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Kearney native meets Tommy Lee

Chelsie Flanagan
Staff Writer

Branden Nemecek, a Kearney native, and more than 270 other Cornhusker Marching Band members welcomed an unusual addition to their group last semester. Tommy Lee, professional drummer and member of Mötley Crüe, spent one week rehearsing with the band.

Before Lee and his film crew showed up on campus at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln to film the reality series, "Tommy Lee Goes to College," which aired on NBC, news of a reality show involving the university circulated throughout the student body.

"The university announced that there was going to be an open audition on campus for an NBC television show, but nobody knew for what show the auditions were for," Nemecek, alto saxophone player in the Cornhusker Marching Band and the Big Red Express Pep Band, said.

After auditions were held and contracts were signed, rumors of the famed rocker's appearance

became fact.

Nemecek, a junior biochemistry major at UNL, first heard the news of Lee's arrival at band practice.

"My first thought was, 'You've got to be kidding me,'" he said.

Many in the band were concerned that the added cameras and entourage would become distractions to them during rehearsal time and much doubt was placed on Lee's actual musical abilities.

Unlike the show portrayed, Lee only spent one week rehearsing with the band. While it was made to look like he marched an entire halftime show at a Cornhusker football game, in truth, Lee only marched the closing piece with the band.

"Originally he [Lee] was supposed to march all three songs with us during halftime, but he struggled a lot," Nemecek said. "It was hard for him to play because he doesn't read music and it was hard for him to get the marching drills down."

According to Nemecek, who is also the president of the National Honorary Band Fraternity, Kappa Kappa Psi,



Photo courtesy of Branden Nemecek

Branden Nemecek, at top left in back row, poses with members of Kappa Kappa Psi honors band fraternity and Tommy Lee, pictured in the back row three from the right.

Lee practiced outside of rehearsals closely with the drum line leadership in order to prepare himself for the show. His

hard work eventually won him the respect of many of the band members. Most of the scenes involving the band were

unstaged, true to the real experience of being in the band.

Game day provided more challenges for Lee. Because he

was not given special treatment by the band students and faculty,

he was forced to follow the band. See **Lee** on page 4

Today's youth seeking mentors



Photo by Rebecca Bunger

Darin Ault, at left, a Kearney high school sophomore, discusses his school day with his UNK mentor, Nathan Dietz, at right. Dietz is a UNK senior from Amherst majoring in education.

Heather Berney
Layout Editor

Now that the shock of a new semester is beginning to wane, many students, parents and community members are beginning to think about what they can do to ensure that today's youth are moving in the right direction.

According to the Federal Register, \$50 million has been made available for youth men-

toring programs, indicating that top government officials are interested in mentoring and its effects.

Chancellor Doug Kristensen is apparently one of many who believes that mentoring can have a positive impact.

"I believe mentoring programs are an integral part of an effective school system," he said. "Despite what some may think, relying on a mentor is not a weakness; it's actually a skill. Watching someone you admire

and being able to learn from them is a skill."

The Kearney area offers several different programs, two of which are TeamMates and Friends.

TeamMates is a school-based, one-to-one program developed by Tom and Nancy Osborne in 1991 in Lincoln, Neb. Since it's beginnings, it has grown into a statewide organization with plans to spread nationally. According to www.team-mates.org, approximately 2700 matches between mentors and adolescents have been made.

Deb Eickhoff, coordinator for Kearney TeamMates, said she is looking for individuals who are ready to devote a substantial part of their lives to becoming a mentor.

"Anyone interested in joining TeamMates needs to understand the level of commitment," she said. "We only ask for a year long commitment, but we hope for much more than that. We want someone to help lead these students through high school."

Eickhoff expressed an interest in finding matches to act as a father figure to a student.

"Many young boys have lived a life that lacks a strong male figure," she said. "As long as the mentor stays true to their commitment, they will make a significant difference in a young life. It's hard to tell a little guy that his mentor is too busy for

him."

TeamMates in Kearney is looking for several more mentors. The requirements are

- TeamMates meet one hour a week
- Mentors are asked to make a one-year commitment
- Mentors must attend a two-hour orientation.
- TeamMates are encouraged to do a community service project together

Adults 18 and over who have graduated high school and are

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Doug Kristensen
Chancellor of UNK

interested in becoming a member for 6th and 7th grade students can email Deb Eickhoff at deb.eickhoff@kearneypublic.org or call 308-698-8104.

Friends is a locally funded program designed for Kindergarten through 5th grade students. Friends differs from

TeamMates in that a Friends connection takes place outside of the school. Funded by the United Way of Kearney, Friends also requires one hour a week.

April Roggasch, program coordinator, said that 90 percent of mentors are college students.

"The students are nominated by elementary school counselors," she explained. "Many children come from a single-parent family or one in which drug use or alcohol use is prevalent. These are simply kids that need an extra friend."

Friends shares the need for older males to provide a strong male character. Roggasch said that the program is experiencing a major shortage in regard to younger boys.

Those interested in becoming a mentor for an elementary student can contact April Roggasch at friendsprogram@msn.com. Friends is located in the Campus Lutheran building and can be reached at 308-236-2036.

In the interview with Chancellor Kristensen, he presented these closing thoughts:

"My personal mentor came along much later in life. Even college kids need mentors. College is hard, and it's easy to become overwhelmed with all that is expected of you. I believe everyone needs a mentor."

Fraternity offers help

Jared Blanton
Staff Writer

UNK's Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity held its annual Pikes Firemen Barbecue on Saturday at the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department. Proceeds from the event benefitted the fire department as well as victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Pi Kappa Alpha president Cody Sasek, a senior from Wilber majoring in exercise science, said that his fraternity has held the annual barbecue for several years now and that he and the members of his fraternity look forward to it every year.

"It is pretty rewarding for the guys to get to go down there and interact with the firefighters," Sasek said. "It is a great opportunity for our members."

This is the first year that proceeds from the event will go to benefit more than one cause, the second being a donation for relief of Katrina victims.

In attendance at the barbecue were all the members of the fraternity as well as the volunteer firefighters and their families. The event was also open to the public.

The Holiday Inn of Kearney donated a grill for the fraternity to use as well as a cash donation.

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Friday

Partly Cloudy
High 83
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Saturday

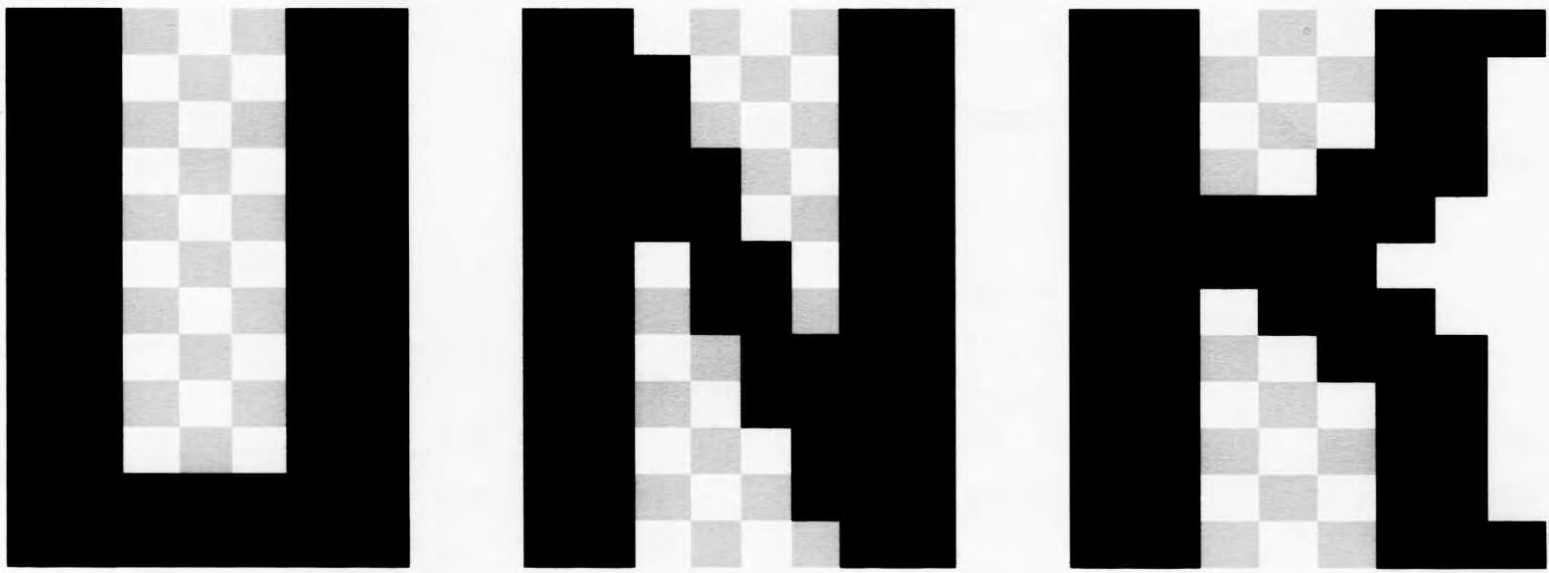
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Sunday

Partly Cloudy
High 83
Low 56





HINT: Answers for “The U-N-K Puzzle” are placed in the checkered boxes. Each set of clues stands alone.

