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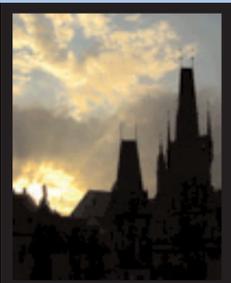
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Photo by Jim Langan

Matt Skiles, a manager at Hastings bookstore and a senior at UNK, contemplates which CD is a better buy.

Rap giants square off

Kanye and 50 cent compete for CD sales

Jim Langan
Antelope News Staff

Muhammad Ali versus Joe Frazier. Red Sox versus Yankees. Biggie versus Tupac. Now, Kanye West versus 50 Cent. These two are the best in their respective fields and rivals to boot.

On Sept. 11, 2007, both hip-hop heavyweights dropped albums. Along with it came a whirlwind of media coverage. The two appeared face-to-face on the cover of Rolling Stone, and in countless other media sources.

Much of the hysteria behind their showdown came from 50 Cent calling out Kanye in the weeks leading up to the release date. He was quoted saying he would retire if Kanye's album beat him in the first week of sales. West pushed up his record-release date two weeks to coincide with 50 Cent's. Needless to say, the stage was set.

According to the Billboard Top 100 website, Kanye West's album "Graduation" sold approximately 437,000 copies,

while 50 Cent's album "Curtis" was approximated at only 310,000 units.

Kearney, however, is an exception to the national trend. Matt Skiles, a UNK senior and manager at Hastings Books, Music and Video, told the Antelope that as of Wednesday, September 12, "Graduation" had only sold 17 copies compared with 22 of "Curtis." He thought Kanye would make a push towards the end of the week, eventually beating out 50 Cent for top dog.

Kamaru Usman, a sophomore, said, "Kanye will sell more. His album is more personal, in-depth."

Jared Muzzey, a sophomore at UNK, noted 50 Cent's 'street-cred' as a reason he was more of a fan. He said, "I believe 50 Cent will sell more because he's from the streets, son."

This is a major point of con-

tention for many fans of 50 Cent. 50 Cent, born Curtis Jackson, took the rap industry by storm in early 2003 with his first album "Get Rich or Die Tryin'," when he opened up to the media about being shot nine times.

Kanye West, on the other hand, grew up in suburban Chicago with both parents in the home. This is evident in the two rappers' styles.

50 Cent delivers a raw, from-the-streets brand of lyrics, while Kanye West is much more radio-friendly. The new albums do not stray from their very different, pre-established

styles. Kanye raps about dealing with fame, while 50 Cent's album is a dark, introspective set of tracks.

"I want the number one spot," Kanye told Rolling Stone's Joe Levy. "It's the era of

MySpace, where everyone's their own superstar," West said.

50 Cent, on the other hand, is striving to be accepted more as an artist than a arena-filler.

"At the same time, from a creative standpoint, do you make it totally for them [the MySpace generation], or do you give something that's a reflection of where you are as an artist?"

Levy, on his "New Music Tuesday" segment, available on Rollingstone.com, said, "Right now I like the Kanye record a little better, but when it gets dark and things get a little grim, or when I want to get charged up in the morning I'll probably like the 50 Cent record better. It's tougher, it's meaner, and it's certainly more interesting than anyone would have you believe."

No matter which camp you belong to, look for these two artists to be battling for years to come.

As far as 50 Cent's retirement goes, it is safe to say no matter how long his hiatus lasts, you can be sure he will not remain "retired" forever. Fame is an addictive thing: just ask Kanye West.

“ Kanye will sell more. His album is more personal, in-depth. ”

Kamaru Usman
UNK sophomore

Buddy system gets a facelift

New and improved way of staying safe

Ben Webb
Antelope News Staff

This year, UNK's Buddy System will be undergoing several changes. It will still run from Thursday through Saturday, but instead of the hours being from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m., it will be scaled back to 11 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The Buddy System has been run by student volunteers in the past but as of this year, the Buddy System is partnering with the Kearney Cab Company. UNK students can call for a ride from off campus to their residence hall by showing their UNK ID.

The Buddy System number

will be the same as the number for the Kearney Cab Company which is (308) 234-6725. It is still a "no questions asked" organization.

For those who are not familiar with the Buddy System, this is how it works. Students call the number and let the cab driver know their location. Once the cab arrives, the student will be required to present his UNK ID. The cab drivers need to see a student ID only in order to verify that the person is indeed a UNK student.

The cab drivers will only give rides to UNK students from off campus locations to the student's on-campus location.

In 1985, there was a UNK football game on the evening of

Parent's Day. A member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity had been drinking and his fraternity brothers did not want him to drive. They hid his car keys.

When he passed out, his fraternity brothers left for an evening barn party located outside of Kearney. The Phi Delta Theta brother found his fraternity brothers gone.

The student had found his keys and was trying to drive out to the party when he hit another fraternity brother and his date in a head-on collision. He was killed instantly and the Phi Delta Theta brother in the other car was crippled for life.

The Phi Dels approached Kearney State College, asking if

there was anything that could be done to prevent this from happening to other students.

In response to this request, KSC started the Buddy System in 1988. This program is supported by Anheuser Busch to promote responsible use of alcohol and provide a safe ride home.

The Buddy System is here to keep UNK students safe from making a potentially fatal decision.

If you have any questions, call Residential and Greek Life at 865-8519.

The information above was provided by Chris Hein and Joel Hochstein, assistant hall directors.

Uptown Arts Festival

This Saturday, Sept. 22, a rare event will be taking place. The Uptown Arts Festival will take over downtown Kearney. Local artists, musicians, filmmakers and poets will gather on the Bricks for an all day experience.

Put together by the Kearney Area Arts Guild, along with help from the staff of the Tumbleweed, the full slate of events will kick-off at 10 a.m. and will run all the way until midnight.

The event will feature UNK students and faculty, as well as other artists and musicians from the Midwest. "It will be all inclusive when it comes to the types of art on display," said Lucas Wright, a staff member of the Tumbleweed.

This festival is a project unique to Kearney that began three years ago with the vision of a local artist and gallery owner, Linda Shaw. Though no longer involved, the event has lived on with the vision of the Kearney Area Arts Guild, more notably, Kate Benzel and Mary Johanns.

The event will be quite eclectic with a wide range of music and art. Support the local art and music scene by coming out and enjoying the event.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MUSIC

- 11 a.m. Allison Hedge Coke & Students
- 11:30 Dr. Nabb Sax Quartet
- Noon Michael Woolworth
- 12:30 Evan & Grant
- 1:00 Carillon Readers & Barbara Emrys
- 1:30 Dustin Stover
- 2:00 Austin Howard
- 2:30 Tornado Dale
- 3:00 Charles Fort
- 3:30 Gene Fendt
- 4:00 Paul
- 4:30 Caleb
- 6:00 Me, You and Paul
- 6:30 OK Sisters
- 7:00 Hacks
- 7:30 Butcher's Son
- 8:00 Earth Factory
- 8:30 Beefalo
- 9:00 Lyndale
- 9:30 Bliss O'C
- 10:00 Coyote Bones
- 10:30 Bob Roberts
- 11:00 Bombs Burst
- 11:30 DJ Kame

ARTISTS & LOCATIONS

- Delora Hall: Refind
- Jeni Homan & Art Pierce: Elements
- Ben Allen: Platte Valley Brewery
- Ruth Ann Bellman: Antiques & Castaways
- Katrina Florell: Pampered & Polished
- Nadine & Phil Fahrlander: Attic on the Bricks
- Deonne Hinz: Kearney Cycling
- Sue Henkins: ABC Drug Co.
- Susan Hart: Yandas
- Dustin Stover: Thunderhead Brewery
- Joanna Sheen: Solid
- RockBarbara Spanger: Pallas Music

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FRIDAY
Partly Cloudy
High 80
Low 58



SATURDAY
Sunny
High 78
Low 60



SUNDAY
Showers
High 72
Low 58



MONA presents Third Thursday series

MONA will begin its "Third Thursday" series next Thursday at 7 p.m. The series will feature a sampler of artists and performers from the Kearney area.

