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University of Nebraska at Kearney

Run With It

Lopers battle through pouring rain

Mandelko takes the field after missing last season due to injury

BY CALLIE ERICKSON
Antelope Staff

Pouring rain did not stop the UNK football team from competing in a tough battle against in-state rival the University of Nebraska Omaha Mavericks Saturday night at Al Caniglia Field in Omaha. The Lopers put up a fight, but came up short as the Mavs pushed to a 49-21 victory. The Mavs have won 13 of the last 14 meetings.

Back in the action of his beloved sport, junior safety Jake Mandelko, a sports administration major from Lexington, returned to the field after taking a medical redshirt during the 2007 season due to a lower back injury. Mandelko broke his L5 vertebrae in the lower part of his back during an off-season workout in the summer. After four months of rehab and rest, Mandelko was on his way to full recovery.

By mid-February he was ready to go and was back in time for spring ball in March.

“Jake brings experience to this team,” UNK head coach Darrell Morris said. “He has great leadership on defense, which adds some depth for us. We’re

glad he’s back and healthy, and we look forward to seeing some good results from him.”

The layoff was tough for Mandelko.

“The worst part about it was not being on the field playing the sport I came to college to play,” Mandelko said. “To say the least, it was tough knowing that was the first year I was supposed to start, and instead I was a spectator on the sidelines knowing I was never going in.”

Now, with no injury related pain, Mandelko is glad to be back, ready to contribute to the success of his team.

Both Nebraska teams battled it out during the first half as UNO took a 7-0 lead into halftime. Throughout the first half, a light mist trickled down, but soon after the Lopers took the field for the second half, the clouds broke loose and down came the rain.

“It was a little difficult playing in the rain,” Mandelko said. “I haven’t played in that kind of pouring rain since high school so it took some getting used to at first.”

Though the Lopers continued flying to the ball and competing hard throughout this

contest, a few costly mistakes changed the pace of the game from the first half to the second.

“We had more unforced errors that UNO capitalized on in the second half,” Mandelko said. “They exploited our bonehead mistakes in the second half, whereas in the first half if we made an error they never really utilized it.”

UNO took control of the game early in the second half.

“After the first half, UNO seemed to be over their first game jitters,” Morris said. “Coming out after half time they made one big play right away giving them some momentum that carried them throughout the second half.”

With UNO up 35-0, true freshman Rustin Dring, of Kearney, put the Lopers on the

scoreboard getting in the end zone from one yard out and then again from 10 yards out.

The final score for the Lopers came from redshirt freshman Jake Spitzlberger, of Lakewood, Colo. After a 34-yard drive, he found himself in the end zone. Mandelko had four kick returns for 118 yards, including a 60-yard return. He also contributed on the defensive side, making seven tackles for UNK.

Morris said the team will use the experience of this loss to the team’s benefit.

“We use this game as a barometer to see what kind of football team we have. We found that we have a team that continues to play hard even though the score may say they’ve already been defeated,” Morris said. “It’s encouraging as a coach to know

we have a group of determined kids who are going to compete until the end.”

This game is always a favorite matchup for both sides. Mandelko said, “I don’t necessarily get more excited over one game versus any other, but there is something special about playing another in-state school. You know many of the players on the other side, ones that may have been teammates in years past.”

UNK has five players on the team who call Omaha home. As for UNO, a lone one, Zac Keller, left his hometown of Kearney to play for the Mavs.

The focus this week for the Lopers is working on eliminating turnovers.

“Turnovers really put our defense in a difficult situation,” Morris said. “They just get off

the field, and then have to turn around and get right back on because we turned the ball over.”

Mandelko said the key to success for UNK is to play hard all the time.

“For our upcoming games, we need to continue flying to the ball, hustling and just battling out there,” Mandelko said. “We never gave up Saturday night against UNO; we kept fighting. Capitalizing on plays and being in the right position ready to execute our assignments are what will win us football games.”

Watch Mandelko and the rest of the UNK Lopers in action this Saturday as they play their first Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference game of the season against Western State. Kickoff is at 2 p.m. in Gunnison, Colo.

Photo by Callie Erickson
Junior Jake Mandelko of Lexington listens as coaches give him directions. Mandelko had four kick returns for 118 yards and seven tackles in Saturday nights game against UNO.



Photo by Callie Erickson
The UNK defensive line awaits UNO’s snap. The Loper defense had their work cut out for them Saturday night as they took on

the UNO Mavericks. The Mavs pushed to a 49-21 victory over the Lopers.

Big changes for sorority recruitment

Women go greek two weeks late; recruitment class size increases

BY MEGAN WENZ
Antelope Staff

As we all come back to school we notice all the new changes. New faculty, new dorms, new students and some may even notice new sorority recruitment practices.

This year sorority recruitment was pushed back two weeks to Sept. 2-7, and the greek women have made it known by

wearing T-shirts and making themselves available all over campus to answer questions and get women signed up for recruitment.

In the past, potential new members were able to move in a week early and attend recruitment activities a week prior to student move in.

By switching recruitment to the second week of school the number of potential new members that sign up for recruitment

was expected to increase.

“We had high hopes that more women would decide sorority recruitment was an event they would like to attend. The number of women that signed up has proven this,” Kendra Francke, senior from Waverly, and the Panhellenic President said.

This year the campus saw an increase of women sign up to participate in recruitment with 111 starting the process and 77

women signing a bid card.