WORDS FOR U of U-N-K

Three-Letter Words

Frozen water.
A type of Canon Camera; also, in Greek, the goddess of the dawn.
Abbreviation for the nation represented by “The Grand Old Flag.”
Acronym for age, name, location.
Acronym for start-up team.
An author who writes about stress: Harriet _ _ _.
Who, when, what, where, _ _ .
An auto.
Name for a university located in Manhattan.

Ten-Letter Words

A very strong irresistible impulse to travel.
Not only Camille and Katrina; they are now disasters named after males too.
Opening words for our national anthem: _ / _ _ _ /
_ _ _ / _ _ _ / see.

WORDS FOR N of U-N-K

Two-Letter Words

Interjection used by a person asking a question when he/she does not hear well.
A commercial space allocated to mass media mix.
A slang name for a hair-styling.
An abbreviation for the term “lowercase.”

Three-Letter Words

Suffix meaning to cause or to become.
Three vowels.
To be or not to be — past tense “being” verb.
A tub for relaxation or invigoration, usually including a device for raising whirlpools.to relax a person after a hard exam.
The initials of a teacher’s organization or a cultural organization.
A term for the act that performers such as Carrot Top do on stage as mimics.

Four-Letter Words

What you might do to a wasp before you run away as fast as you can.
Wildebeests; another name for “news” online.
Five-Letter Word
Eve twisted Adam’s arm and made him bite into the forbidden “fruit uncle.”

Seven-Letter Words

Professors spend a lot of time doing this, the assessment of students’ performance.
The profession of the student after graduating from Kearney in years past.

WORDS FOR K of U-N-K

Two-Letter Words

A neighbor to do, re, mi
Mine.

Three-Letter Words

Gnat.
An abbreviation for a state on the West Coast.
Not the Id.
Obtained.
An acronym for a commission that works toward opportunities in equal employment.
An acronym for “Good To Go.”
Row, row, row.
An abbreviation for altitude.

Four-Letter Words

Hence, consequently, therefore.
Angry.
“The Good, The Bad and The _ _ _ _ .”
A ray of sunlight.

Six-Letter Words

A stool pigeon.



PHOTO
of the **WEEK**

Photo by Daniel Nickel

The UNK offensive line gives sophomore running back Jake Richards (No.22), a wall of protection and more than enough room to run over and around Northern University.

To submit pictures for inclusion in next week’s **Photo of the Week**, save pictures as JPEG files and send to antelope@unk.edu , or call 865-8716 for assistance.

The Bottom Line

The Antelope listens to the voices of UNK

What do you think of the government’s relief efforts to help victims of Katrina?



“The relief effort was started off too slow, but they’ve done an excellent job once they got with it.”

Tim Callahan of Greeley
Graduate student, sports admin.



“I don’t think it would hurt for the government to focus more on the unity of the country.”

Brittany Johnson of Alliance
Senior, public relations



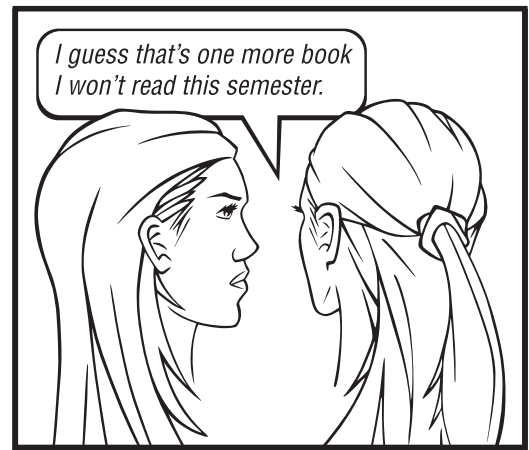
“I’m not really informed on the subject - I’m too busy with classes to watch the news.”

Zack Zade of Franklin
Junior, exercise science

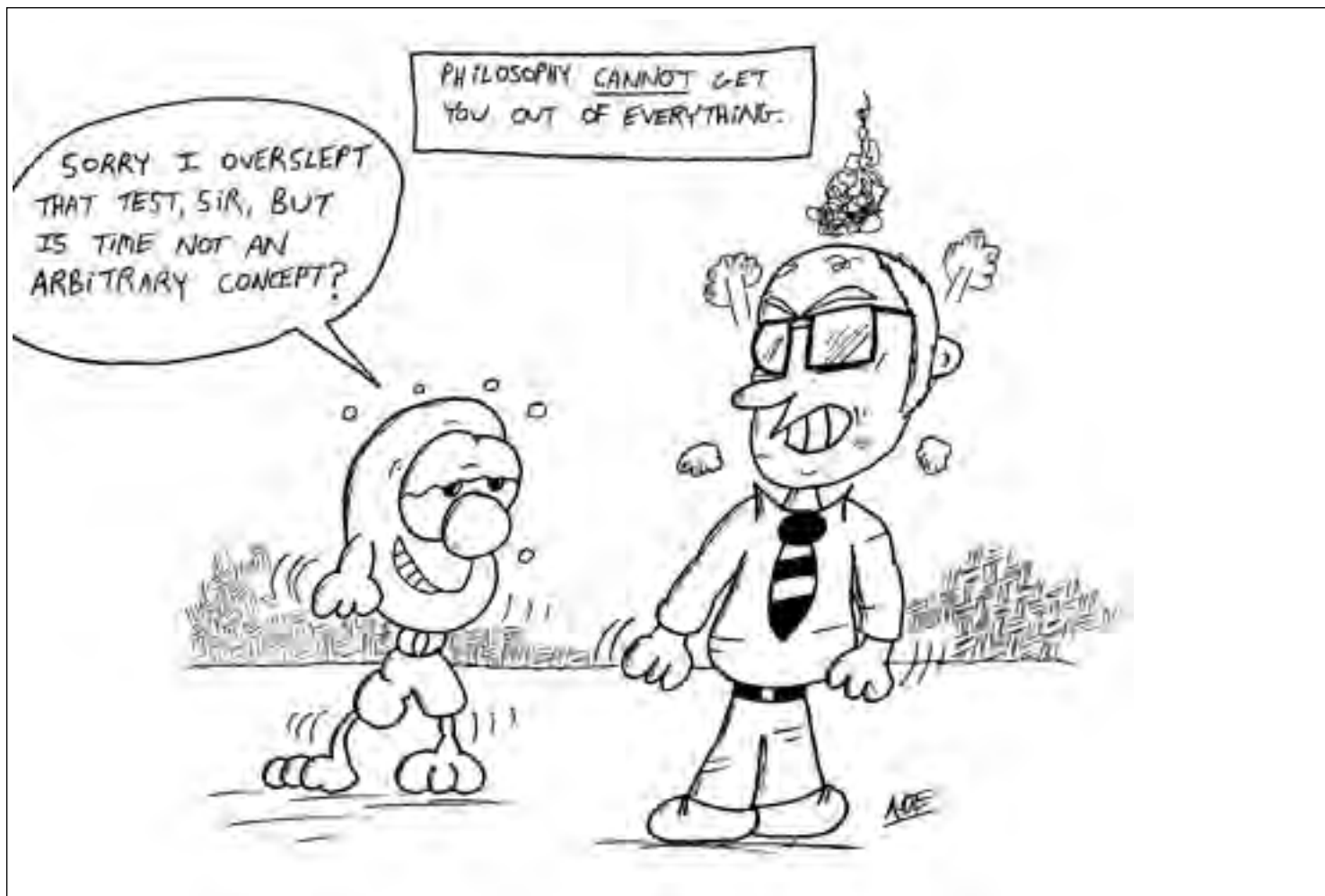


“I think the government could’ve done a lot more than they have. I know people who are trying to help out and are still being shot down there.”

Shannon Niemann of Bee
Sophomore, accounting



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Attorney General Bruning creates gasoline hysteria



Kathlene Jordan
Photo Editor

Gas prices have dramatically increased throughout this summer, suddenly skyrocketing after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf of Mexico, leaving many wondering when they will diminish.

Current gas price-gouging is apparently a result of Katrina destroying off-coast oil platforms. Days after the hurricane hit, gas stations around the nation began gouging consumers. President Bush warned against gouging last week on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"I think there ought to be zero tolerance of people breaking the law during an emergency such as this, whether it be looting, or price-gouging at the gasoline pump, or taking advantage, or charitable giving or insurance fraud," Bush said.

Since then, states across the nation have begun investigating whether gas stations are gouging consumers. Nebraska is participating in investigations as well, with Attorney General Jon Bruning leading the way.

After a meeting with fuel retailers and distributors last week, Bruning said that they aren't to blame for high prices at the pumps, according to the Lincoln Journal Star's Web site at journalstar.com.

"I've looked into the numbers; I've looked at the details, and I don't think anybody's price-gouging," he said.

Although Bruning's office has received about 300 complaint calls since he urged consumers to keep an eye out for gouging, only one allegation has been deemed worthy of investigation.