Featured events for Thursday, Sept. 27 include:

- Brett Howsden performing musical selections
- 'Picture This': Jack Karraker, retired UNK art professor and Emeritus MONA Board Member gives a bit of history behind the art collection.
- Gayle Smallcomb, UNK forensics student, presenting a selection from "California."
- Charles Peek performing the poetry of Carl Sandburg featuring Emcee Doug Holmes.

There will be a brief social time with light refreshments. MONA's Museum Shop is open for audience members. Visitors may enjoy viewing current MONA exhibitions as well.

The event will run from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

College Cost Reduction Act gives many opportunities

Congress has approved the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 helping to make the dream of higher education a reality for most low- and middle-income students.

The legislation, which has yet to be signed by President Bush, would implement several student loan program reforms designed to eliminate waste and mismanagement and also:

- * Increase the Pell Grant program by \$12 billion;
- * Cut interest rates on subsidized student loans in half;
- * Create new TEACH grants to provide financial support for those entering the teaching profession; and
- * Create an Asian American and Pacific Islander Higher Education Serving Institution designation.

The following statement can be attributed to Reg Weaver, president of the National Education Association, and Anthony Daniels, chair of the NEA Student Program:

"This legislation is so important for the teaching profession," said Weaver.

"We are losing talented college and university students who want to teach and would make wonderful educators but can't afford to enter the classroom because of staggering student loan debt and low pay. Our students and public schools can't afford to lose those who would make good teachers. I urge President Bush to sign this legislation into law and help us ensure all children have great public schools."

"I am living proof that this legislation is needed," said Daniels. "After completing my undergraduate education, I owed more in student loans than I was scheduled to make as a starting teacher. Unfortunately, my situation is not unique but, in fact, is becoming the norm. We need this legislation, and I urge President Bush to sign it into law."



Photo of the Week

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Photo by Garrett Ritonya

Andy Bednar, a three-year starter for the UNK Men's golf team and an RMAC preseason All-Conference selection.

Knodel makes a difference through volunteering

Debbie Epping
Guest Writer



Photo by Debbie Epping
Maddie Knodel, a business administration major with a big heart, is making her mark by mentoring.

Maddie Knodel is a small-town girl with a big heart.

A native of a town of only 1,500 people, Knodel transferred to UNK after completing a year at Sterling College, a small school in the heart of Kan.

"St. Francis, Kan. was too small and sheltered for me," Knodel said.

Although Knodel is currently majoring in business administration with success, she plans to switch to a major in social work to better fulfill her true passion—helping people.

Knodel first realized she wanted to pursue a career in which she could make a difference in people's lives after visiting her sister in Des Moines, Iowa, where she had a chance to volunteer at a homeless shelter. She not only cared for the

people physically by nourishing their bodies with a hot meal and helping provide a place to sleep, but perhaps more importantly, she had a chance to see these people for who they really were.

"What people think of them is so different than what the case usually is," Knodel said.

In addition to her time at the shelter, Knodel volunteered in what became a makeshift shelter during a blizzard in her hometown in Kansas. After the roads were blocked due to the weather, Knodel's high school was turned into a safe spot where she helped bring provisions such as blankets and games to

approximately 500 stranded people. "I enjoyed playing with the kids

her desire to be a good role model for others in need involved her time at AWANAS, a church-sponsored youth group.

Knodel said a leader known as Ms. Betty made a lasting impression on her. Through her work with AWANA, Knodel was able to work with an underprivileged little girl named Stephanie.

Knodel said it was clear from her timid demeanor that Stephanie didn't have anyone at home that cared enough about her to encourage or reassure her.

"I was inspired by my ability to make a difference in her life," Knodel said.

Knodel saw a vast change as Stephanie came out of her shell and displayed her talents and abilities. "I hated knowing she had to go back to being in the shadows with a family who would never know the girl that she could be," Knodel said.

UNK offers several programs that allow students to follow in Knodel's footsteps. Take the initiative and enjoy the reward of helping others.

"I enjoyed ... helping people remain calm during their time of need."

Maddie Knodel
UNK Student

and helping people remain calm during their time of need," Knodel said.

A third life-changing experience for Knodel that helped her realize

New grants for UNMC

Robb Crouch
Dorothy Endacott

The University of Nebraska Medical Center has received two grants totaling \$255,445 from the University of Nebraska Foundation to acquire and upgrade research equipment. The annual grants are made available from unrestricted donations to the foundation.

"These grants help enhance the infrastructure required to support nationally competitive research programs," said Paula Turpen, Ph.D., UNMC director of research resources.

"This funding helps to increase our prominence as a health sciences center and allows the university to further advance the frontiers of science and technology," Turpen said.

Over the past 10 years, funding for research has increased at the UNMC campus, from about \$27 million in 1997 to \$80 million last year—a span of 10 years.

"The NU Foundation awards are especially important during periods when the budget of the National Institutes of Health is static or declining, such as we are now experiencing," Dr. Turpen said.

"We are proud of our accomplishment in attracting research funding, but since research growth is dependent on providing investigators access to quality equipment in the medical center's research core facilities, these awards become even more valuable."

- Automated Tissue Microarray System (\$200,000): Prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed malignancy in North American men, the second leading cause of cancer death in men, and a major health issue in the western world.

A tissue microarray, currently not available at UNMC, will be used to study the connection between inflammation and prostate cancer. A strong connection between local inflammation and cancer risk has been shown for other types of cancer, but there is little information with respect to this specific malignancy.

- Ultramicrotome (\$55,445): Extremely thin slices of tissue are needed before they can be evaluated using a high-power electron microscope, a tool that magnifies images up to 60,000 times by passing an electron beam through a very thin slice of tissue. These thin slices can only be made with a tool called a microtome, which uses diamond knives to cut precisely.

A new ultramicrotome will replace a 20-year-old device in the Core Electron Microscopy Facility, which currently supports 15 investigators who receive annual funding of \$11.8 million and conduct research programs in cancer, diabetes, nanomedicine, respiratory disease, genetics, neuroscience, infectious diseases and bioterrorism.

The University of Nebraska Foundation's grants committee awarded eight grants, including the UNMC grants, across the university totaling \$1.16 million for 2007-2008.

Collegiate Veterans Organization Meetings!

We are a new campus organization dedicated to the support of returning military and their families.



These meetings are free and open to anyone who is interested. Veterans, family, friends, faculty and staff are all encouraged to attend!

Our next meetings are scheduled for Thurs Sept 20th at 6pm and Thurs Oct 4th at 6pm in the Oak Room of the Nebraskan Student Union

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UNK Democrats busy with nearing elections

Josh Moody
Antelope Staff Writer

Voting for the Democratic Party in a traditionally red state can be a lonely experience. Nebraska, primarily represented by Republicans and historically committed to conservative values, isn't known for its number of registered Democrats.

This begs the question: Where could a liberal Loper find like-minded individuals in the state of Nebraska? Look no further than the UNK Democrats.

The UNK Democrats is a student organization involved in politics on a local, state and national level. The group serves political interests of the students involved as well as offering the opportunity to network with other individuals who are drawn to the field of politics. The group meets bi-weekly and is spearheaded by 21-year-old Elizabeth Weaver, a Political Science major from Maywood, Neb.