Moving the date added to the changes made in previous years. Last year Heidi Hassel, the previous Greek Life Coordinator, implemented many changes she believed would help UNK’s greek life.

She switched sorority recruitment matching to a computer system that uses release figures. This was a harsh change for recruitment, but the system is geared for campuses UNK’s

size. The release figures are a computer matching process to match the potential new members with a chapter each day.

“Release figures are a movement that National Panhellenic is moving towards. The system evens the playing field for all chapters and makes things fair and equitable,” Tracy Lungrin, Greek Life Coordinator said.

“Overall I would say we had a very successful week. The sorority women worked well with

all the changes, and it was greatly appreciated,” Maggie Carr, senior from Gibbon, and the Director of Recruitment said.

Although the sorority women barely got any sleep and worked hard day and night for a week, it seems to have paid off in the number of women that choose to be in a sorority. Get ready to see a new saturation of greeks on campus, the new members from sorority recruitment.

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Coming soon to UNK:

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Cope Fountain

Loper Women’s Walk
Sept. 13 @ 10 a.m.
Cushing Coliseum

Reynolds Series Presents Arthur Sze, Sept. 11 @ 7:30 p.m.
Copeland Hall Rm. 142

A how-to guide to tipping for service

Confusion common on how much to leave in changing economy

BY JENNY GIERHAN
Antelope Staff

Don't be known as a cheap-skate!

When you ask the question, "How much should I tip?" you can get numerous answers as well as heated opinions. A service industry worker's opinion is usually totally different than, for example, a grandma's opinion.

"There's nothing more frustrating than working for much less than minimum wage an hour and getting stiffed on the tip or getting less than 15 percent," said Ashley Blaha, a junior industrial distribution major from Kearney. As a server at Skeeter Barnes, Blaha's tips make up most of her paycheck.

Waiters' tips are considerably the most controversial aspect of tipping. Some grew up tipping 10 percent and still think it is acceptable. The fact is times have changed and the general rule is to tip 15-20 percent at restaurants for adequate to ex-

cellent service.

Sometimes waiters do not give their very best service or outside factors, such as a mix-up with the order or overcooked food, affect the dining experience. Generally, less than 15 percent tips are given in these types of situations.

Sometimes situations occur when the waiter hasn't really worked his or her hardest for you. It's OK to leave 10 percent or less but only when you are sure the unpleasant experience was the waiter's fault.

The beauty industry is very difficult to know exactly how much to tip. There are so many different services with varying amounts usually tipped.

"The average tip for hair service is about \$10, or 20-40 percent depending on how long you've had your client and their age," said Chelsea Wambold, a licensed Cosmetologist and Esthetics specialist at Indulge Salon and Spa.

Why 20-40 percent? There are several reasons this sort of industry is higher paid than oth-

ers. First of all, stylists only have one chair. If clients sit there for two hours, the tip is higher. The services provided make people look and feel good. Repeat business happens because clients like how their hair looks, and I think we all know how hard it is to find a hairstylist that cuts your hair perfect and provides good conversation.

Waxing is a little bit different. Wambold said that waxing is usually about a two to three dollar tip for lip and brow waxes. She said, "Other, larger waxing projects are the 20-40 percent tipping range."

So what happens when guys come in? They usually sit in the chair for about 20 minutes max, and that's about it.

"Men usually tip really different than women. It's either way better or nothing at all," Wambold said.

Information provided by: <http://www.findalink.net/tippinggeti-quette.php> and <http://money.cnn.com/pf/features/lists/tipping/>.

Food Service	Waiter	15-20% for adequate to excellent service
	Bartender	\$1/drink or 15% of total bill
	Delivery	\$2 minimum or 10%

Hotel Staff	Porter	\$1-\$2/bag
	Housekeeping	\$2-\$5/night
	Concierge	\$5-\$20 if something exceptional is done

Personal Services	Hairstylist/Barber	10-15% or 20-40% depending on service.
	Manicurist	15%
	Spa Service	15%-20%

Travel	Cab Driver	10% or \$2-\$5 minimum
	Chauffeur	10-15%
	Porter/Skycap	\$1 per bag, \$2 or more if bags were heavy

Speech teacher feels butterflies just like her students

BY CYNTHIA WEITZEL
Guest Writer

Amanda Young is enthusiastic about her first year teaching at UNK as lecturer in speech communications and as assistant coach of the forensics team.

Kearney is going big places with their communications department, she said, and together with the forensics team, is moving in a direction she "really, really supports."

Young was actually part-

time forensics coach at UNK last year but on a more minimal basis as she worked to complete her master's degree through Minnesota State University.

This year, Young will put in an average of 12-15 hours a week working with the forensics team, travel four weekends and host a tournament one weekend.

As lecturer, she teaches three sections of Fundamentals of Speech Communication, a



Photo by Cynthia Weitzel
In addition to working 12-15 hours per week with the speech team, Amanda Young also teaches three sections of Fundamentals of Speech Communication.

required speech class every student at UNK must take in order to graduate.

Young has advice to give to students who are absolutely petrified to take any speech class. She said, "Take it as soon as you possibly can. And make the course fit you and your field of study. Focusing on how you can utilize the course in the future will take the edge off the class."

If you think speech teachers don't get nervous, think again. "I was nervous for my Monday (1st day of semester) class and had to talk myself down," Young said. She said it is interesting that even though we are a very vocal society, 95 percent of the people who take speech classes are afraid of public speaking. "My first lecture in my class focuses on speaking anxiety."

