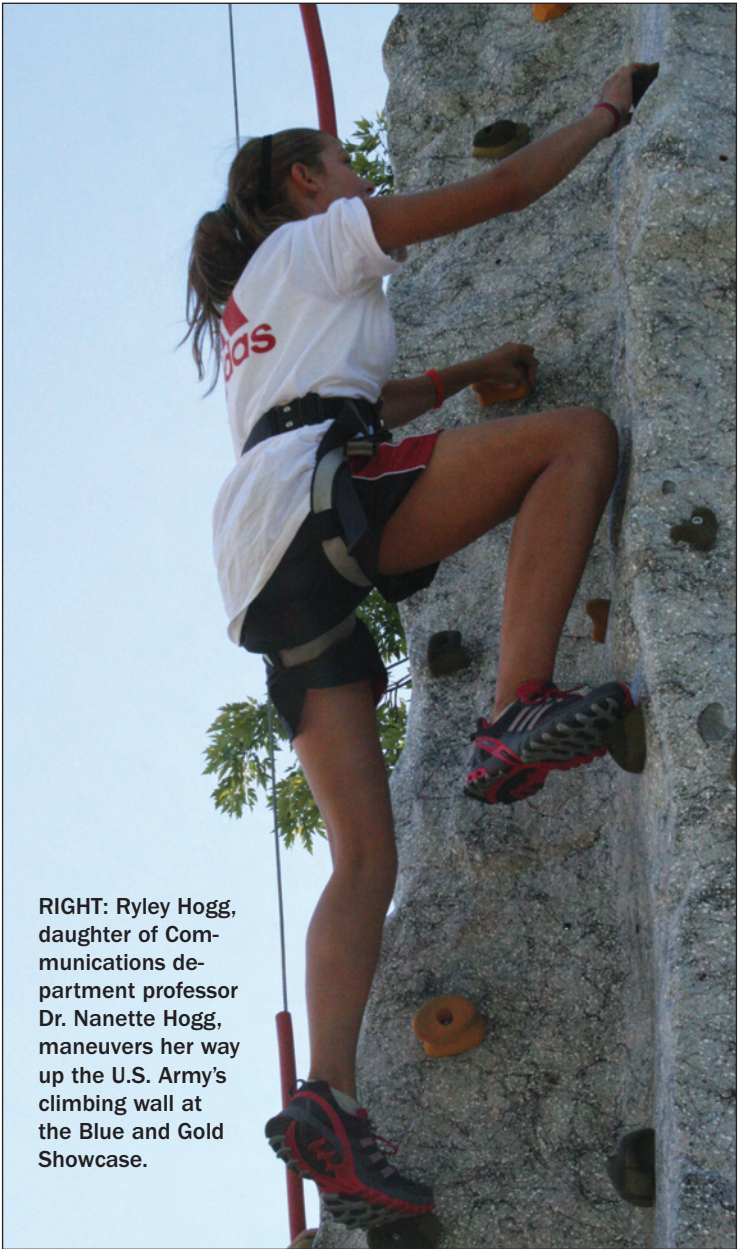
CENTER RIGHT: Sophomore Nate Summerfield, a business major from Wayne, addresses the crowd during the New Student Convocation. Summerfield spoke about his college experience and



offered his advice and words of wisdom to the new students.

CENTER TOP: Visitors enjoy a cool treat from the Kearney Hub booth during the Blue and Gold Showcase. This annual event kicks off the beginning of the school year and gives UNK

clubs and local businesses the opportunity to interact with the campus and the community. Visitors had the opportunity to eat treats like popcorn and ice cream and raced to fill sacks with freebies offered at 202 tables set up in the center of campus.



RIGHT: Ryley Hogg, daughter of Communications department professor Dr. Nanette Hogg, maneuvers her way up the U.S. Army's climbing wall at the Blue and Gold Showcase.

## UNK greek grad takes leadership to new level

BY GARRETT RITONYA  
Antelope Staff

*Photo by Garrett Ritonya*  
Brian Kimmins, a 2008 UNK graduate from Monroe, NY, was recently promoted to 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. Kimmins hopes to one day learn to fly an F-18 Hornet be a Blue Angel.



Brian Kimmins is not your everyday college graduate. While other students are looking at getting jobs in cubicles that require being locked inside all day, Kimmins will be flying high above them as a part of the Marine Corps. All of this was made possible because of his promotion to 2nd Lieutenant on Monday afternoon.