Weaver is the president of the UNK Democrats, and said that she is responsible for guiding the group, conducting meetings and ensuring that the organization takes an active role on campus and in the community. Weaver is also involved with The Nebraska Young Democrats (NYD), a chartered chapter of the Young Democrats of America. The group consists of college chapters at UNO, UNL, UNK and Hastings College. There are also high school chapters in the state, most of them in Omaha and Lincoln. The main purpose of the group is to recruit young Democrats and organize events that bring all state chapters together.

Weaver serves as the National Committeewoman for the NYD. Her responsibilities in this post include raising money and being a voting delegate of the Young Democrats of America National Committee. She is also strongly

involved in organizing statewide events and recruiting young voters from Nebraska's third district.

Weaver and the UNK Democrats have several ambitious projects on tap for the year. The closest is a trip to Indianola, Iowa and the Harkin Steak Fry. Attending the Harkin Steak Fry will give students a chance to meet Presidential candidates Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, John Edwards, Bill Richardson, Joseph Biden and Chris Dodd.

"Basically, you can pay \$35 to go to Iowa, eat steak, and meet every Democratic Presidential candidate. It should be a good time!" Weaver said.

Other projects include a booth at the Student Organization Fair and the annual Young Democrats of America Conference in Nov. Weaver also said she plans to host a voter registration drive later this year.

The fall semester holds a lot for the UNK Democrats, who are looking to expand membership and campus activities. Students interested in joining the organization can start by attending a meeting. Meetings are held in the Cedar Room of the Student Union on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month, and begin at 8:30 p.m.

When asked the benefits of belonging to the UNK Democrats, Weaver said that it was a great opportunity to have a group of friends who share the same interests.

The group also offers student a chance to become more politically involved with the Democratic Party in the community, the state and the nation.

"Being part of the group is a good way to network with other political individuals, who can be very beneficial contacts in the future. Plus, it is a fun group to be a part of!" Weaver said.



"Feel-good" policies in motion.

Adelman gets served Chartwells breakfast experience 'sub-par'

Mike Adelman
Editorial Columnist/Cartoonist

Chartwells' breakfast: formerly the final stronghold against mediocrity and blandness. Though it was once hailed as the superior meal of the day, the Chartwells breakfast program seems to have been dragged down into the depths of the sub-par by its disgruntled "lunch and supper" brethren.

I live off campus and still wish to enjoy the breakfast on campus once in awhile (well, I used to). Today I walked into Chartwells and paid \$5.08 for breakfast and was sorely disappointed with what I found (or more precisely, did not find).

Let us backtrack for a moment. It is necessary for the reader to understand that my favorite breakfast items are as follows: eggs and hash browns covered with melted cheese and some gravy on top (with a roll on the side), two bowls of cereal, two glasses of milk, one glass of Mountain Dew, and a glass of water (also, a glass of orange juice assuming there is no "toothpaste taste" leftover from my morning beautifying session). This is truly a hearty breakfast designed to power an intense video game player through an entire day of adventuring.

At 9:40 a.m., I entered the Commons and was shocked to find that the hash browns were all gone, and that the gravy had "run out" earlier. The cook explained that it was "almost lunch time and the breakfast items are being pulled off the counter to make room." So instead

of the hearty breakfast that I mentioned previously, I ate the following: cold eggs, room-temperature French toast, sausage links (not patties) that had grown an extra layer of grease, a breakfast roll that was anything but soft, and a bowl of generic brand Rice Krispies (because

"They have been given several chances to prove themselves."

Mike Adelman
Editorial Columnist/Cartoonist

Chartwells no longer has Cheerios, for some reason).

I am upset. The Chartwells schedule says that breakfast runs from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. I did not see an addendum on the sign that read, "GOOD breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and CRUMMY leftovers from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m." At least a sign like that would have saved me from raising my hopes too high. I understand that there must be time allotted to prepare the lunch and to remove the breakfast items, but the cooks could have at least offered to make me a single serving of what I wanted that day. Chartwells used to offer custom-made omelets. This

would not have required a monumental effort, as the Commons were not exactly bustling with activity towards the end of breakfast. Instead I paid \$5.08 to eat something that I could have found in my refrigerator.

I am an old fogey as far as students go, and I recall the annual open forum I attended a few years ago where students were allowed to voice their concerns about the meal program. The general consensus was that the meals were not warm enough at times, the service hours didn't fit students' needs, the "week-end" meals were carelessly made, and the "improved appearance" of the Commons was merely glazing over a myriad of other problems. Regarding those aesthetics, I quoted "improved" because I see no reason for the décor to portray sports that do not even exist at UNK. Lacrosse? Judo? Please.

It seems that the vast majority of problems that were "addressed" are now resurfacing. It is the opinion of this "eating expert" (as you can plainly see) that the campus should seriously consider other options the next time Chartwells' contract comes up for renewal. They have been given several chances to prove themselves, and though they think their contract is safe because the new students are unaware of the past, a few of us old folks remain, and see history repeating itself.

Someone once said, "All things tend toward entropy and chaos." Unfortunately this author (whose name escapes me) was right in this particular case.

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SPORTS

Breaking the Culture Barrier

KOJI KUWAHARA
Sports Columnist

Playing a sport is one of the best ways to build good relationships between people of different cultures for one simple reason: borders don't exist on the playing field. People are different in social situations, but sports have the same rules and use the same equipment all over the world.

Juan Carlos Guzman, assistant director of the office of multicultural affairs, said, "Soccer is the most popular sport in Mexico because soccer is really cheap. Players only need a soccer ball to play."

Guzman said, "We played soccer on the street because we had no other place to play."

Sometimes money is the most important factor that determines which sports are popular in each country.

Guzman said, "The difference between sports in America and in Mexico is the cultural aspect, and America is more competitive than Mexico."

Guzman has seen all generations of American people compete against their rivals. American athletes try to be champions on every level of their career.

Guzman said, "In Mexico, we also play to win, but generally we play sports more recreationally. We play sports to exercise or we play with our family and friends for fun. If we join sports clubs or enter a tournament, it is a friendly

game, not competitive."

Guzman noted that Americans are taught to be more competitive. This cultural difference is related not only to sports, but also to American society as a whole. Americans compete in every situation from business to sport.

Takaaki Inaba, secretary of Japanese Association at Kearney said, "The biggest difference between America and Japan is sports are a form of entertainment. In Japan, baseball is the most popular sport. No other sport has more influence than baseball."

Inaba said, "Americans take for granted the amount of places to play. In Japan, they don't have enough spaces for kids to play the way kids do in the United States. America is blessed with room in the environment for sports."

There is a big difference in sports marketing too. Americans have professional and collegiate athletic teams, plus different levels of amateur and competitive sports. There are sport marketers employed to promote each team.

Sports reflect the different attitudes, ideas, values and goals of a culture. Friendly competition breaks down borders. While the world struggles with differences between people, sports are a way for humans to relate to each other all over the world.

Lopers get an Ace

Kent Shultz named new tennis coach

Mike J. Vamosi
Antelope Staff Writer

Most of the faces remain the same from last year as the Lopers enter into a new tennis season. But, the biggest change for the 2007-08 season is that UNK has added a tennis 'lifer' as head coach.

Meet Kent Shultz, a self-proclaimed tennis 'lifer' who has spent the last 32 years working with kids. Shultz was a tennis pro for 25 years before spending the last seven years with the USTA Missouri Valley Section in addition to teaching tennis lessons between five to ten hours a week.

Shultz was hired at the beginning of August, but has really hit the ground running in a short amount of time. Shultz chose to accept the position so close to the start of the school year, because he "always wanted to coach at the college level."

He also said he decided to come to UNK because of his relationship with the Nebraska Tennis

Association and also the opportunity that UNK itself presented.