Young said that nervousness is a physiological reaction within the body, an adrenaline rush that affects people differently. It becomes a matter of learning to control the body with simple measures. Remembering to breath is important before, during and after speeches be-

cause people tend to stop breathing. Knowing your material well and practicing sufficiently will help you relax.

She works with students to become more comfortable. She suggests they practice speeches in front of the mirror while visualizing they are in front of the class. She offers the classroom to students to practice speeches beforehand to become used to the surroundings.

"Everyone in the room wants you to succeed. Think back when you noticed someone physically uncomfortable in front of a room. Did you throw food at them? Success is reciprocal between audience and speaker, and being aware of that

helps."

Originally from Rushville, Neb., Young likes to spend her time with two-year-old daughter Chloe. A perfect day for her would be pancakes with Chloe, followed by the park and swimming or maybe time spent at the Big Apple or a short road trip somewhere. She wishes she could just observe Chloe and walk and explore more. She also enjoys camping, playing bingo and collecting playing cards.

Young's professional goals include helping the communications department grow, completing her doctorate through UNL and finding a permanent spot on the UNK faculty.

Bungee jumping bounces by UNK



Photo by A Sanam Bhaila
Shavonne Weinman, a freshman nursing major from Arnold, enjoys her bungee jumping experience held at UNK on Sept. 4. Students took part in the event organized by LPAC.

Rush known as the human iPod



Photo by Sean Takahashi
John Rush sings and plays the guitar in the Nebraska Student Union on Sept. 5. Rush has been awarded the Campus Activities Magazine Entertainer of the Year and Campus Awards Musician of the Year according to his website. www.johnrush.com

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Young voters growing in number

▼ Josh Moody is looking for young voter opinions and wants to hear from you, Democrat or Republican, regarding the upcoming presidential election.



BY JOSH MOODY
Guest Writer

Since the U.S. Congress ratified the 26th Amendment to the constitution in 1971, establishing the national voting age at 18, politicians have struggled with one ominous question: how do we get the youth to vote and therefore exercise the political rights that have been granted to them.

Recent data indicates that the youth vote is coming out in record numbers. According to Rock The Vote, a non-profit group that encourages political advocacy, 47 percent of 18-24-year-olds voted in the 2004 presidential election, which is an 11 percent spike when contrasted with the 36 percent of 18-24-year-olds who voted in the 2000 election.

While 2004 was a good year for youth turnout, 2008 should be even better. In fact,

when judging the caucuses and primaries held prior to the general election, analysts already see a significant increase in the youth vote.

According to CNN exit polls and information provided by CIRCLE (Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement), more than 20 states counted a record number of votes in the 18-24 demographic. Exit polls cited in both the New York Times and the Los Angeles Times recorded an astounding 135 percent increase in the youth vote of Iowa, an early focus of the election due to Iowa's early caucus.

Statistically, the youth vote appears to be strong, and when I headed out to campus to see who was planning on voting, I was surprised. Of the three freshmen interviewed, all said they planned to vote for the first time in 2008, and all three planned to vote for Obama.

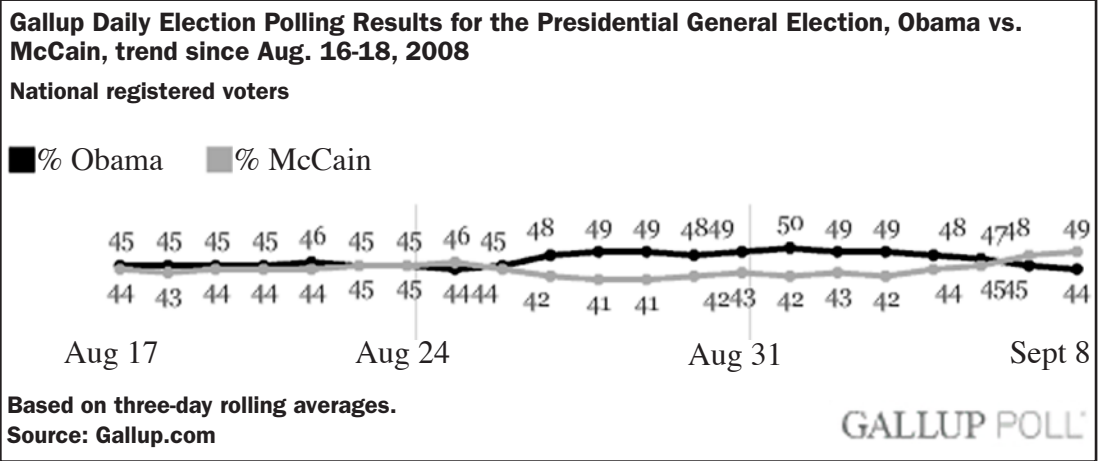
Josh Kendrick, a freshman system management major from Stromsburg, Neb., said that he was voting for Democratic nominee Barack Obama because he felt that he represented a change in the status quo and that Republican nominee John McCain would continue policies implemented by President, George W. Bush.

Rachel May, an undecided major from Kearney echoed his

sentiments, pledging her support for Obama and criticizing McCain for being too similar to Bush in many regards. May also expressed concern over Alaska Governor, Sarah Palin, McCain's choice as a vice presidential running mate.

"I think it's insulting," May said, suggesting that McCain may have chosen Palin as his running mate in order to appeal to female voters. May felt that McCain's goal was to capture female voters who were once strong supporters of Hilary and have been reluctant in their acceptance of Obama as the Democratic nominee.