"I'm convinced a lot of this is media-driven hysteria," Bruning said.

I am outraged that our attorney general is accusing the media of creating "Chicken Soup for the Consumer's Soul."

The blame should be placed on Bruning himself. How can he conclude that gouging at the pumps is nonexistent?

I am a journalist, one that is not creating "hysteria." I can't afford to travel! I have seen the pump prices jump tens of cents literally overnight. Is this not considered gouging? If not, what is?

Bruning needs to reinvestigate.

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Conversations break down barriers

Matt Ringen
Staff Writer

The UNK community is welcome and encouraged to attend Conversation Table meetings every Wednesday through Oct. 12. Meeting times are from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Oak Room at the UNK Nebraskan Student Union.

The gatherings feature a casual atmosphere and enable people to learn of other cultures by using one-on-one or small group conversations with international students to have fun and talk about anything they desire.

Lisa Terry, Educational Specialist at the UNK Language Institute, said, "The Conversation Table is an opportunity outside the classroom to socialize, ask questions and share cultures."

Sixty-five students came to the first gathering. Terry said the assembly is very helpful for international students to share their cultures and practice English. "They want to meet Americans to talk with them and learn about their customs and ideas," she said.

Many Americans have not

had the time, money or opportunity to travel outside of the United States. Terry believes the Conversation Table gives Americans the opportunity to meet people from all over the world.

"I have seen cultural barriers break down, stereotypes shatter and lasting friendships form."

Lisa Terry
Educational Specialist at UNK

"I have seen cultural barriers break down, stereotypes shatter and lasting friendships form as a result of this. It is time and energy well spent," she said.

There is no registration and preparation required for participants. Americans do not have to be bilingual. They just have to speak English and listen. The

small groups can talk about anything they like, but if conversation topics are needed, Terry can provide them.

"If there is a problem with oral language or communication, we can write, draw pictures and maps and use electronic translators and dictionaries. It is a relaxed and friendly atmosphere," she said.

Terry has also asked UNK faculty to urge their students to attend and participate as a way of enriching their educational experience. As an incentive, UNK students are given extra credit for some classes by attending the gathering. Terry encourages students to ask their teachers for extra credit from attending the meeting, but she said many students attend just for fun.

For further information or other questions, contact Lisa Terry at terryl@unk.edu.

Conversation Table

Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m.
Oak Room
Nebraskan Student Union



Photo by Mika Arai

Sara Moore, left, a freshman majoring in elementary education, and Yoko Suto, right, a freshmen from Japan, share their different cultures with students from all over the world at the Conversation Table.

Coffee chemist reveals coffee know-all



Photo by Erika Dimas

Coffee enthusiasts pour some coffee to taste the difference for "The Chemistry of Coffee Roasting" last Friday.

Chelsie Flanagan
Staff Writer

Forty-three students, faculty and American Chemical Society members attended the "Chemistry of Coffee Roasting" on campus last Friday.

The evening was highlighted by guest speaker, Dr. Thomas Parliament, a former food chemist at General Foods, who spent much of his career studying and refining the aromatic chemical composition of many foods, especially coffee.

During his presentation, Parliament explained that it takes a large crop of coffee trees to produce commercial coffee.

"It takes one tree for a pound of coffee to be produced. The coffee plant has a very low yield," he said.

Parliament explained the difference between the two types of coffee beans that are used in the commercial industry. Arabica beans are high quality beans and typically come hand-picked from Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Jamaica. Robusta beans are the lower quality of the two beans that are shaken off the trees by machines and are imported from Africa, Brazil, Indonesia and Vietnam.

The process of drying a fresh green coffee bean into a roasted

coffee bean takes about four to six minutes. Because of gas expansion, roasted coffee beans are typically twice the size of green coffee beans, Parliament noted.

In the remaining minutes the real magic of coffee chemistry occurs.

"During the roasting of a green coffee bean a myriad of reactions occur. Water is lost, carbon dioxide evolved, brown pigments are generated and delightful flavors and aromas are produced," he said.

According to Parliament, roasted coffee is the second most aromatic organic sub-

stance. More than 800 chemical gases make up coffee's awakening aroma. The only organic substance with more aromatic chemical gases is cigarette smoke.

Coffee samples, catered by Barista's of Kearney, followed the presentation.

"We use 100 percent Arabica beans for the best quality in all of our coffee," Jasmin Addy, Barista's employee, said.

Addy also said that the name "Barista" is Italian for "bar-tender," which is someone who serves any type of drink, not just alcohol.

The participants sampled the

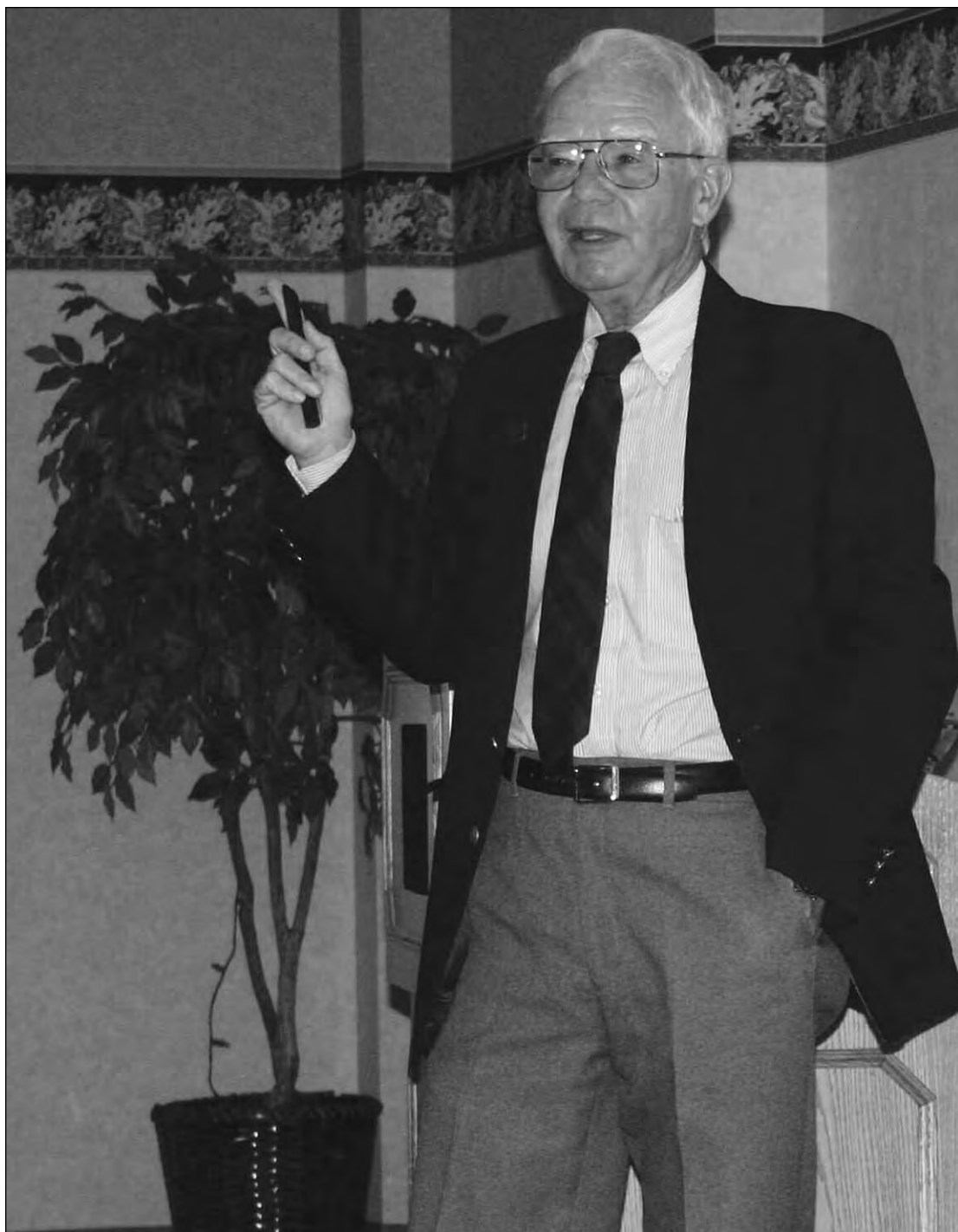
coffee using the "cupping" method, which consists of smelling and then slurping the coffee in order to engage all of the senses in its tasting.

Parliament offered some advice when it comes to drinking the best fresh coffee.

"It's best to refrigerate the beans and grind them right before you use them for the best freshness," he said. "And, of course, coffee is always of better quality at a boutique rather than out of a can."

Photo by Erika Dimas

Dr. Thomas Parliament explains the process of coffee roasting in the Cedar Room later Friday. Dr. Parliament was the guest speaker for The Nebraska Local Section of the American Chemical Society presentation of "The Chemistry of Coffee Roasting."



Tommy Lee

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uniform dress code. This involved putting his hair up into his helmet, removing visible piercings and wearing a turtle-neck and flesh-colored gloves to cover up his tattoos, which are not permitted to show while wearing the uniform.