Starting with the fall season for UNK, Shultz said that he was excited about trips to Marysville, Mo. for the women and the men going to Topeka, Kan. among the other tournaments that make up the fall schedule.

Shultz said both squads will be very strong this coming season with all the returning talent.

Will he keep UNK at the same level as the last couple of seasons? Shultz said UNK is in good shape based on the additions to both teams.

On the men's side, the Lopers will be replacing one senior. Shultz said UNK adds two strong players to the roster this year, Carlos Espinosa from Bogotá, Columbia and Stefan Voight from Red Wing, Minn.

The women are adding two solid players to a pretty experienced veteran's roster. Joining the team this year are Sophomore Katie-Mary Outhwaite from Konjopu, Western Australia and Marcelle

Strydrom, who finished No. 2 in the state tennis tournament from

William Jacome is ranked No. 2 in the region. On the women's side

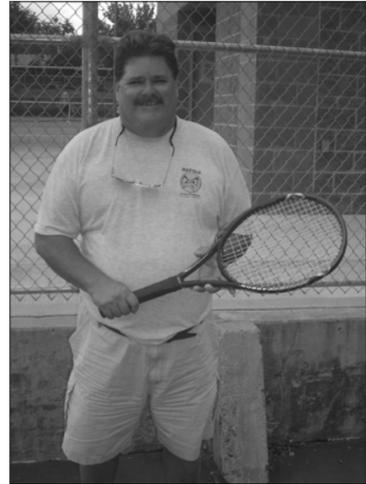
Shultz said they have a tough eight players, which is an improvement from last year, when he said they had maybe six or seven.

Shultz said the team will be stronger regardless of who they compete against due to both teams being more prepared.

Sizing up the RMAC this year, Shultz said UNK should be strong as far as competition, but thinks his teams will do fine.

With all the good things to say about his team, can they be a national contender? Shultz said maybe a regional this year, but probably a few years away from being a national contender.

With great talent, both new and returning, Shultz said he has very high expectations for the men's and women's teams this spring.



Kent Shultz
Photo courtesy of Callie Erickson

Holdrege, Neb.

On the men's team, Shultz said, they are loaded 1-10 but senior

Viaero presents Storm

The Tri-City Storm of the United States Hockey League announced last week that Viaero Wireless has agreed to be the season-long presenting sponsor of the hockey team. The agreement marks the first time that a USHL organization will have a "presenting sponsor."

"We are very pleased to have Viaero Wireless as a presenting sponsor of the hockey team," Greg Shea, the Storm's vice president of operations, said. "Adding Viaero to the mix of sponsorship partners, many of which have been with the team for seven years, provides monetary and promotional support necessary to operate at a high level. Viaero's dedication to event marketing will be a noticeable addition to our fan base."

According to team officials the terms of the partnership agreement total roughly one million dollars over the course of a five-year contract and includes numerous aspects both inside and out of the FirstTier Event Center.

The agreement includes a number of marketing components. Viaero Wireless will be featured on all Storm advertising and printed materials. In addition to prominent

in-arena advertising and promotional activities, numerous storm players will be featured in Viaero Wireless' ad campaigns throughout the year. Viaero will also be the presenting sponsor for the Storm's opening night on Oct. 12 when the company will distribute Stormy

want to be on the cutting edge, be the leader," Viaero Wireless owner Frank DiRico said. "As the presenting sponsor of the Tri-City Storm this will allow us to additionally help the Storm through our sales, marketing and advertising relationships."



Frank DiRico and Michelle Stencil of Viaero Wireless are present a jersey from Storm Vice President of Operations, Greg Shea.

Photo courtesy of Scott Trautman, Storm Director of Marketing and Media Relations

bobble heads to the first 2,000 Storm fans through the doors.

"Presenting sponsorships will be a new trend in sports and, as with all aspects of our business, we

The multi-level marketing agreement will extend the Storm brand presence in Viaero retail locations throughout the state. Additionally, Viaero will have a

satellite retail location at the FirstTier Event Center, with operating hours extended beyond Storm games and other entertainment events.

"The opportunity to further brand two companies through one partnership is the ultimate achievement in sports marketing," Shea said. "The Storm wants to sell more tickets and Viaero wants to further brand their products and services and this unique approach is a huge step for both entities."

Viaero Wireless has its home office in Fort Morgan, Colo. and connects Nebraska nationwide with superior wireless, data and internet service. Viaero Wireless has a commitment to building and owning more towers in Nebraska than any other company. It currently connects Nebraska to 93,000 towers nationwide.

"The best part of the relationship is that we can help and become an integral part of the Nebraska way of life. It is great to be associated with a winning organization and the Storm's enthusiastic fans here in Nebraska," DiRico said. "Viaero is honored to have this very unique role in sports and Nebraska."

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Volleyball splits

Kayla R. Laird
Antelope Staff Writer

The UNK Loper volleyball team split games this weekend, losing Friday night to Colorado-Colorado Springs but bounced back to beat Regis on Saturday. The Lopers, now 11-3 and 3-1 in the RMAC, struggled Friday against the Colorado Springs Mountain Lions, losing in three straight sets, 26-30, 21-30, 23-30. UNK hit only .017 as five Lopers hit negative en route to UCCS' first win over UNK in 17 attempts. The blue and gold came up short at the net, collecting only four team blocks and committing 11 service errors.

"We didn't really come out focused and ready to compete, so they took advantage of that," said Nikki Scott, sophomore middle hitter. Scott continued her dominant performance, slamming 13 kills on 23 swings and hitting a team-high .435. The Broken Bow native's outstanding performances were recognized as she was recently named the RMAC East Division Player of the Week for September 10. "It's a great honor for me, but I look at it as not being able to do it without my team," said Scott. "Everyone's been playing well in order for me to be honored like that."

Sophomore libero Kelli Wemhoff

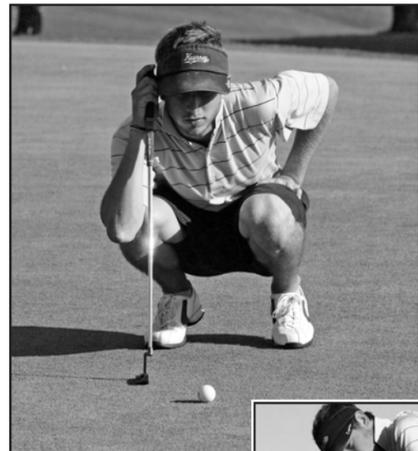
had a match-high 17 digs for the Lopers.

UNK came out ready to play Saturday night in Denver as they took on Regis University. The Lopers won 3-1 sets with scores of 20-30, 30-16, 30-25, 30-23, as they beat Regis for the 18th straight time. "We tried a new lineup so once we got the hang of that, we started playing together and playing the volleyball we know we can," said Scott.

The blue and gold squad had a season-high 14 team blocks and 12 service aces as they held Regis to a .088 hitting effort on the night. Jeri Walkowiak, freshman hitter from Grand Island, was credited with 11 of those blocks while Emily Christen, sophomore from Anselmo, stuffed six in her first start of the season.

Walkowiak and Erica Burson, sophomore outside hitter from Gretna, each turned in a double-double performance. Walkowiak had 11 kills and 11 blocks while Burson had a team-high of 15 kills and 10 digs. Christen turned in a solid effort with eight kills, six blocks, and three service aces. Scott chipped in nine kills and three blocks while Wemhoff had a team-high 11 digs and six service aces.

The Lopers travel to Chadron Tuesday and will be back home Saturday to host Colorado School of Mines. Serve's up at 7 p.m. at the Health and Sports Center.