Kelsey Harding, Kearney, also an undecided major, expressed her regret for not following the campaign more closely but said that she "will probably end up voting for Obama." Harding's primary influence was that she feels McCain is out of touch with those



struggling in today's economy, and that McCain would not be able to address economic issues effectively.

All three freshmen mentioned campaign themes such as "change" and "hope," which Obama has introduced aggressively to college students. All three expressed their desire for change, talking at length about their concerns over the war in Iraq, economic insecurity, high fuel prices and federal funding for college students.

An alternate explanation for the endorsement of Obama may be the fact that colleges have historically been stereo-

typed as liberal, meaning that more youth voters may translate into more votes for a liberal campaign.

While the Republican Party has been quick to lasso Obama with the label of "liberal," the Democratic candidate himself has rejected this label as political mudslinging and appears to have taken a more moderate

stance during his campaign.

More about McCain, Palin and young Republicans from Moody next week. Moody, always interested in what's going on in the world of politics, wants to hear your opinions about the election too. E-mail your thoughts to The Antelope: antelope@unk.edu.

We want to hear from you!

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A proofreading error was made in the article "UNK Greek Grad" in the Aug. 27 issue. Paragraph seven should read, "Brian Kimmins was presented an opportunity in July of 2006 for a chance to become a pilot. He had to serve over two years in order to earn that chance and now he must pass flight training school in order to become one."

'City of Refuge' a complex, enjoyable read



BY KEVIN L. NENSTIEL
Guest Writer

About three quarters of the way through Tom Piazza's "City of Refuge" (Harper, 416 pages, \$24.95), there is a line whose sentiment rings familiar to any of us who have been forced from our homes by circumstances we can't understand. Driving around his temporary home city of Houston, displaced New Orleanian Wesley Williams is disoriented by the uselessness of the map. Desperate to get to his job and take on a grown man's responsibilities, Wesley thinks, "There was a whole world in Houston, obviously, but he didn't know what it was."

This neatly sums up Piazza's take on the lives of people driven out of their city by Hurricane Katrina. They are in a world of which they aren't a part. They have been abandoned by the forces in which they placed their trust. And no matter which of a long series of painful choices they make, nothing will ever again be the same for any of them.

The story is divided in two, following the lives of a pair of New Orleans families. Craig Donaldson, husband and father, planted himself in the city as a

young man and now thinks of himself as part of the community. But S.J. Williams, his sister and her son have lived their whole lives in the Lower Nine. New Orleans isn't something they picked up along the way; it exists for them in a bone-deep way.

In the days before Katrina, and the months which follow, the two families exist at opposite poles. White and black, rich and poor, schooled and self-taught: the Donaldsons and the Williamses between them are a spectrum of what made New Orleans great, and why people care about its fate. In Piazza's nonfiction volume "Why New Orleans Matters," which covers many of the same themes as this novel, the author made it plain why this mix of cultures and classes made the Big Easy such a place of legend. Now he shows how that plays out in the lives of ordinary people faced with one of the worst natural disasters in American history.

The two families have very different responses, reflecting their different backgrounds. The Donaldsons land on their feet pretty well, but the flight puts a strain on their relationship; lies and half-truths accumulate in their lives like water in the flood. The Williamses scatter to relief sites throughout America and can be reunited only with great difficulty, but if anything, the effort only brings them closer together. It's as though, in the wake of Katrina, the Donaldsons have nothing between them but lies, and the Williamses have nothing but the truth.

Despite Piazza's unaffected style, parts of this book can be tough sledding because of their complexity. He has a remark-

able eye for the details which made Katrina so powerful to watch on the evening news. City streets littered with wedding photos, stuffed animals and overturned cars serve as background for the intimate struggles of the characters. And each member of the cast has a unique voice, a take on the struggle to cope with catastrophe that belongs to each man and woman alone. These features give the novel a psychological kick missing from much of the speechmaking that followed the disaster.

This book is not for casual readers; its structural intricacy requires the audience to really follow the author's line of thought. And the ensemble of supporting characters comes in and out so quickly that it's easy to lose track of the cast of thousands. Use the end paper to make notes as you read.

And some readers will not appreciate the author's plain-spoken political opinions. He describes the Bush administration's response to the disaster as "despicable." He openly condemns the government for its slipshod evacuation plans in the face of looming calamity. Anybody who still, at this late date, believes that FEMA really did a "heck of a job" may balk at the author so explicitly taking sides.

But all the same, it's hard not to place your trust in these characters as they struggle with whether they can or should return to their city. As Alice and Craig Donaldson battle over whether they can take their kids back to New Orleans with a clean conscience, we know there is no choice that will not exact a high price from each of them. We share S.J. Williams' grief when the strain on his

family makes itself known in his sister Lucy's health. And all the way along their parallel lives, we realize that the Donaldsons' wealth and connections give them an escape hatch the Williamses can never share.

Some readers may be surprised by much of this book. In the face of such destruction, it might be easy for an author to get long in the tooth and descend into cheap melancholy. But much of this book is touching, complex and astonishingly funny. Like the city itself, "City of Refuge" has the power to dance in the face of overwhelming sadness.

Katrina exits at the back of this novel, but it isn't about one natural disaster. It's about the things which unite and divide us. It's about how we respond to large forces which are out of our control. And it's about how ordinary Americans from different walks of life find ways to cope. It's about us and the future.