Although Nemecek and much of the Cornhusker Marching Band were reluctant at first to play with the middle-aged rocker on a spoof reality show, the experience proved to be a positive one.

"Overall, I felt the Cornhusker Marching Band was portrayed the way we actually are," Nemecek said. "We show up and work hard in order to perform at the highest possi-

ble level. Tommy Lee was very respectful. He thanked us repeatedly for the opportunity to play with us."

Not all aspects of "Tommy Lee Goes to College" were entirely reality.

In fact, most of the "characters" featured on the show, like Natalie, the tutor, Matt, the room mate and various other friends and party-goers were auditioned roles designed to fit college stereotypes. Also unlike the show portrayed, Lee and his room mate did not live on campus. They lived in an apartment that was made over to look like a dorm room. Party scenes and Lee's fraternity were also staged to give viewers the stereotypical college experience.

Despite all the hype and exaggeration surrounding the show, Nemecek felt that the

university was portrayed positively.

"The show portrayed UNL for the beautiful campus that it really is and realistically portrayed what classes for UNL students are actually like," he said.

According to Nemecek, the university did not receive any money for allowing NBC to film its show on their campus, but the institution might benefit by exposing it to high school seniors and others who are looking to pursue higher education.

Although the show's finale aired last Tuesday, you can catch reruns of the series on VH1.

Planetarium gazes at the red planet

Katherine Thomas
Staff writer

Hidden away in the basement of Bruner Hall of Science is the school's planetarium. Unknown by many, the planetarium offers both students and the public a chance to view educational shows every month on campus.

The planetarium is used for the astronomy, physics and physical science classes at UNK, as well as free shows for K-12 classes, church groups, and Girl and Boy Scout groups.

Public shows take place on the first Friday of every month at 7 p.m. while school is in session. This semester, the planetarium's theme is Mars. September's show focused on the role that Mars played in the past. The show discussed how Mars was used to figure out that the Earth was not the center of the universe.

The upcoming October show will focus on current knowledge of Mars demonstrating the change of our views on the planet. Mars was once considered home to "space invaders." Now we are viewed as the invaders since we have landed on the planet and have sent numerous satellites in the planet's direction.

The November show will feature a replaying of the famous Orson Wells radio broadcast of "War of the Worlds" from 1938.

All of the Mars shows run approximately 45 minutes long. The planetarium features shows that are appropriate for all age levels. Children are welcome to attend any of the public viewings.

In charge of the planetarium here on campus is Physics Professor Jose Mena-Werth.

“Mars is very pretty right now and it is only going to get more so . . . It can be viewed after midnight right now and as time goes on, it will be bright enough to see at sundown.”

Jose Mena-Werth
UNK physics professor

“Mars is very pretty right now and it is only going to get more so,” he said. “It can be viewed after midnight right now and as time goes on, it will be bright enough to see at sundown.”

Stacy Wood, a senior at UNK, has visited the planetarium in the past. “I liked the show and I would go to other showings if I knew about them ahead of time. There needs to be more awareness of what is showing and at what times,” Wood said.

Wood's father was majoring in physics, and she remembers visiting planetariums with him when she was younger. “I still remember watching the shows and being in awe. I felt the same when I visited the planetarium here on campus,” Wood said.

The planetarium will not be students' one and only chance to see Mars. New at the Bruner Hall of Science Observatory is a 14 inch telescope, a very large size for most school observatories. The observatory is not yet open to the public, but Mena-Werth hopes it will be open by the new planetarium show in October.

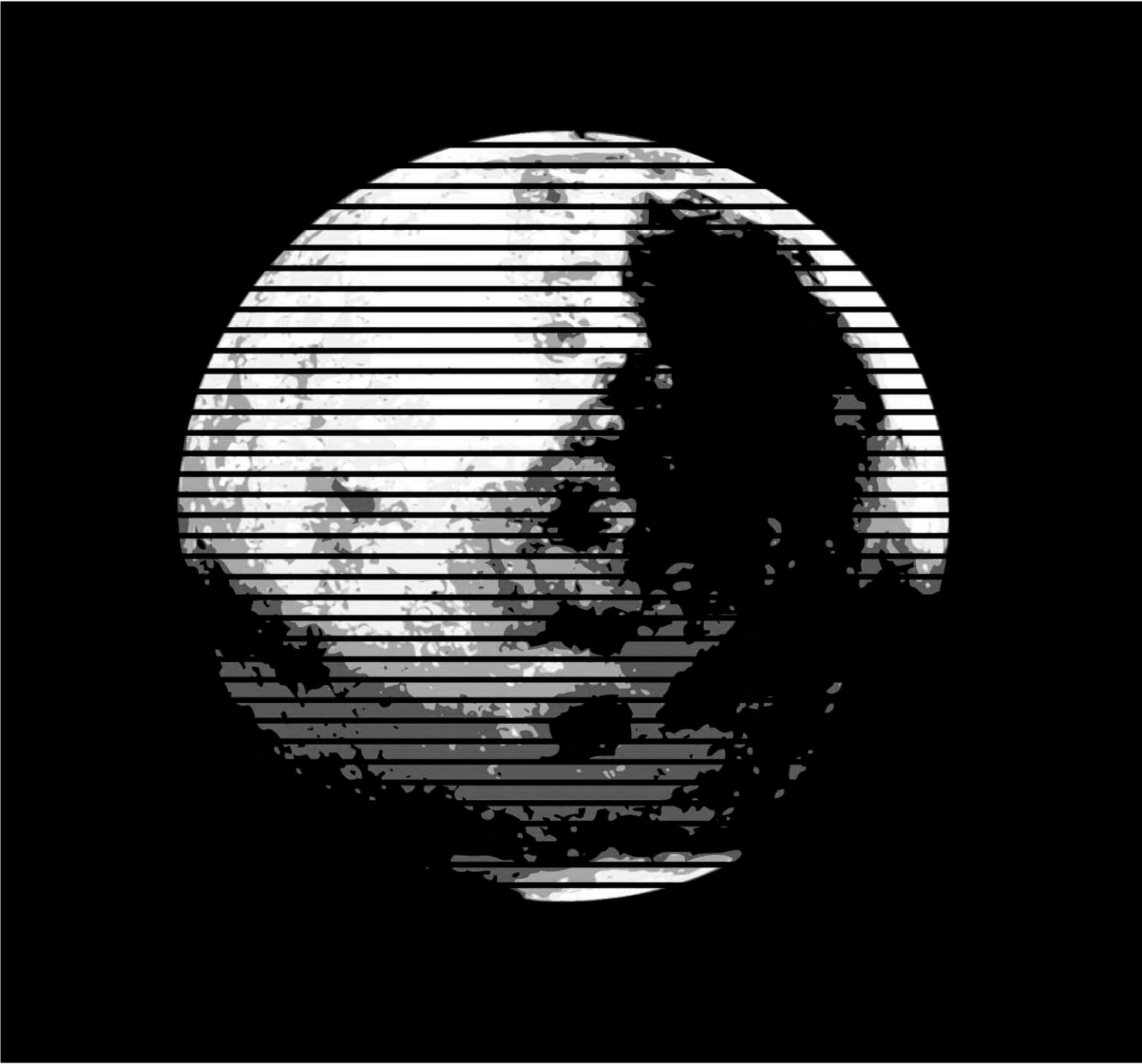
The observatory is located on the roof of Bruner. The new telescope gives viewers a wonderful look at Mars. Times will be announced soon when the telescope is completely assembled and ready for viewing.

“The planetarium and soon the observatory are wonderful resources. Most schools do not even have planetariums because they are so expensive and it needs someone to spend a little time on it,” Mena-Werth said.

The planetarium uses the same machine as the planetariums at UNO and UNL. However, the planetarium at UNK is used for instruction, not to generate money. There is no admission cost for the shows, but the planetarium does accept free-will donations of non-perishable goods for the Nebraska Food Bank.

Sauna Warren, a student at UNK, said of the planetarium, “It was really interesting. My only complaint is that I felt really cramped which made me uncomfortable. However, it was an interesting concept putting the stars to music. That is what I really enjoyed.”

Only a few shows remain this semester. For more information on the shows, contact Jose Mena-Werth at werthj@unk.edu.



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Willie Nelson ‘on the road’ in Kearney

Blake Mullanix
Entertainment Editor

Call him legend, American Icon, movie star or any other of these fitting cliches, but don't tell Willie Nelson he's too old to jam the doors off a venue like the Tri-City Arena. And jam the doors off is exactly what the grey-haired, bandana-wearing Nelson did on Monday, Sept. 12 to a near capacity crowd in Kearney.

South Second Avenue was gridlocked to Eighth Street only 20 minutes to showtime, as nearly 3,000 fans of the seventy two-year-old country music star eagerly anticipated Nelson's arrival. After pre-show warmup from one of Nelson's promoters, the crowd rose to a standing ovation as Willie Nelson and the Family Band took center stage.

In the next three hours, Willie and the gang tore through a setlist jam-packed with Nelson favorites,

Photo courtesy of The Kearney Hub

A true icon of American culture, singer/songwriter Willie Nelson put on a concert at the Tri-City Arena that will not soon be forgotten by those in attendance.



such as "You Are Always on my Mind," "On the Road Again," "Crazy," and many more.