Photos by Garrett Ritonya

Andy Bednar lines up his putt on No. 18 at Kearney Country Club, a 340-yard par 4. Bednar is one of the few returning golfers from last year's team that captured a birth in the Super Regionals.

Bednar, a junior from Sioux Falls, SD, sinks a putt from close range on No. 18 at Kearney Country Club. Bednar was an RMAC All-Conference Preseason selection, the only golfer from the Lopers to receive this honor.



Loper Athletics

for this week...

Women's Volleyball	Colorado Mines	Kearney	7 P.M.
9.22	Colorado Mines	Kearney	7 P.M.
9.25	UNO	Kearney	7 P.M.
Men's Golf			
9.23-25	RMAC Cross Over #2	Mankato, MN	
Women's Tennis			
9.21-23	ITA Women's Regional	Maryville, MO	All day

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UNK tramples Skyhawks

Second shutout in Loper history

Callie L. Erickson
Antelope Staff Writer

The Lopers had no problem proving they owned the turf when they shut out Fort Lewis on Saturday.

This year marked the end of Fort Lewis' three year winning streak over the Lopers. Revenge was long past due. Fort Lewis returned to Colorado with nothing to show except bruises, worn out bodies, and the look of defeat.

The Lopers dominated their opening RMAC conference football game as defeating the Skyhawks 61-0.

UNK was ranked No. 2 in the pre-season picks and improved their record to 2-1, while Fort Lewis, who was ranked number three, dropped to 0-2.

"It was basically us and them [Skyhawks] neck and neck in the pre-season rankings," said red-shirt freshman running back Brendan Liess. "This game definitely gave us a lot of confidence for our upcoming RMAC games, as well as determination to compete at our best ability."

From start to finish, this game was in the hands of the Lopers. After Fort Lewis fumbled the opening kickoff, junior defensive end Nate Reicks came through and tackled the Skyhawks running back, granting the Lopers a safety.

After a great rushing game against Wayne State the week before with 275 yards, the Lopers improved to carrying the ball 51 times for 360 yards and five scores. This total was marked down as

the sixth highest in school history and the most since the Lopers attempted for a 599 yard school-record against Chadron State.

Scoring on five of their six possessions in the first half, the Lopers were up 33-0 at halftime. Starting running back Jake Richards carried the ball 21 times for 147 yards and added two scores. These numbers pushed Richards over the one hundred mark for the fourth time in his college career.

Liess made quite a statement during the game after a red-shirt season last year. As backup running back, he rushed eight times for 70 yards and one score. Adding to his stats, Liess had four catches for 75 yards and another touchdown from 44 yards out, which came from a short pass from junior quarterback, Justin Arellano.

"It felt good getting into the end zone. I became more confident with myself and how I was playing," Liess said.

Senior Tyler McNitt and junior Eric Myrick both contributed to UNK's score by catching touchdowns early in the game. Starting quarterback Dennis Havrilla also added 66 yards on eight carries.

In the fourth quarter, moving over from receiver and picking up 66 yards on ten carries was fifth year senior, Tony Wilson. Scoring after a 37-yard run down the right sideline, Wilson received his first touchdown as a Loper.

"Offensively our two-back [play] worked the best for us. That is when we have two running backs in the back of the field. We controlled the line of scrimmage very well also," Liess said.

The Loper defense heated up the field as well. UNK starters played only about two and a half quarters before coaches put in some new players. Red-shirt freshman Chris Rotering saw some playing time and added eight tackles, five being on kick coverage while junior backup end Chad Rodriguez totaled seven stops.

"Our defense kept pressure on their [Fort Lewis] quarterback and didn't allow him any drives," Liess said.

This was UNK's second shutout since 2003, and biggest point margin of victory since the Lopers beat Fort Lewis 79-13 in 1999. Also, the 61 points scored was the most since UNK grabbed 61 on Adams State in 2005.

"This was a great game. It was a big win and confidence booster for the team. Fans were involved and cheering a lot and it's been a while since they've really

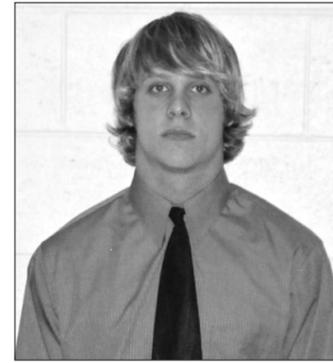
gotten into a game. The coaches said this was the most excited and active the team has been and it was good to see that from us," Liess said.

Overall the Lopers stay pretty close on and off the field. Often times on Wednesday nights you can find the team at Spaghetti Shop together loading up on carbohydrates for their next contest. As for Liess, preparing himself for a game includes eating his favorite dinner: steak, corn, mashed potatoes and gravy, then laying low and watching the movie "300" yet again!

The Lopers are off this weekend but are still putting in their time and hard work at practice to capture another RMAC victory when they face Mesa State Sept. 29 in Grand Junction, Colo.

"This game definitely gave us a lot of confidence for our upcoming RMAC games ..."

Brendan Liess
Running back



Brendan Liess
Photo courtesy of Peter Yazvuc



College Football Week of Upsets

ERIC M. KORTH
Sports Editor

Last Saturday lived up to its hype, and at the same time threw college football fans everywhere a curveball with the upset of Utah over UCLA.

I won't waste my time talking about past news. Instead I'd like to look over this week's match-ups and predict its biggest possible upsets.

CALL UP YOUR BOOKIE

•IOWA OVER NO. 9 WISCONSIN

After an embarrassing loss to Iowa State last week, look for the Hawkeyes to prove to their half of the "Tall Corn State" that there is still hope for their season. With quarterback Jake Christensen still lacking up the shoes that Drew Tate filled for three years, the Hawkeyes will rely on running backs Albert Young and Damian Sims to lead the offensive attack. Keep an eye on No. 81, tight end Tony Moeaki, who averages 12 yards per catch and has three TD grabs thus far. Either the Hawkeyes will show up ready, or be de-feathered for a second week in a row.

MAYBE, JUST MAYBE

•NORTHWESTERN OVER NO. 8 OHIO STATE

Okay, I may be stretching on this one a little bit, but I'm not counting it out. Sure, the Wildcats helped snap Duke's 22-game losing streak by struggling against the Blue Devils in the first game of the season. Since then, Northwestern has bounced back with wins over Northeastern and Nevada. People seem to forget that Northwestern still suits up one-time Big Ten freshman of the year, Tyrell Sutton. Sutton, a junior running back, has had a slow start but always has the potential to make big plays. With Northwestern coming into the Horseshoe to play Ohio State, look for the Wildcats to be relying on leadership from Sutton.

NOT GONNA HAPPEN, BUT WHAT IF

•MISSISSIPPI OVER NO. 3 FLORIDA

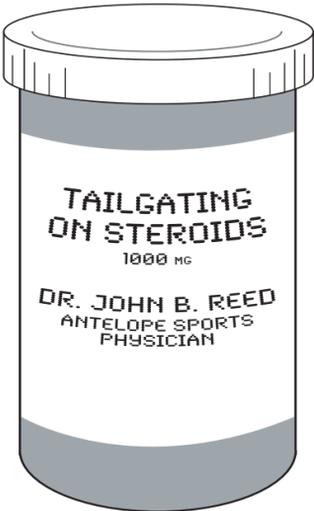
Down in Oxford, fans everywhere are converting to become Methodist, Baptist or any other religion ending in -ist, just so their Ole Miss Rebels have a chance to escape this weekend without becoming Gator-bait. Can Ole Miss pull it off? Sure, if something happens to Florida during their 611 mile trip to the game.