And if we take away one simple moral, maybe it's Craig's realization when he discovers that his life can exist in more than one place at once: "Say thank you, he thought. Say it and keep saying it until you believe it." And we do.

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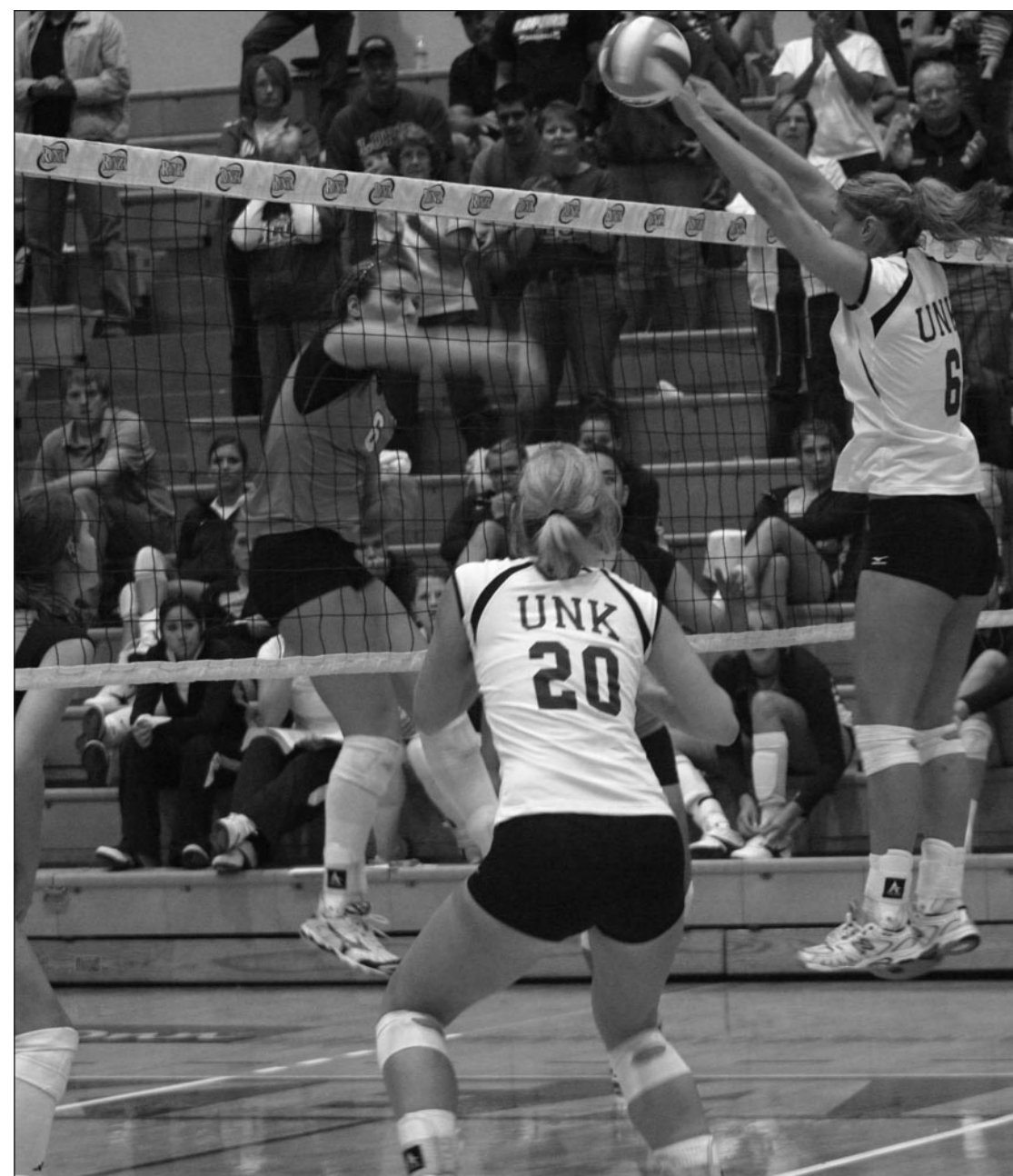
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Lopers win 2008 Runza Volleyball Classic

4-0 tourney highlighted by upset of No. 3 Truman State

Photo by Sapana Upadhyay
(Left) Jeri Walkowiak successfully blocks her opponent from the University of Mary. The Lopers went on to sweep the match.

Photo by Sapana Upadhyay
(Right) Kelsey Warner, a sophomore from Grand Island, puts the ball past the University of Mary's Jenna Bubel in the third game of the tournament. The 13th ranked Lopers went undefeated during the two-day tournament.



2008 Runza Volleyball Classic

UNK Results

Sept. 5

UNK 3,
Upper Iowa 0
(-19, -15, -12)

UNK 3,
Truman St. 1
(-18, -21, 25-9, -23)

Sept. 6

UNK 3, Mary 0
(-18, -17, -12)

UNK 3,
Incarnate Word 0
(-13, -20, -18)

Youth highlights '08 cross country



BY JONATHAN CANNON
Antelope Staff

The University of Nebraska at Kearney cross country team is gearing up for its upcoming season.

Both the men's and wom-

en's teams have been practicing since Aug. 20, and they are hoping to improve from last year.

Megan McClure, a junior from Lincoln who is captain of the women's team, really wants to be one of the top returning runners this season after losing five top runners from last year's team due to school and eligibility. The women currently have a 12-woman roster, eight being true freshmen.