"It was the best show I have ever seen in my life," said John Morris of Kearney.

Ever the showman and one to play to the crowd, Nelson energetically pumped his hand in the air and encouraged the crowd to keep time by clapping along to a plethora of classic covers such as "Mama Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to be Cowboy's," "Circle," and the Stevie Ray Vaughn classic, "Texas Flood." For this last hit, Nelson shared the spotlight with his son, who is also the band's lead guitarist. That is the story behind the Family Band, an odd arrangement of percussionist, pianist and guitarist, most of whom are literally Nelson's relation.

"I don't know what they are playing on back there," Nelson admitted onstage as members of the band jumped from snare drum to congo and an assortment of other rhythmic tools.

William Sheldon, Kearney resident said, "It was nice to see a family band play here, and it was a really great environment, and Willie was really amazing."

Nelson, who recently released a reggae album, which has been in production for the past nine years, avoided performing any of the island-inspired songs to the predominately elder crowd. The album "Countryman," however, is a masterfully-produced album, laced with tracks from the late Johnny Cash and reggae legend Jimmy Cliff as well as originals from Nelson himself.

"This is the first non-pirated album I've bought in several years," said Sheldon of his new purchase, "Countryman".

The crowd reacted to Nelson in a way reminiscent of "Beatlesmania". Throughout the entire show fans lined the front of the stage snapping shots from picture phones and waving wildly trying to garner attention from the living legend. Nelson playfully obliged and spent nearly an hour signing autographs from the stage as the evening ended.



Photo courtesy of The Kearney Hub

After nearly three hours of performing, Willie Nelson took the time to sign many of the concertgoers memorabilia

Fundraiser benefits ‘Katrina’ victims

Rock'n 4 Relief showcases talent and generosity

Derek Wakefield
Staff writer

On Saturday, Sept. 10, Yanney Park hosted Rock'n 4 Relief, which was designed to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina. From 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. food and music were provided in hopes of receiving free-will donations. Sponsors of the event were the Nebraska Red Cross Foundation, the City of Kearney Parks and Recreation, Thunderhead Brewing and

KLPR 91.3 "The Power." Bands such as The Darts, The O.K. Sisters, Tres Diablos and the Mark Humphrey Band played free of charge.

"This event involved many people and many local businesses. What started out as a simple idea from Matt Mattson of The Darts, turned into a reality in a matter of days," said Jamie Knuth, coordinative director of Rock'n'4 Relief.

At 1 p.m., there were about thirty-five people present. Most of the people attending the event were members of the bands or families. Listeners could be seen in the bleachers of the amphitheater and also lounging on the hill nearby. A small tent with food and beverages was set up to the

left of the amphitheater with Subway sandwiches, Thunderhead pizza, beverages and candy.

The Darts said they were excited to be playing for such a great cause and played original music. Many of the people listening were seen bobbing their heads throughout the performance and applauding after each song. The Darts also played at Thunderhead Brewing after the Rock'n 4 Relief benefit.

The O.K. Sisters have been playing and touring in greater Nebraska for almost six years and have two CDs entitled "Edge of a Rock" and "The Girls are Alright".

"We are selling CDs for ten dollars each and donating all the money to the Katrina relief program," said lead singer, Kate Fly.

"The bands are doing well for the amount of people that are here. It's hard to get a crowd energetic when there aren't that many people to work with, but the groups have been playing well and are enthusiastic about the cause," said Ali Hill, UNK freshman.

Beckie Lappe, UNK junior from Iowa said she thought that the food was delicious and the event was for a great cause.

"It's exciting to

hear and see bands that are inter-

"We would like to give very special thanks to all the people and businesses that made this possible."

Jamie Knuth
Event coordinator

ested in helping a good cause for free," she said.

Photo by Jamie Knuth

"The Darts" brought their rockabilly style and big hearts to the benefit concert held at Yanney Park.

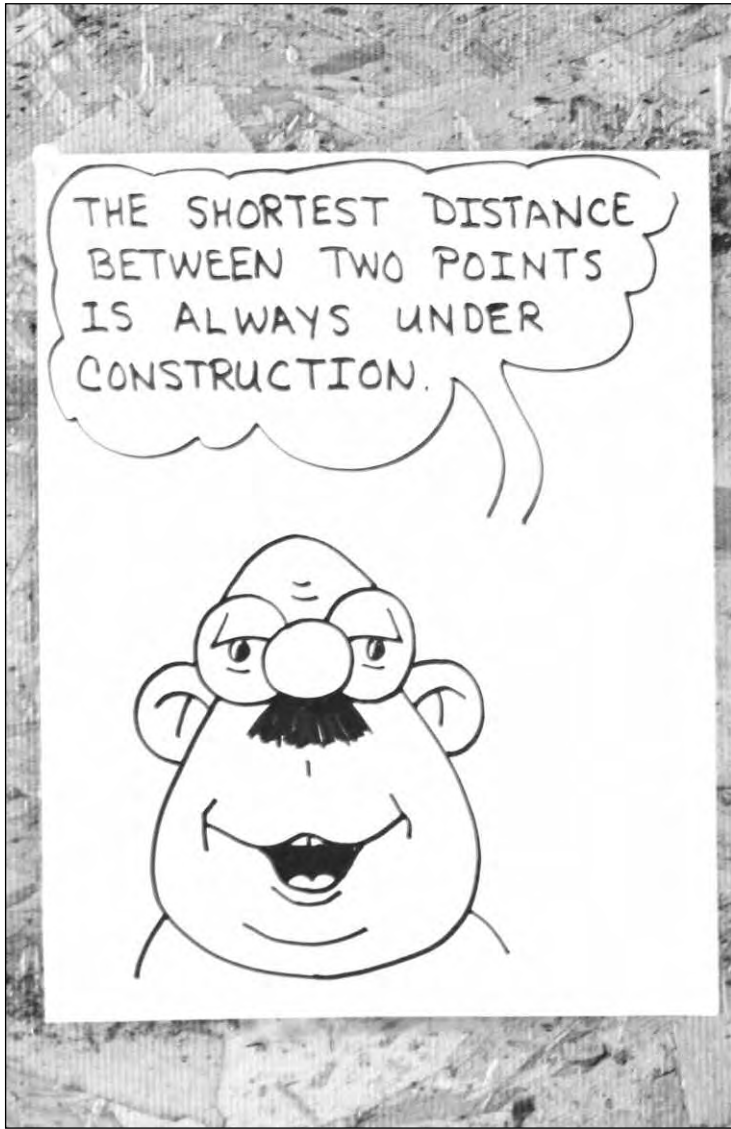


Photos by Jamie Knuth

Top: Mark Humphrey of The Mark Humphrey Band lends his musical talent to the Hurricane Katrina relief effort

Below: Kate Fly, lead singer and guitarist for local band "The OK Sisters," was one of many artists who took the stage at Rock'n4Relief.

Reconstruction underway for UNK



Photos by Daniel Nickel
Below: The controversial facelift to Foster Field nears completion as football season gets underway. The multi-million dollar renovations have increased the seating capacity for fans of Loper football and cut the number of parking spaces for dorm-dwelling students.



Photo by Daniel Nickel
New sidewalks are part of the renovations taking place at Otto Olsen. Many other steps are being taken to update the capabilities of this learning center.



Photos by Daniel Nickel
Above: The Memorial Student Affairs building is made handicap accessible with the addition of a new wheelchair ramp.
Left: The amphitheater located outside of the Fine Arts Building will become the Centennial Plaza and will feature new shrubbery, plants and trees.

Xbox 360 available at two different prices

Matthew Fisher
Staff Writer

In Los Angeles California, at this year's E3 (Electronic Entertainment Expo, the biggest videogame trade show in the world), Microsoft showed what they had up their sleeve for the videogame world.

Showing was the Xbox 360, and while many gamers were impressed, a price point and release date were not announced. Now several months later, things have changed, and it's time for gamers everywhere to dig deep into those pockets, as the Xbox 360 will be launching later this year for both a \$299 and \$399 price tag.

It's official, the successor to the Xbox, the Xbox 360, will be launching this 2005 holiday season for two separate price points. A standard unit will be released for \$299, and a \$399 price tag will accompany the deluxe version. This is the first time a console has been released simultaneously for two separate prices. On November 15th, 2001 the original Xbox, Microsoft's first foray into the console world, was released for \$299.

But why? Why release two versions of the same console on the same day? In an attempt to

target the casual gamer, and to keep the price

"We are offering pre-orders on both versions of the Xbox 360," "There has been a lot of buzz and there really hasn't been any problems with the two seperate prices."

Jason Haines
Manager Kearney Gamestop

slightly lower, the \$299 version will be released with the Xbox 360 console, a wired controller, a faceplate for the system, and standard AV cables.

For those more into their gaming, Microsoft has you covered as well, releasing a \$399 version that includes the Xbox 360 console, a 20 gigabyte hard drive, wireless controller, faceplate, headset, component hd-av cables, Xbox Live silver membership, and for a limited time, a media remote for DVD playback. These extra additions add up to \$200 alone, without the Xbox 360 included.