•••KORTH'S HEISMAN WATCH•••

RB Steve Slaton – West Virginia. After a 137 yards and three touchdowns against Maryland on Saturday, Slaton moves back into the Heisman spotlight. Slaton is second overall in touchdowns, but is tied with Michigan's Michael Hart, Texas' Jamaal Charles and a few others for running backs with the most 100+ yard games (3).

QB Colt Brennan – Hawaii. 298 yards and two touchdowns would be an outstanding game for most quarterbacks in the NCAA. Brennan put up these numbers last week against UNLV in what was a "below average" game for the Hawaii quarterback. Look for Brennan's numbers to be back up against the Charleston Southern Buccaneers next week.

If you have any sports ideas you would like to see covered in the Antelope, feel free to e-mail me at korthem@unk.edu



graphic by Ashley Stuhr and Eric Korth

If college football tailgating was like a Major League Baseball player, then the Nebraska vs. USC game was the Barry Bonds of tailgating. Husker chants filled the air along with the familiar smell of the grill. Of course, Husker fans were more than willing to share their their hamburgers with fellow fans.

The sea of red overflowed from Memorial Stadium

and was visible as far as the eye could see. Live bands contributed their talents to the atmosphere. Husker fans were star-



Photo by Mark J. Hayden
More than 18,000 fans were in attendance for Saturday's College Gameday on ESPN.

struck, not by Will Ferrell, but by the magnitude of tailgating. Jeff Gladding, a Creighton Medical student from Reno,

Nev. said, "I went to the Nebraska vs. USC game last year in Calif. and it was no comparison to this."

The magnitude of the tailgating was enough to amaze USC fans. "I can't believe that people actually tailgate nine hours before the game," Mike Reed, former USC football player (1984-1987), said.

The loss to USC was not enough to hinder the spirits of the tailgaters. Husker fans were left with tailgating memories that will last until another number one team comes to town, or possibly Saturday's game against Ball State.

Fantasy Football Frenzy

Derek E. Wurl
Antelope Staff Writer

The NFL football season has started once again, which means lazy Sundays, late Mondays and fantasy football. That's right, fantasy football. For those new to fantasy football, it's when people get together and create leagues with friends and the goal is to assemble the best team possible to win their respective league. Sometimes they play for money, and other times they play solely for bragging rights.

Fantasy football has grown increasingly popular over the past few years. Two of the more popular fantasy football web sites are ESPN and Yahoo, but just search fantasy football on Google and you get what seems like an "infinite" list of results.

One reason fantasy football has grown tremendously is because people love the competitiveness.

"I like trash-talking to my friends and it also makes it more competitive. Everybody wants bragging rights," Ryan Vanous said.

Vanous, a junior at UNK said when people lost in his league they still talk trash.

Fellow junior Eric Richter said, "Fantasy football makes watching the games more interesting. It is a good way to compete with friends."

Certain die-hard fans take fantasy football to an extreme level of seriousness. Their leagues are often set up over a month before the NFL season even starts and people study the pre-draft rankings like they will be tested over it.

"I'd like to think that I don't take it too seriously, but there is something about me that won't let me take it lightly," Vanous said.

Obviously, you want to assemble the best team with the best players but in real life that won't happen because of salary caps and several other NFL rules.

"The top running backs this year are LaDainian Tomlinson and Steven Jackson and the top quarterbacks are Peyton Manning and Carson Palmer. Just imagine if a team had these athletes: they wouldn't lose. That is what makes this fun," Richter said.

"It is also fun to find a 'sleeper' that no one knows about and draft them and then watch them produce for your team." Richter said. Richter, a young fantasy veteran, has been in more than 15 Fantasy Football leagues in the last six years.

When it comes to fantasy football, you don't need a favorite team to cheer for on Sundays. It is fun to cheer on all of the players on your team. Plus, watching all the NFL games gives college students something to do on Sundays besides homework.

Sports Picks

This Week's Top Games

24 Nebraska vs. Ball State

10 Penn State at Michigan

16 Alabama vs. **22** Georgia

21 Kentucky at Arkansas

20 Texas A&M at Miami

2 LSU vs. **12** South Carolina

Game of the Week

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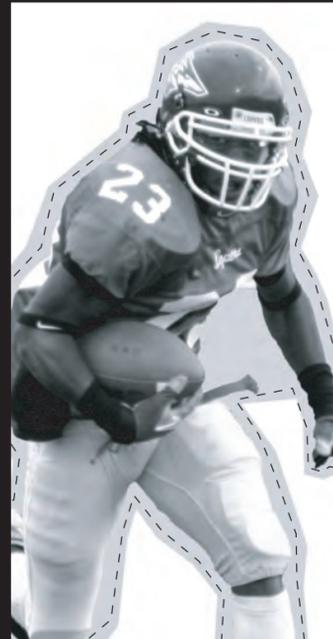
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Living, studying abroad provided growth

Senior Tyler Anderson relives experiences in Czech Republic and central Europe

Jared Hoff
Antelope Staff Writer

Tyler Anderson remembers hearing about an opportunity to study abroad his freshmen year at UNK, and that interest stuck with him until his junior year. In the summer of 2006, Anderson made it happen by signing up to study and live in the Czech Republic. He also toured Italy, Austria, Hungary, Slovakia, Poland and Germany.

"I was looking for an adventure. I had the opportunity to go to Europe, and I took it. It re-inspired me to continue my education over here as well," he said.

Anderson, an English major from Wayne, Neb., said he went on the trip with about twenty other people, mostly from UNK and Wayne State.

Prague, the capital city in the Czech Republic, stood out for Anderson. "That was my favorite city because of all the different architecture and people," he said. "It also was great because it is affordable for college students."

Prague is a major tourist desti-

guage while in Europe. "We studied language everyday, because Czech is the most popular language there. I was surprised by how quickly you can learn a language. We also learned about the history of central Europe and the old Soviet regime. It was very valuable to have the hands-on experience in the process," Anderson said.

How did people of the Czech Republic feel about Anderson and his fellow Americans? Anderson said that, "many of them had withholding viewpoints on the American government."

"They took us at face-value though, and I really enjoyed the Czech students there. I heard a lot of 'we don't like America, but we like Americans' from them. They think of us as very fun-loving people. I had five Czech roommates, so it was nice to be able to get close to people who had very different backgrounds."

Anderson met quite a few interesting and influential people while studying abroad. "I would say [the most interesting and influential person] would have to be a man named Jan. He was a professor at Palacky, a university there," Anderson said. "He went with us on the tours of other countries, and he knew everything about central Europe. Then he would go to the bars with us after the tours!"

Although the people of the Czech Republic are historically known for their love of puppetry and marionettes, Anderson did not partake in any of the shows.

"I didn't go to any puppet shows," he said. "The puppet shows are a tourist trap. I'd say if they're famous for anything, it would be beer! They have a lot of their own beer there, I didn't see any American brews," he said.

When Anderson and his friends had free time, they took part in a variety of activities. "We saw concerts, we traveled and we'd catch a train sometimes on our threeday weekends. We went skiing one weekend. We just hung out with friends a lot. There are many good dance clubs," he said.

Speaking of good dance clubs, what was Anderson's opinion of the



young women of the Czech Republic?

"On a scale of 1 to 10," he said, "I would give them a 10! The girls are very beautiful over there."

Considering the facts he shared with me about American beer being scarce in the Czech Republic, how prevalent American products like music, movies, or magazines were in the country?

Anderson said, "While we were there, 'V for Vendetta' was playing. Movies there are either in English with Czech subtitles or Czech with English subtitles."

Anderson also shared some other common trends in the Czech Republic, and also some differences.

"Coca Cola is everywhere. We saw a lot of McDonald's over there. There aren't any Wal-Mart stores over there, but stores very similar," he said.

On the political side, how is the government of the Czech Republic set up compared to America?