After placing third in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference last year, the women

definitely feel they are a competitive team and can keep up with the competition in the RMAC despite the young team.

McClure said she knows what she can bring to the team leadership wise to keep up in the RMAC: "Being there to support them, pushing them always, no matter what the season's outcome, and to help the freshmen adjust from high school to college."

Chris Hennessy, a fifth-year senior from North Platte, is captain of the men's team. The

men's team is also young with only two seniors on the team.

After placing ninth last year in the RMAC, the goal of the season for the men is to place two places higher in the RMAC and make it to the regional meet.

Hennessy also has a leadership plan: "Letting the men know that we're in a competitive conference, and if you do well at conference you will do well at the regional meet."

Hennessy also said that it is important for the men to understand that cross country is a lon-

ger season, and it is important to maintain a good focus during workouts which will transfer over into races.

Time trials begin Sept. 12 at Meadowlark Hills Golf Course, while the first official meet is Sept. 20 at the Woody Greeno Invite in Lincoln.

Photo courtesy of Lopers.com
The UNK cross country teams will count on younger runners to step up this season in order to be successful. The season begins with time trials on Sept. 12 at Meadowlark Hills Golf Course.

Loper Legion ready to be heard

BY JEFF KONCABA
Antelope Staff

The University of Nebraska at Kearney has not always been known for their strong sports tradition, but lately with all of buzz about the fall athletic events, spirited students are taking interest in backing teams up through Loper Legion.

Loper Legion is an organization whose members get together to support athletic events hoping to build a stronger athletic tradition.

Student body president Tim Hruza thought Loper Legion was a good idea, and Matt Tomjack, a junior sports administration major from Wahoo, and Chris Hein, a senior sociology and psychology major from David City, have taken this idea to new levels.

"The Loper Legion is pretty much students supporting Loper athletics and is an exciting program to be involved in to help start this tradition," Tomjack said.

The Loper Legion is looking to start a tradition while holding high standards and goals in order for this plan to be

a success.

"The Loper Legion has three main goals that it will try to accomplish," Tomjack said. "We are looking to increase the attendance at all sporting events, increase the spirit of the students to be as passionate as the athletes and the main goal is trying to start the tradition of winning at UNK."

Hein added a fourth goal, "Have as much fun as we can cheering our team to victory. This is for the fans, and we are trying to have as much fun as we can and support our teams at the same time. This is a special thing, and everyone in the student body should take interest in this program."

President Tomjack and Vice President Hein have a very good start with the support of board members who are helping to kick this off. Eric Holmes, Scott Seeba, Andy Loeske, Garrett Ritonya and Josh Fink are representatives for the program.

During the season, a representative from each sport will give input on upcoming events and what is going on with the team.

To find out more information on Loper Legion....

- visit the Loper Legion booth set up at every home sporting event
- visit the Welcome Desk in the Nebraskan Student Union
- check out the Loper Legion Facebook group

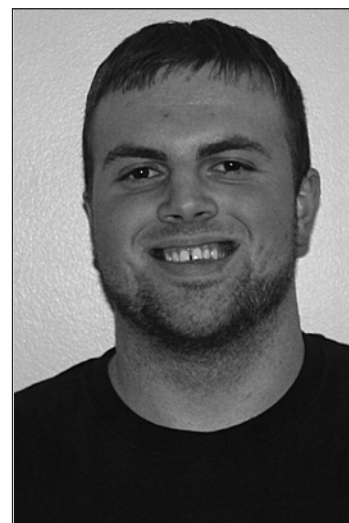


Photo by Jeff Koncaba
Matt Tomjack, a junior sports administration major from Wahoo, is the president of the newly organized Loper Legion. The goal of Loper Legion is to increase interest in UNK athletics.



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Chris Hein, a senior sociology and psychology major from David City, is the vice president of Loper Legion. The Legion hosted a kickoff party before attending the UNK/Truman State volleyball game on Sept. 5.