So how has this announcement of two price points affected local Kearney gamers' interest in this next-generation console? According to Kearney Gamestop manager Jason Haines, not much at all.

"We are offering pre-orders on both versions of the Xbox 360," Haines said. "There has been a lot of buzz and there really hasn't been any problems with the two separate prices."

"A lot of people are looking forward to the new Madden and Tiger Woods games. The screenshots for those games look good, so people are excited," he said.

How does this news hit a college gamer on a budget?

According to James Chramosta, a UNK junior from Kearney majoring in mass media said he is

willing to spend the money.

"I will buy the \$399 version," he said. "Even though it is a hundred dollars more, it is still the better value. The 20GB hard drive that comes with the \$399 version alone has a MSRP of \$99. The hard drive itself makes up for the price difference."

This new announcement may have an effect on Microsoft's competition in the next-generation console war as well. While Nintendo's Revolution and Sony's Playstation 3 were also shown at E3, as of now, no price points or release dates have been announced.

Will they take a cue from Microsoft and split their purchasing audience? Has Microsoft shot themselves in the foot, or set them up for success? Nobody knows as of now, but with a release date guaranteed for this holiday season, we soon shall.

Expect more information on the Xbox 360, as well as Sony and Nintendo's next-generation consoles at the Tokyo Game Show taking place Sept. 16th through the 18th.

Spirits high throughout Loperland

Derek Miller
Staff Writer

After stumbling out of the blocks, the UNK football team has won two games in a row and spirits are high.

Senior linebacker Ryan Bowers agrees.

"The spirits are up, we've won two games in a row and we hope we can continue to take care of business. Our goal every year is to win the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and that is what we're striving for," he said.

The Lopers will travel to Gunnison, Colo. this weekend to take on the Western State Mountaineers.

The Mountaineers are currently 0-3 and have been outscored this year 20-132, but the Lopers are not taking them lightly.

Senior cornerback Byrone Bell said, "I haven't heard good

things about them, being they're 0-3, but that doesn't matter. We just have to take care of our business and we should be fine. We respect all of our opponents and will prepare for a tough battle."

UNK has played well over the last two weeks, outscoring their opponents 90-17. Those two wins came courtesy of Wayne State College and Northern State College in Aberdeen, S.D.

Last Saturday was a sight for sore eyes for Loper fans. Fans

were originally concerned by the teams play against a tough University of Nebraska at Omaha team, currently ranked No.6 in Division II.

Dodge City, Kan., senior William Tressner gave a fan's perspective on the game.

"I thought we played real well last week. We were a little concerned after the Omaha game, but since then we've played great. I think we can win the RMAC this year," he said.

The Lopers kick off Saturday, Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. The game will be on Live Web cast via the Lopers.com football page with the flagship station Y102.



Photo by Daniel Nickel
The UNK defensive line and secondary swarm a Northern University ball carrier at Foster Field.

"The spirits are up, we've won two games in a row and we hope we can continue to take care of business."

Ryan Bowers
Senior linebacker

Pride of the Plains adds twirler to show

Megan Kulhanek
Staff Writer

The Pride of the Plains marching band performed a patriotic salute in honor of veterans and those currently serving in the military during the UNK-Northern State football game.

The show featured the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "America the Beautiful" and other military themes.

Before the performance, Dr. Neal Schnoor, assistant director of the bands said, "Each service branch will be represented and someone will present their flag. We should have a lot of veterans come out to be recognized."

The show also features Jessie Adcox, baton twirler, and a special split-color guard performing with both flags and rifles. Adcox, a transfer student from UNL, has been twirling at UNK for less than a month.

"Dr. Schnoor gave me the opportunity to twirl for the band and I was excited to take it. I look up to Doc as a mentor," Adcox said. "He was my teacher in high school and he plays a big part in my life at UNK."

Schnoor was happy with the band's Saturday performance.

"I was very pleased with how the show was received by the audience and very proud of how our kids performed. The high winds make performing especially difficult for our flags, tubas and drum line, but they fought through it very well," he said.

Drum major Micah Yost, a senior from Omaha said, "This is the best playing and marching band since I've been here, and this is my fourth year."

The Pride of the Plains marching band has approximately 100 members including the color guard and drum line.

The band practices every day at 3:30 p.m. They practice in the Fine Arts Building as well as on the practice field west of the College of Education. During a typical week they practice six to eight hours, according to Schnoor.

Schnoor also said, "When Saturday is over we'll start working on the jazz show."

That show will include "Caravan," "Fly Me to the Moon," "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy" and "La Suerte do los



Photo by Megan Kulhanek
Jessie Adcox practices for a halftime performance. Adcox is a transfer student from UNL now enjoying the UNK experience.

Tontos." The marching band will perform at the next home football game on Oct. 1, which is also the Homecoming game.

Player Profile

Photo and information by
Megan Kulhanek



Name: Jessie Adcox
Year: "Technically, I'm a freshman. I'm a transfer student from UNL."
Major: Secondary Education with endorsements in English and theater
Minor: Dance
Hometown: Lincoln
Official title: UNK Feature Twirler
How many years have you been twirling? "I have been twirling since I was four."
How many years have you been twirling at UNK? "This is my first year here."
Why do you love to twirl? "I started when I was four, and I've just known my whole, entire life that I've wanted to twirl."
Favorite Movie: "Boondock Saints"
Favorite Snack: "I don't really snack."
Favorite Meal: Rice and Vegetables
Why did you choose UNK? "People ask me, why UNK? It is better here. There's something about the atmosphere that is so great!"
What is your favorite thing about UNK? "I've only been here for three or four weeks and it's already home. Everybody's so awesome. I live alone, but I never feel alone."



Photo by Dan Nickel
Freshman wide receiver, Craig Smith, of North Platte, grabs a touchdown pass to increase the Lopers lead on Saturday. UNK dominated the Wolves of Northern University 45-10 to improve to 2-1 on the year. Onlookers to Smith's score include senior wide receiver, Richie Ross, who caught two touchdown passes and also passed for one in the Loper victory.

Graphic by Jaime Flores



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Hustler's Corner: 8-0, can he do it again?

Derek Miller
Staff Columnist

OK, OK, normally I am not one to brag, but this week, I think I will make an exception. Last week, right here in the Hustler's Corner, I went 8-0 with my predictions. It's time to get on the bandwagon.

The University of Texas and Louisiana State University made comebacks that can propel a team to the next level, with victories over Ohio State University and Arizona State

University. Schools can ride victories like that all the way to a National Championship.

The mighty University of Nebraska Cornhuskers actually showed up on the defensive side of the ball this week and beat Wake Forest University 31-3, in what was a rather boring game to watch.

If you only muster 31 points (and your defense scored 21 of those points) against Wake Forest University in Memorial Stadium, you're going to be in trouble down the road.

Down the road might be Sept. 24 against Iowa State, who handled a tough top 10 University of Iowa team this weekend.

Week one in the NFL season was filled with surprises and upsets.

The hopeless San Francisco 49ers beat a good St. Louis Rams team, 28-25.

The Miami Dolphins took the Denver Broncos out behind the woodshed with a 34-10 thrashing. Nothing makes me happier than watching the Broncos get beat. I love to listen

to all the donkey fans around UNK cry for a whole week.

The Kansas City Chiefs dominated a very good Jets team, 27-7, and Brett Favre and the Green Bay Packers scored a franchise low three points on opening day and got beat by the upstart Detroit Lions, 17-3.

Now let's get to my predictions:

- The University of Pittsburgh 13 at the University of Nebraska 27
- No. 8 Florida State University will go on the road

and beat a very good No. 17 Boston College team, 31-21

• In the game of the week, I will take the home team, No. 5 University of Tennessee 23 at No. 6 Florida 27.

• Finally, the No. 13 University of Miami Hurricanes will beat an up to the task No. 20 Clemson University football team at Clemson, 24-13.

In the NFL this week:

- I like the San Diego Super Chargers to beat the Denver Broncos at Invesco Field, 24-23.
- Indianapolis will get it done

at home with a revamped defense that loves to harass the quarterback and they will beat the always tough Jacksonville Jaguars, 21-17.

• My upset special of the week: The Carolina Panthers over the defending Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots 17-13, in what should be a great, hard-hitting game.

• Finally, the Dallas Cowboys win the Monday night game at home against a defensive minded Washington Redskins team, 13-10.

New intramural sports options



Ben Goetz, Brandon Wright
Guest Columnists

As the fall sports begin to find their groove, the Loper volleyball and football teams continue to win in dominating fashion - both teams hold the best record in the RMAC - but these men and women that don the Loper jerseys aren't the only student athletes on cam-

pus.

Many students participate in at least one of the 44 intramural sports, each with the hope of being able to claim they have conquered all competition and risen above the ashes to be crowned intramural champion.

Okay, so most people just want the stylish "intramural champion" T-shirt, but they still play and have fun.

UNK's intramural sports program is great, featuring a wide variety of activities ranging from flag football to pitch to hockey to horseshoes. However, there is always room for improvement.