Kimmins, an August 2008 Graduate of UNK from Monroe, NY, took that next step into becoming a military pilot in the Fireplace Lounge, located inside of the Nebraskan Student Union. Many of Kimmins' closest family members came to watch the special occasion, including relatives from New York, Arizona, Colorado and Kansas. This has been a dream in the making for Kimmins, who always knew he wanted to become a pilot with the military.

"I was originally born in Tucson

and lived across the street from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. My earliest memory is watching a pair of A-10s taking off and circling over my neighborhood. That is when I knew that becoming a military pilot was what I wanted to become," Kimmins said.

While at UNK, Kimmins participated in many campus activities: residential advisor in CTE, Secretary/Treasurer of the all-Greek organization GAMMA and his proudest achievement, being elected president of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He said the leadership principles he learned while in a fraternity helped him accomplish goals and tasks better.

Kimmins attributes many of his fraternity values to the way he lives as member of the Marine Corps and vice versa.

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“Marine values are honor, courage and commitment, and in my time as president of my fraternity, I tried to demonstrate and carry them into the civilian world to make my fraternity better,” Kimmins said. “Also, being in a fraternity has helped me function better as a team and will only assist me later on in my career as an officer of the Marine Corps.”

Kimmins first joined the Air National Guard (Air Force) in October of 2002 where he worked as an Avionics Technician. In July of 2006, he became a pilot in the Marine Corps, hence the switch from Air Force

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*Brian Kimmins  
2008 graduate quoting Colin Powell*

to Marines.

While in the Air Force, however, he had the honor of traveling across the globe, including countries such as Germany, the Netherlands and Turkey.

The next step for 2nd Lieutenant Kimmins will be traveling to Pensacola, Fla., for six months to participate in the necessary

flight training school, where his dream is to learn to fly an F-18 Hornet and become a member of the famed Blue Angels.

“I really enjoyed my time in Kearney and UNK. Being from New York, the people were just overall nicer and the university seemed more like a family than just a plain old school at times,”

Kimmins said. “Although I am going to miss it, I am eager to apply what I’ve learned at college and to give back to my country.”

Kimmins said that a quote from former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell was one the most things he learned about leadership, whether in the military or a member of Greek Life.

“This quote has been on that I lived by and feel that every Greek chapter president should practice, ‘There is no limit to what you can accomplish, so long as you do not care whom the credit goes.’”

## Pride of the Plains



Photo by Kristen Brockman

The Pride of the Plains marching band leads the crowd in the Loper Fight Song, as band co-director Dr. Neal Schnoor looks on, during the New Student Convocation. The band later debuted their new pre-game and halftime show routines under the lights of Foster Field.

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# Lopers look to make noise in RMAC after coming in first in preseason coaches' poll

BY JOSH KAUFMAN  
Antelope Sports Editor

Expectations are high for the 2008 UNK volleyball and football teams.

The volleyball team was picked to win the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference title in the preseason coaches' poll, receiving 12 of the 14 first-place votes to finish ahead of Metro State, Fort Lewis and Western New Mexico.

The Lopers, who finished last season 33-5 and 17-2 in the RMAC, also swept the individual awards.

Middle blocker Nikki Scott was named Preseason Offensive Player of the Year, defensive specialist Kelli Wemhoff was selected Preseason Defensive Player of the Year and Cola Svec was chosen Preseason Setter of the Year.

Scott and fellow middle blocker Jeri Walkowiak represent UNK on the Preseason All-RMAC Team.

The Lopers, ranked No. 14 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association Preseason Poll, begin their season Thursday at the Honolulu Invitational.

Photo by Garrett Ritonya  
Freshman outside hitter Shelby Workman from Loveland, Colo. spikes the ball over Jeri Walkowiak (No. 6) and Jena Isaacason (No. 13) during Monday's practice. The Lopers are the overwhelming favorite to win the RMAC title this season.