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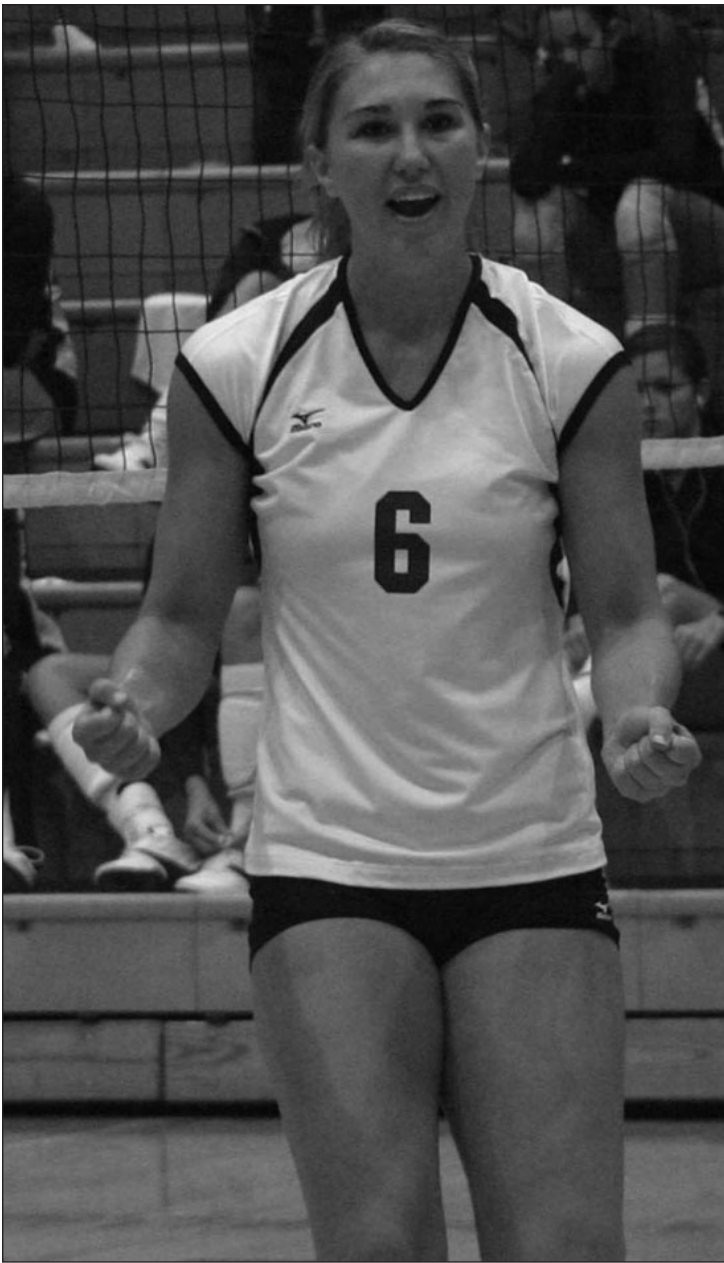
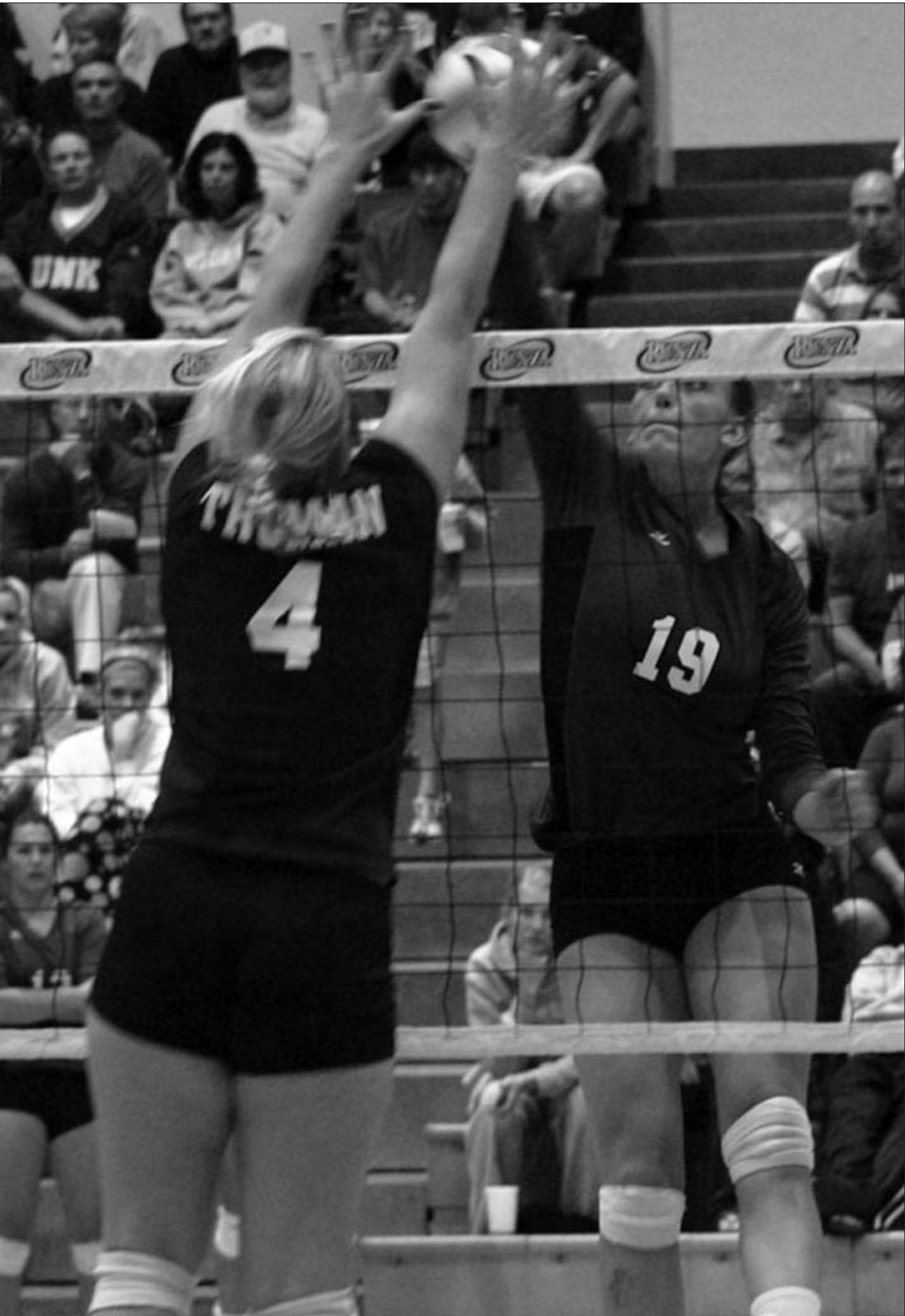


Photo by Sapana Upadhyay
(Above) Jeri Walkowiak, a sophomore from Grand Island, reacts after making a play against the University of Mary Marauders. Walkowiak was one of three Lopers to be named to the All-Tournament Team.