We have several suggestions

to expand UNK's intramural sports offerings and reach the most remote niche of student interest.

•Rock-paper-scissors: That's right. Everyone knows how to play. The appeal is far reaching. Even the not-so-athletically inclined students would be willing to stretch those hand muscles and read up on "The Official Rock Paper Scissors Strategy Guide," published by the World Rock Paper Scissors Society, for a chance to be deemed champion. The expenses for Intramurals would be minimal. No referees or scorekeepers would be needed and field maintenance is nonexistent.

•Curling: Intramurals already uses the Kearney Events Center for hockey and broomball. Why not take advantage of these resources and institute this sport that is very popular with our friends to the North. Once again, minimal

tent.

•Australian-rules football: Sure, flag football is great. Punt, Pass and Kick is fun as well. But this is another twist to spice up intramurals. This would be a captains' meeting we wouldn't want to miss. With American football ingrained in our heads, it would certainly be interesting explaining the rules those crazy Aussies like to use.

•Trick-Shot Billiards: This is a sport very familiar to those who watch early afternoon ESPN. Surely there are students out there who can defy the laws of physics by coaxing the eight ball off three rails, over the six and seven balls, add a little masse to get it around the nine ball and into the corner pocket.

athletic ability is necessary and anyone can play. The necessary skills are balance, guile, tenacity and teamwork. And past experience as a janitor sure doesn't hurt.

•Foursquare: A sport everyone played at least once in their childhood. Once again, this requires little effort on the part

of the intramurals staff. Anyone can play foursquare, but it takes a special play to be a champion. You need commitment, inner-drive, a youthful spirit and hands quicker than a Washington Redskins quarterback substitution.

These are only a few suggestions of how to augment the already impressive intramural sports program at UNK.

These additions could increase the participant base and popularity of intramural sports. Who knows, maybe the next World Rock Paper Scissors Champion could come from UNK to take the sporting world by storm.

Big Ten Conference Preview: Darnell says

Darnell Wood
Staff Writer

The 2005 College football season has just started and one of the conferences in the NCAA is stacked.

The Big Ten Conference has three teams in the Top 25 and looks to have a strong season. Here's a look at the teams and my predictions on how they will finish this season.

1. Ohio State
2. Michigan
3. Purdue
4. Wisconsin
5. Iowa
6. Minnesota
7. Michigan State
8. Penn State
9. Illinois
10. Northwestern

Ohio State Buckeyes: This is a talented group of athletes who have the best linebacker core in the nation.

Led by A.J. Hawk, the defense is back into championship form, and the offense is only getting better.

Running back Antonio Pittman runs a sub-4.3 40 and has speed to burn.

Along with Pittman, All-American receivers Santonio Holmes and Tedd Ginn, Jr. will make big plays all year.

The only question is their quarterback; Justin Zwick will start in the opener but Troy Smith looks to take over the snaps by the end of the season.

Michigan: Led by the Super sophomores: quarterback Chad Henne and running back Michael Hart, the Wolverine's will again have a high-powered offense that will be tested early and often.

Wide receiver Steve Breaston will look to be the next Braylon Edwards by making big plays when needed.

The big question is the defense.

Can they stop anybody after yielding 400 yards plus each game in the last five games?

Purdue: Purdue probably has the easiest Big Ten schedule in the conference.

They don't have to play Ohio State or Michigan and look to be a sleeper in the conference.

The Boilermakers look to replace quarterback Kyle Orton and a few good receivers in their fight for the Big Ten title.

All 11 of the defensive starters return, and a highly potent offense make Purdue a team to beat.

Wisconsin: Wisconsin is a sleeper in the conference.

With a very stout defense and a healthy quarterback, Wisconsin will be turning heads and upsetting teams.

The defense, which ranked sixth in the nation in defensive scoring attacks, isn't afraid to blitz the house at any given time.

Watch for running back Brian Calhoun; he's small, quick, and can get to the next level in a flash. Look for him to be an All-Big Ten selection.

Iowa: Iowa is the most overrated team in the Big Ten.

Quarterback Drew Tate was a preseason All-Big Ten selection, but his inability to see over his offensive lineman at 6 feet tends to get him in trouble and cause turnovers.

The defense returns eight starters, including the second best linebacker core in the nation, led by linebackers Chad Greenway and Abdul Hodge.

Iowa always finds a way to choke in the big game. Look for them to continue this tradition.

I will return with the Bottom Five next week.

Sports blogs: are they useful?

Brittany Johnson
Staff Writer

As the Internet becomes a growing form of communication, internet blogs have also grown. A blog is an opportunity for someone to communicate an opinion on the Web. Sports blogs have been a growing opportunity for sports fans to keep up with their favorite teams.

Sports blogs on the Internet are useful for fans who want to express their feelings about a team or a player, or to make pre-

dictions about future games. Many of the statements made in

sports blogs are opinion based. Many of the Web sites that sports blogs are found on are specialized for a specific team.

Though the use of blogs in the sports world is increasing, some people on the UNK campus do not

seem to be familiar with the term. Even those who are famil-

"I have used blogs, but not sports blogs. I watch ESPN and receive text messages to find out the scores that I want to know."

Allison Stinnett
UNK Junior

iar with them don't seem to be using them much.

Photos by Erika Dimas

Right: Rachel Gerdes, senior right-side hitter/setter, prepares to serve to the Colorado Christian team as fans watch on. The Lady Lopers won the match Saturday 3-0.

Below: The Lady Lopers come to a huddle between points during their match against Colorado Christian. After the weekend RMAC matches, the UNK volleyball team is 2-0 in the conference.



A Day in the Life . . .

Megan Kulhanek
Staff Writer

Bethany Spilde is playing her fourth and final season as a setter with the Loper volleyball team.

Her average day starts early.

"I'm that strange college student that likes to get up way before class just to watch the 'Today Show,' eat breakfast and take my time finishing homework, studying or whatever," she said.

Spilde is taking business marketing classes and a sociology class. Between her class load and studying, she also has volleyball practice. The team prac-

tices Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday practices run from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"We practice about two hours, plus we lift on Monday and Wednesday after practice, and Friday if we don't have a game," Spilde said. "Plus, I'm crazy and on any day we have off I like to take a run, go for a bike ride or do some kind of workout."

Spilde also likes to spend time with friends, watch movies, listen to music, dance, travel, play sports, "oh and of course, that cool Facebook thing."



Athletics a large part of college life for non-athletes

Brittany Johnson
Staff Writer

The students sporting the Loper head on their athletic jerseys aren't the only athletes at UNK.

Many students come to college with a great love for sports. Either they played in high school or they even tried college athletics and decided that it wasn't for them. Regardless of the situation, these students are athletes as well.

Many athletes got started in high school. There are many opportunities for students to discover and expand their talents at the high school level. High school enables students to

gain a respect for athletics and gives them the choice to continue to keep sports in their lives.

Many students utilize the weight room on campus.

Misty Howerter, a senior exercise science major, said, "I like to stay active by participating in intramurals as well as working out regularly in the weight room and at home."

Howerter is now in a fall sand volleyball league that takes place at the Big Apple. She participated in every sport that was available for girls in her high school.

Matt Schmidt, a senior from Mitchell, participated in many sports in high school as well.

"I like to work out regularly and keep active. Occasionally I

like to play basketball or racquetball," he said.

Schmidt played softball during the summer and participates in UNK intramurals every year.

Cole True, a sophomore, was also a high school athlete.

"I work in landscaping, so my job keeps me active and in shape, but when I'm not working I like to ride my bike every now and then. I live close to the YMCA, so I like to go there to lift weights, too," True said.

Along with former high school athletes, there are also many former college athletes

that are still going to school at UNK. These students are also participating in many activities to stay in shape.

N i c k Pacifico, a former UNK

football player said, "Hockey is my favorite thing to do, but it is hard because it's expensive and it is hard to get ice time."

Pacifico is one of the members of the new Club Ice

Hockey and participates in intramural hockey, plays racquetball and lifts weights at the campus weight room.

Travis Martin, a former wrestler for UNK, also likes to keep active.

"I like to ride my bike as much as possible. I ride to and from class instead of driving, and I try to do something physical everyday," he said. "Sometimes I play basketball or lift weights."

Within the UNK campus many students are working to stay in shape and feel good. Just because a student doesn't wear the Loper logo doesn't mean sports aren't a large part of their life at UNK.

Volleyball 2-0 in RMAC

The Lopers are up 2-0 in conference play after beating the Metro State Roadrunners and the Colorado Christian Cougars at home.

On Friday the Ladies beat Metro State 30-23, 23-30, 30-17, and 30-25. The loss in the second set was only the second set lost at home in two years.

Saturday the Lopers handled Colorado Christian in three sets: 30-15, 30-10, 30-15.

Scores of Tuesday's game against Wayne State will be posted next week.

Saturday the Lopers travel to Denver, Colorado to play Regis, another RMAC team.