# Football team opens against Wayne State

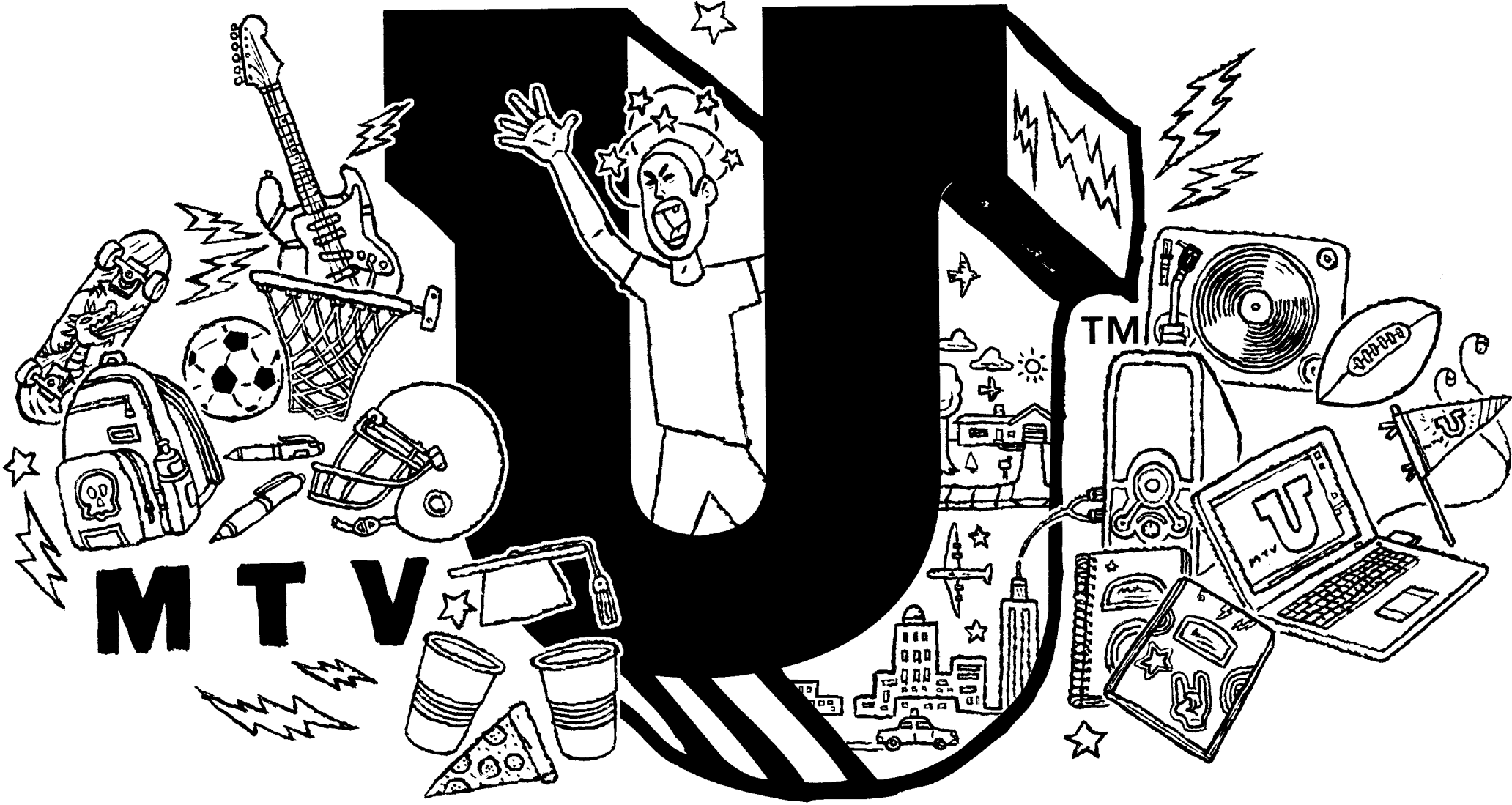
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The Nebraska-Kearney football team was picked to finish third in the RMAC Football Preseason Poll behind defending-champion Chadron State and Mesa State.

The Lopers, who finished 6-4 last season and 5-3 in the RMAC, will be led by senior wide receiver Eric Myrick and junior offensive lineman Jack Hiatt.

Myrick and Hiatt were both named to the Preseason All-RMAC Team, along with punter Geoff Carnahan.


Photo by Garrett Ritonya  
Sophomore running back Riley Newcomer from Morrison, Colo. catches a pitch during Monday's practice. The Lopers are looking to improve from a six-win season last year.



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