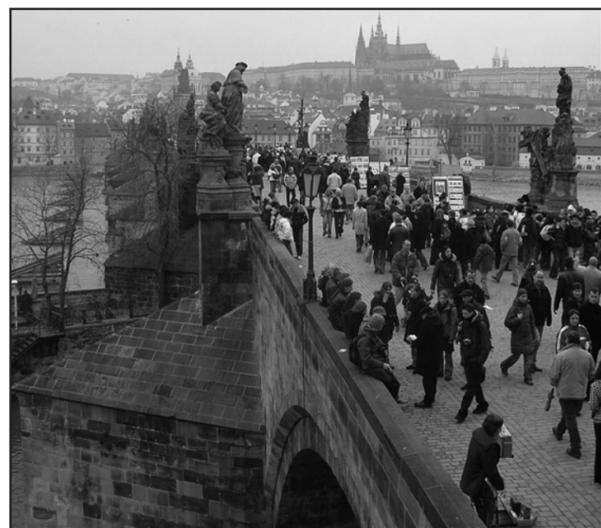
Anderson said, "There, govern-



ment is a democracy, just like here. I think there are three parties, but the third party is not as large. It is really similar to America. I think there is still 17 percent."

Anderson cherishes the memories of his time in the Czech Republic, and wishes he could return.

"There is still so much more to see and experience," he said. "I have friends over there that I miss and want to see. People can learn so much from an experience like that."



Photos courtesy of Tyler Anderson
Top: Even with the sun causing the Prague skyline to silhouette, the beauty of the Charles Bridge can still be witnessed.
Bottom left: The ruins of Rome's coliseum.
Bottom right: These statues have watched many people cross the stone mass of the Charles Bridge.

"I heard a lot of 'we don't like America, but we like Americans' from them. They think of us as very fun-loving people."

Tyler Anderson
Senior

nation in Europe, and Anderson said that the Czech Republic is converting to the Euro, and that will "only continue to help tourism grow there."

Anderson and fellow students studied history, geography and lan-

Students to star in UNK commercials

Auditions held for UNK commercials that might be seen nationally

Derry Stover
Antelope Staff Writer

More than 20 students gathered in the Nebraskan Student Union food court Thursday, Sept. 13, for auditions to appear in a new set of television commercials promoting UNK.

Students, guided by a director, were asked to read one or more scripts in front of a camera.

Lauren Blessing, a theatre major, was one of the first to audition. Although nervous at first, the senior from Elwood said she eventually relaxed and was pleased with her performance.

"It was an opportunity to get paid to do what I love," Blessing said.

Students selected to appear in the final commercials will receive a \$50 stipend. If chosen, Blessing said she would use the money to put gas

in her car.

Kyle Kuypers, a senior English major from Kearney, was also pleased with his audition.

"The director didn't put too much on the glamorous, and it was a very relaxing environment," he said.

While many knew about the event in advance, some students, like Criss Salinas, were merely passing by and decided to audition.

"I was just walking by and saw the camera, so I

decided to give it a try," Salinas said.

A Spanish education major from Schuyler, Salinas said that even with public speaking experience as a former UNK diplomat, he was still a little nervous.

"Having the camera in front of me—it was very different," he said.

The commercials are being produced by Blue Media, a Kearney business that specializes in video production, and are scheduled to shoot Sept. 22. The commercials will feature students discussing prominent past UNK

graduates.

According to Jeff Bradford of Blue Media, a selection committee will choose three to six students for the commercials. While three to four separate commercials are planned, Bradford says this may change.

"We're still in the pre-production and selection processes, so nothing is finalized," he said.

Dwann Holmes-Olsen, Director of Marketing at UNK, said the goal of the commercials is to start branding UNK as a vital institution in the region.

"We want people to know what UNK is and why people come here," she said.

Holmes-Olsen says she also hopes the commercials will help increase enrollment at UNK.

While the commercials will primarily air locally and throughout the state, Holmes-Olsen said

expanding into a larger market is not out of the question.

"There's a possibility we may run the ads nationally when the oppor-

tunity presents itself," she said.

The commercials should be completed around mid-October.



Photo by Jill Kempt
Students wait their turn in the food court of the Nebraskan Student Union to audition for the UNK commercial.



Photo by Jill Kempt
Lauren Blessing of Elwood, Neb. gets coaching from the director, Steve Bradford of Blue Media, at the UNK commercial auditions held in the NSU last Thursday.

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This t-shirt is one of many that UNK students created to observe the National Clothesline Project. The project was started in Cape Cod, Mass. in 1990 to address the issue of violence against women. This is the second year that UNK has participated in the project.



Each color of shirt has significance: white is for women who have died because of violence, yellow/beige represents battered or assaulted women, red/pink/orange are for survivors of rape or sexual assault, blue/green are for survivors of incest or sexual abuse, purple represents men or women attacked because of their sexual orientation, black is for women attacked for political reasons, and gray represents those who support the men and women affected by sexual and relationship violence. The Women's Center, a place where "men and women can partner together to provide campus-wide, gender equity services," sponsored the event.

Friends Needed!

Amanda Baillie
Antelope Staff Writer

People are destined to make new friends when they come to college. The Friends Program is UNK's own version of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

The Friends Program was founded by Phyllis Moats and was sponsored by Mid-Nebraska Community Services in 1979, and began receiving sponsorship from Kearney Area United Way in 1980.

Due to the expensive costs and liability insurance, which came with the national sponsorship of the Big Brother Big Sisters program, the program is now sponsored by the Kearney Jubilee Center.

Moats served as the Friends Coordinator from 1978-2002. April Roggasch took over for Moats in 2003, and is the acting coordinator today.

"How does this work?" you are asking. Little Friends are usually referred to the Friends Program by their elementary school counselors; however, some Little Friends are referred by parents or other service agencies in the community.

These children are then matched to his/her Big Friend based on a specific criteria developed by the Friends Policy Advisory Council (PAC).

The Friends participate in biking, rollerblading, bowling (through the program, the Little Friend bowls for free), activities at the Kearney Public Library and YMCA (where admission is free for Friends), attending UNK athletic and art

events, Frisbee golfing, playing basketball and soccer, fishing, scrap booking their time together, touring facilities such as NTV, the police station or fire house, and/or nature hikes—just to name a few. Friends are discouraged from spending money while together, so activities remain more on the creative side.

"We have reported success such as a Big Friend being the most influential person in that child's life. Due to the role modeling provided by their Big Friend, many children's grades have improved along with their ability to socialize with other children," said Roggasch.

The program was solely operated as an academic year program until 2004, when they started operating on a year-round basis, so that the Friends Program could continue meeting over the summer. UNK students makeup 90 percent of the Big Friend participants, with the

other 10 percent being high school students or members of the community. There is no age limitation on Friends, but they are encouraged to be high school and college-aged people.

"Currently, we have 52 children on our waiting list, mostly boys. There is a huge need for guy volunteers! Last year I had 42 boys who did not get paired with a Big Friend, because we did not have enough guy volunteers," said Roggasch.

So let's all help these kids and give them a brighter future. Volunteer today!

To inquire if you have what it takes to be a Friend contact:

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Everyday Heroes

UNK veterans form Collegiate Veteran's Organization

Klarissa Bellamy
Antelope Staff Writer

Sitting in the Oak Room of the Nebraska Student Union, you would think you were with average college students. As the meeting began, it was clear that these individuals had one thing in common: they were all veterans of the United States Military.

The Collegiate Veteran's Organization is a new student group on campus whose purpose is to support UNK students serving in the U.S. Military.

"It is a nonpartisan group trying to help readjust veterans into the university system," Amber McCrory said, the group's president, and a veteran herself. "Our mission is to raise awareness both in the community and to our veterans about the issues that may arise after deployment."