Cross Country hits ground running

2005 Schedule

Sept. 3: Loper Alumni Open – 9 a.m.
Sept. 10: at Dakota Wesleyan Invite, Mitchell, S.D. – 10 a.m.
Sept. 17: at Woody Greeno Invite, Lincoln – TBA
Sept. 24: at Dean White Invite, Crete – 2 p.m.
Oct. 1: TBA
Oct. 8: at Pre-Regional Invite, Hays, Kan. – TBA
Oct. 22: at RMAC Championships, Denver, Colo. – TBA
Nov. 5: at North Central Regionals, Hays, Kan. – 10 a.m.
Nov. 19: at NCAA Championships, Pomona, Calif. – TBA
Information courtesy of UNK Athletic Department.

Chris Parks
Staff Writer

The UNK cross country teams have hit the ground running to start the 2005 season, with both men's and women's teams placing high at their first invite.

The teams traveled to Mitchell, S.D. over the weekend to compete in the Dakota Wesleyan Invite. The men came away with a first-place finish while the women finished second.

Head coach Luke Mosey is happy with the way the season started.

"Before the race we didn't really talk to the kids about where we were going to place because that wasn't really our emphasis," Mosey said. "We stressed making sure everyone

ran a smart race. For some of these kids, it was their first longer race out of high school and I think they ran it really smart."

Sophomore Brock Steinbrink led the way for the men by finishing third overall at the meet with a time of 28:25.

Justin Zahller and Andrew Heller placed sixth and seventh respectively, to help the Lopers to a victory over Doane College and six other point scoring teams.

"Brock ran a very smart race. I can't say enough about how smart these kids are. Also, Andrew Heller had a really great meet, he stepped it up a lot," Mosey said.

On the women's side, Kearney native Jordan Pallas finished second overall and led the charge for the Lopers' second-place finish.

Mosey likes what Pallas brings to the team.

"We're very positive about what Jordan is going to be able to do for us this year. She's a great leader, a very smart kid and she's very coachable," he said.

Michelle Dill finished the race in fourth place overall for UNK and is showing strong improvement from last season, as did the rest of the team.

Injuries and illness have been somewhat of a problem

for the men's team early in the season, but the team is handling these problems and overcoming the adversity well.

"The young guys come to practice everyday and step it up. They realize that we have a couple of guys that are out that probably would be in that scoring position for us. They know their role and I don't have them do anything, they do it for us," Mosey said.

Both teams will travel to Lincoln this weekend to compete in the Woody Greeno Invite.

The starting gun will sound at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17. This meet will be a big test for both Loper cross country teams as over fifty teams are expected to compete.

"This meet is a big meet. The kids are young... we have to do what is right for them. We are going to develop a race strategy that puts them in the most positive scoring place they can get," Mosey said.

"We are focusing on (the athletes) getting the things done that (they) are asked to get done, and so far they are doing that and that is just going to set them up for more success in the end."

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Luke Mosey
Head cross country coach

A Day in the Life . . .

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Jennifer Atterbury is a diver from Haysville, Kan. During the "off-season," Atterbury trains by lifting weights twice a week and doing cardio exercise five times a week.

When her season starts she will continue to lift twice a week and exercise on the elliptical machine five times a week, but she will add to her diving to her routine six days a week.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Atterbury starts her day at 8:30 a.m. with a cardio workout before she attends classes. Tuesdays and Thursdays, she starts classes at

8 a.m., and works out later in the day.

For diving practice she spends 7 to 10 hours per day at the pool.

Atterbury said, "I am happy to have another diver this year."

Previously she was the only diver so she got more dives in a shorter amount of time.

Atterbury is majoring in psychology. This semester she is taking social work classes to finish her minor. She is also taking one criminal justice class. Her favorite class is any psychology class, but she



admits to enjoying them all.

For fun, Atterbury loves to read, go for walks and hang out with her friends.

Her favorites include the movie, "Wild Hearts Can't be Broken."

Her favorite sport is gymnastics.

"I was a gymnast before I was a diver," she said.

Jennifer Atterbury spends everyday preparing for the season. Hard work is a constant in the life of a member of the Swimming and Diving team at UNK.

2005-2006 Swimming and Diving Schedule

Sept. 30: UNK Alumni Open – 5 p.m.
Oct. 28: at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colo. – 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 29: at Colorado Quadrangular, Colorado Springs, Colo. – 11 a.m.

(Colorado Mines, Colorado College, Metro State and Air Force Academy)
Nov. 18: UNO – 5 p.m.
Dec. 2-3: at UNO Invite - All day
Dec. 10: Morningside and Metro State – 2 p.m.

Jan. 13-14: at Grinnell College Invite, Grinnell, Iowa – All day
Jan. 15: at UNO – 1:30 p.m.
Feb. 15-18: TBA
Home matches in bold.
Information courtesy of UNK Athletic Department.

2005-2006 Women's Golf Schedule

Sept. 18-20: at NSU Fall Classic, Muskogee, Okla. – Cobblestone Creek Golf Course
Sept. 25-27: at RMAC Championships, Alamosa, Colo. – Cattails Golf Course
Oct. 2-4: at Regis University. Invitational, Denver, Colo. – Fox Hollow Golf Course

Oct. 9-11: at Fort Hays State Invite, Hays, Kan. – Smoky Hill Country Club
Oct. 16-18: at Mesa State Invite, Grand Junction, Colo. – Tia Rado Golf Course
March 19-21: at TAMC Lady Lion Invite, Pottsboro, Texas – Tanglewood G.C.
April 2-4: at Buffalo

Women's Invite, Amarillo, Texas – Tascosa Country Club
April 9-11: at UNC Bears Invite, Windsor, Colo. – Pelican Lakes Golf Course
April 16-18: UNK Spring Invite, Kearney – Meadowlark Hills Golf Course
Information courtesy of UNK Athletic Department.

2005 Men's Golf Schedule

Sept. 19-20: Fall Head-to-Head, Gothenburg – Wild Horse Golf Course
Sept. 26-27: at RMAC Championships, Alamosa, Colo. – Cattails Golf Course

Sept. 30: Loper Cup – Kearney Country Club
Oct. 3-4: at MSU-Mankato Tournament, Mankato, Minn.
Oct. 7-8: at Air Force JV Invite, Colo. Springs, Colo. –

Academy Silver Golf Course
Home matches in bold.
Information courtesy of UNK Athletic Department.

Intramural sports set to begin new season of fun

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As a new academic year starts at UNK, intramural sports begin their year too. Intramural activities have been a successful way for students to stay in shape and enjoy themselves for years at UNK.

All sports, anywhere from basketball to poker, will be included into the program.

Shelly Urkoski, the intramural coordinator, said, "I see about the same amount of participation as last year in this year's program because there has not been a big change in enrollment

at the University."

This year there will be 46 activities in the program. The wide array of sport options is increasing by two this year with ultimate Frisbee and poker.

"With more activities, there will be a bigger opportunity for more students to join in," Urkoski said.

The one problem the intramural program does have is finding girls to join in the activities, Urkoski said. She said the problems exists in both team and individual sports.

One event the program has that is increasing in participation is broomball. This is played at

the event center and is similar to ice hockey, but does not require skates.

"This is a sport that any amateur can play and just have fun," Urkoski said.

John Corkle, the program's graduate assistant, said he's excited about the new sport.

"Each year brings a new group of kids that are excited about intramurals. Participation is never usually a problem," he said.

With new sports and a new class of possible participants the intramural sports program is ready for a new year of fun and games.

Nelly's pimpjuice

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Rap artist Nelly is making an effort to engage college students in academics and intramural sports.

Across the United States, Nelly, along with "It" Girl Public Relations, is conducting a contest in which college students who are participating in intramural sports have an opportunity to win custom-designed jerseys and various other prizes.

Nelly and the makers of his hip hop energy drink, "Pimp Juice," are trying to promote positive attitudes toward education. Recently, Nelly has also released another drink named "PJ Tight." This drink is similar to Pimp Juice but contains fewer calories and no sugar.

Students interested in the contest must enter a short essay, no longer than 500 words, explaining why they think their team is "pimped out." The essay may include a team photo.

If the team that receives the jerseys wins while wearing them, more prizes will be awarded. The winning team will receive two cases of Pimp Juice, an autographed can of the drink, signed by Nelly himself, and other Pimp Juice merchandise.

Sunny Ing, a practitioner for "It" Girl Public Relations, said,

"The company is looking for an essay that explains why a team has the 'it' factor or the 'cool' factor. There are no rules or right answers. The essay is just for the team to prove why they think they should win."

Leila Lovell, another practitioner with the Public Relations firm, said, "Maybe this contest can let people know that the drink is out there."

Nelly has also given away scholarships in accordance with the Pimp Juice Company. These scholarships are awarded to students who have great positive attitudes and show leadership skills in extracurricular activities within their campus.

With this idea in correlation with the drink, the word P.I.M.P. has become an acronym to stand for, Positive Intellectual Motivated Person.

To enter the contest, students must send an essay via e-mail to



Photo courtesy of "It" Girl Public Relations
The winning intramural sports team will receive two cases of Pimp Juice, among other prizes from rap artist Nelly.

William Wooten at woody@der-tyent.com with a carbon copy to Tatum Polk at tatum@der-tyent.com by Dec. 1.

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