Athletes meet fans at Third Annual Lopers Under the Lights

BY JOSH KAUFMAN
Antelope Sports Editor

Students and fans got up close and personal with the University of Nebraska-Kearney athletic teams at the Third Annual Lopers Under the Lights Aug. 27 at Ron and Carol Cope Stadium.

All of the UNK teams, with the exception of the volleyball team which was competing in the Honolulu Invitational, were on hand to meet the Loper faithful.

The night featured games that were supervised by the teams, and local businesses provided prizes to winners.

Max Hadenfeldt of the men's golf team, a junior from Gering, said he enjoyed interacting with other UNK students.

"It was pretty fun," Hadenfeldt said. "There were quite a few people here, so that was good. We all act the same. Sometimes it's hard to tell who's an athlete and who's not. We're all just kids having fun."

The UNK cheerleading team was also on hand, as well as Louie the Loper. Fans also got the chance to get autographs from their favorite Lopers, as all of the teams took part in auto-

graph sessions. Women's swimming and diving coach Teresa Osmanski said the event provided good publicity for the sports that may not be as familiar to fans.

"It's great that the student body gets to come out and interact with the athletes," Osmanski said. "People who may not know about the team can come by, and I think the athletes enjoy being able to interact with them and show them about their sport."

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Max Hadenfeldt
UNK golf

After the games, fans made their way to the stands for a pep rally. The UNK "Pride of the Plains" marching band and the Sapphires dance team both performed for the crowd, and Chancellor Doug Kristensen spoke about the great support the teams receive from both students and community members.

Coaches for the fall sports teams also previewed the upcoming season. Adam Dea, a first-year graduate student from O'Neill, said having events like Lopers Under the Lights is a good idea.

"It gets the student body involved," Dea said. "It's neat to see the student aspect of student-athlete."

UNK Athletic Director Jon McBride was pleased with the number of fans Lopers Under the Lights attracted.

"We had a good turnout," McBride said. "This event keeps building each year, and it keeps growing in the community. We encourage our student body to be supporters of the athletes, and they came out in numbers tonight to support the teams."



Photo by Sanam Bhaila
(Above) Truman State's Allie Cherven tries to block a shot from Nikki Scott, a junior from Broken Bow. The Lopers went on to upset the No. 3 ranked Bulldogs in four sets.

Photo by Laura Schemper
(Left) The UNK dance team "The Sapphires" performs at Lopers under the Lights on Aug. 27. The cheerleaders, marching band and Louie the Loper were also on hand to pump up the crowd for the upcoming athletic season.

Photo by Laura Schemper
(Bottom) Drum major Troy Ehmke, a senior music business major from Beatrice, leads the "Pride of the Plains" marching band on to Foster Field during Lopers Under the Lights on Aug. 27. The marching band debuted their Americana-themed halftime and pregame shows.





Photo by Tara Purdie
Greg Sales on guitar, Dave Lerbakken on bass, Spencer Hansen on keyboards and Luke Oswald on drums perform 'Summer of '69' for students dancing on Central Avenue. The band played covers ranging from classic rock such, as the Beatles, to Journey and even Rascal Flatts.



Photo by Tara Purdie
Brittany Malone, a sophomore elementary education major from Stuart; Abby Richter, a sophomore sports journalism major from Gresham; Kerri Bellamy, a sophomore criminal justice major from Goodland, Kan.; and Brittany Clark, a sophomore pre-nursing major from Las Vegas sit patiently as the artist at Destination Downtown completes their caricature drawing.

Destination DOWNTOWN

BY TARA PURDIE
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Downtown Kearney was the place to be Aug. 29, where every street corner was packed with a range of bands from ska to alternative and vendors from local stores were giving out freebies. Free sandwiches, free popsicles, free T-shirts and numerous gift cards to a variety of stores were just a few perks of attending the annual downtown madness known as Destination Downtown.

Junior spanish interpretation and translation major Meagan Smejdir from Lincoln said that her favorite part of the downtown fun was eating shaved ice.

Jessica Kenyon, a sophomore public relations major, attended for other reasons.

"I just moved to Kearney so I came to see some of the people from school and to meet new people. I also came because I had nothing else to do tonight."

The streets, overflowing with people, were a great place for UNK students to make acquaintances.

There were also activities for people who were more interested in the entertainment of Destination Downtown.

Kenyon said, "I think the live bands were probably my favorite part. I'm very into live music, and the cover band was playing older songs that I love."

Many students danced in the streets to the bands, sat for caricature drawings or participated in a food eating contest that consisted of an entire week's worth of calories.

In spite of the activities and vendors present, some students felt the event did not compare to previous years.

Kenyon said that she was less than impressed and confessed that she left shortly after arriving because she was bored. She suggested that it was too spread out and next year more activities and bands should be added.

Smejdir agreed, "I would like to see more activities. I felt that this year there was not much going on as far as activities; it felt like I was just going for a walk in downtown Kearney."

Although some students felt it did not compare to previous years, Kenyon and Smejdir expressed hope for next year's event.

Kenyon said, "I will probably go again next year. It gives me something to do rather than sitting at home. There will always be more people I could hopefully meet there."

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