A few goals this semester will be organizing a special event held for Veteran's Day, a booth at Student Organization Fair, and sending care packages to currently deployed troops. They are also teaming up with the American Legion to get guest speakers at their meetings, and fundraising ideas.

One major goal is to reach out to veterans who may be struggling with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. According to the National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, between 94 percent and 95 percent of the Army and Marines have seen a dead body, and 93 percent to 97 percent have reported

being shot at while serving in Iraq. These numbers reflect the type of situations UNK veterans experienced while serving in the military, and why readjusting to life back home can be difficult.

"Readjustment from the danger is part of it, but there are a lot of smaller things that affect you too," McCrory said. "It changes

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Amber McCrory
Collegiate Veteran's Organization President

your world view.”

The organization also wants to create a network of veterans that can be used for more than just support. Their purpose is not just to help with the traumatic side of being a veteran of war, but to have a place where people can get together for fun. One meeting a

month is an informal meeting, and is often at a restaurant. Since membership is not restricted to veterans, friends and family are invited to attend the meetings. The meetings are not always about the stresses of being in the military, but a way for people with similar experiences to get together and live a normal life.

A challenge facing the group is reaching the veterans and building membership to the group. Many veterans go unnoticed because they are back in civilian life. "Most of the veterans are busy like other students," McCrory said, "Many of them have part-time or full-time jobs and are involved in other activities."

The group encourages everyone to join the organization, not just veterans.

"Everyone is welcome to attend whether or not you are associated with a veteran," McCrory said. "The best way to help our veterans is through knowledge and support."

Meetings are held every two weeks, and the group is now accepting new members and officers.

"Veterans, all branches of the military, families, faculty, students, and any supporters are welcome to join," McCrory said. "We also will strive to find those veterans and families who need assistance all the help we can get."

The next meeting will be held on Oct. 4, 2007, and anyone interested in attending is welcome to e-mail Amber McCrory at mcrory@unk.edu with any questions.




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UNK's new emergency plan

Turning your ultimate distraction into something useful

Mark Hayden
Antelope Staff Writer

The horrifying events that occurred at Virginia Tech last spring are still being felt and many wonder if there was more that could have been done to save lives.

UNK isn't wasting any time on these issues. John L. Lakey, Director of Human Resources, assures that there have been plans put in place by the school to help take care of problems of all degrees.

"We have procedures in place," Lakey said. "Departments within UNK have developed plans in their particular areas to follow just in case. Public Safety has developed plans to follow in case of a shooter or other type of emergency situation. The administrative team, has their own plan of response to help make decisions that need to be made."

There are a variety of ways in which the campus can be informed in case of an emergency on the campus.

"Mass e-mails are an easy one," said Lakey. These easy ways of communicating are just stepping stones to making sure that all students are informed immediately. E-mails help, but they are not sufficient.

There are new technological advances, and Lakey feels like UNK is ready to capitalize on these new methods of communication. Text messaging is a fast and easy way to reach the students. Now the university can turn your ultimate source of distraction from class into something useful! The UNL campus just started using this, so why not bring this to UNK? Lakey thinks it is a great idea.

He also went on to explain how UNK has an electronic calling tree, which can be very useful when it comes to calling people who do not

have access to a cell phone.

"We have the electronic calling tree here on campus that we have to contact every building on campus within a very short period of time. It is just a matter of picking up the phone and punching in some codes," Lakey said.

A wireless communication board is being evaluated. With this system, UNK is able to make contact with students through their televisions and electronic boards that will be installed around the campus.

"A person in a central location can type a message on a computer and it would scroll across the elec-

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John L. Lakey
Director of Human Resources

tronic board. We can now do that with televisions using the new cable system that students have in their rooms."

You can never be too careful when it comes to technology. As we all know, sometimes it is not there when you need it and Lakey seems to have thought about this impor-

tant fact.

"We are in the process of deciding which one to use, and it will probably be a combination of all of methods. We can't rely on one thing because we know cell phones can get overloaded and stop working. They found that out the hard way at

Virginia Tech. Two things we are looking at very closely are text messaging and electronic message boards."

With plans put into place, it only seems appropriate to make sure that these plans will work if the occasion arises. UNK participates in

an event which is required by all schools to ensure safety.

"Every November we participate in a drill with NEMA (Nebraska Emergency Management Agency). They come in with scenarios and we practice by using their plans and in this case, we test out communica-

tion systems. We have a satellite phone and each campus involved has a satellite phone. We practice using this system in case landlines and cell phones break down. The last one had to do with biology. I am guessing the next one could be about a pandemic," Lakey said.



Photo by Aki Kato

Cell phones, your ultimate source of distraction during class, could soon be your source of information regarding campus emergencies.

Be cool about fire safety

Board of Regents revamps fire safety policy at UNK

Elizabeth Weaver
Antelope Staff Writer

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents approved a new system-wide Fire and Safety Protection Policy on Sept. 6, 2007.

The fire at Nebraska Wesleyan University last November prompted the Board of Regents and administration to review the universities' fire safety programs.

The new policy requires all residential facilities under the direction of the board to comply with new safety requirements. The poli-

cy defines university-sanctioned housing as "housing owned and operated by the University of Nebraska, owned and operated by others for the university's benefit under a lease agreement, and university-sanctioned Greek residential facilities." Rick Larsen, Director of Residential and Greek

Life at UNK, said the new policy must be followed by both on and off campus Greek houses.

The biggest requirement of the new policy is that each campus must have sprinkler systems installed in all university-sanctioned housing by 2017. Larsen said that Antelope Hall and University Residence North and South are the only residential facilities that currently have sprinkler systems.

All residential facilities on campus currently have smoke detectors in every room, and CTE and CTW have panel systems installed that show exactly where a fire is located.

Larsen said that the older buildings on campus were built with brick and mortar and the "construction of the buildings will contain a fire fairly well."

Larsen said that there are other safety precautions already in place at UNK including: fire extin-

guishers, emergency exit lights, and fire proof stairwell doors. Fire alarm systems are tested twice a year and the Fire Marshal visits residential

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Rick Larsen
Director of Residential and Greek Life

buildings once a year to ensure that all halls comply with federal, state, and local building code require-

ments. Larsen said that the university also performs monthly inspections of emergency exit lights and stairwell doors to make sure that they are functioning properly.

Each semester a fire drill is conducted in each residential building to make sure that the staff and students know what to do in case of a fire. Although many people are unaware, Larsen said that a \$500 fine can be assessed if an individual fails to evacuate a building during a fire drill. If a student fails to evacuate during a fire drill in their hall disciplinary action is taken. Larsen said, "it is important to evacuate because there is a chance it might not be a drill, there could be an actual fire."

There are several precautions that students can take to make sure that their room and hall complies with UNK fire policies and procedures. Candles, smoking and open-coiled cooking appliances (including microwaves) are not allowed. Students are also prohibited from posting on fire corridor doors and propping open stairwell and fire corridor doors.

Larsen said that students often prop open stairwell doors because it

makes it easier to come in and out, but it is important to leave the doors shut because "the doors are designed to stop and contain fires."

This summer the university installed magnetic safety door holds in URN and URS. These doors fasten to a magnetic strip that keeps them open, but when a fire alarm goes off the doors will automatically close. Larsen also recommends that students use surge protectors for computer equipment. This prevents breakers from being thrown, which is also a potential fire hazard.

The new policy helps ensure that university housing has the necessary fire safety protections in place to keep students safe and to alert them of a fire in their residential hall.

Students must also help ensure the safety of others by following all university policies and procedures. The combined efforts of both the administration and the students will make the residential halls safer and fire proof.



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