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Run With It

Organization fair offers lots of fun

Students learn the many ways they can be involved on campus

BY MEGAN WENZ
Antelope Staff

Pens, inflatable fun, picture key chains, notebooks, games and free stuff always signifies a good time to UNK students. Well, the Student Organization Fair was no disappointment in that department this year.

The student organization fair held Wednesday, Sept. 17, around the fountain on main campus was planned as a way for students to learn about all the different types of organizations they can get involved in at UNK. Many organizations participated this year including Student Government, LPAC, Phi Eta Sigma, Psychology Club and Chi Omega sorority.

Student Government hosted the event and had quite the turnout for the fun and freebies the student picked up. “We organized the event, and we just wanted to let students know that Student Government is great because we give a voice to students. We are the liaison between students and faculty,” Cade Craig, junior Speaker of the Senate and Senator of at the College of Education from Minden, Neb. said.

Many campus organizations were available to answer questions about their clubs and the types of services they provide. Krystine Hoefer, president of Psychology Club and junior from Elgin, Neb., was promoting the Psychology Club.

“Psychology Club is a great organization to get involved in. We promote learning and activities associated with psychology,” Hoefer said.

Most organizations were there to really let students know what they are about and what type of leadership or activities students can get involved with.

Britney Zeller, exercise science and psychology major from Elwood, Neb., was available to explain Phi Eta Sigma’s com-



munity service projects and how to be involved in the national honors society.

“We are working with the Arc of Buffalo County this year as well as coordinating a book drive,” said sophomore Rebecca Hoensing, communication disorders major from Laurel, Neb.

Next time you want to get your picture with Louie the Loper on a keychain or learn more about an organization, stop by a booth at the Student Organizations Fair and learn about all

the great benefits of becoming involved at UNK.

TOP: UNK students watch as two students box with inflatable boxing gloves. *Photo by Nathan Speer*
FAR RIGHT: Students walk by one of the many booths set up for organization fair day. *Photo by Jesus Marfileno*
RIGHT: Members of the Criminal Justice Club promote their club at the Student Organization Fair on Sept. 17. *Photo by Laura Schemper*



Becker shares story because brother died too young

BY KAYLIE PERRY
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On Sept. 18, junior Keith Becker, the founder of the Todd Becker Foundation and the author of the book “I Know,” shared the tragic story of the death of his younger brother Todd Becker in an alcohol-related accident in 2005.

Nearly 150 people gathered in the Ponderosa Room to listen to Becker discuss the importance of making decisions.

At the beginning of 2005, Keith’s brother Todd, a senior in high school, was partying and drinking with his friends when on the way home, the driver rounded a curve at very high speed and lost control of the vehicle. Todd was a backseat passenger wearing a seat belt and

was the only one killed in the accident.

Becker explains the way his brother started down the wrong path was by drinking, going against his morals and losing faith in his beliefs, which lead to the accident.

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*Keith Becker
Junior*

“I will definitely think more about drinking and driving and being smarter about things,”

said Kylie Tielke, a senior from Atkinson, Neb.

Tielke said that she will definitely convey the message to all her friends.

Becker keeps working to get his brother’s story out because he feels like his message is getting across to people.

“Absolutely, because it, without a doubt, deals with the reality of death; it makes a lot of people stop and think,” Becker said.

Becker wants to travel around and share his message. “I believe the Bible commands it,” Becker said

Becker spoke from the Bible verse Matthew 7:13: “The highway to destruction is wide, and the road that leads to it is easy for the many who choose this way. But the gateway to life is small and the narrow road that

leads to it is hard, but only a few ever choose this way.”

From this verse in Matthew, Becker explains that people need to make the right decisions in order to keep their lives going down the right path towards success and not end up in Todd’s situation.

Becker talks about how Todd was involved with many things such as football, baseball, and track. He was also very gifted when it came to his schoolwork.

Becker makes the point that nobody is invincible, and that death can happen at anytime. That is why every decision that one makes is very important. To further illustrate his point, Becker shared the Bible verse Ecclesiastes 7:2: “For you are going to die, and you should think about it while there is still time.”



Photo by Sean Takahashi
Keith Becker, junior and founder of the Todd Becker Foundation, talks to UNK students about the tragic loss of his brother and about making the right decision.

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Sept. 27, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Frank House

UNK Fall Career Fair
Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Nebraskan Student Union

Career Services reaches out to help Undecided students seek advice, learn more about potential careers

BY MEGAN WENZ
Antelope Staff

Making plans for your future when you are 18 seems crazy, but it is what we all do before we come to college. With about 70 percent of students switching their major at least once in their college career, UNK has the resources to help you make that tough decision and to know what to do as soon as you make the decision.

“I have switched my major to maximize my options after graduation. I started as a chemistry major and now I am a business major with chemistry and Spanish minors,” Stephanie Rash, a junior from Kearney, said.

Many students find that taking the classes and experiencing the job outside of school leads them down a different path.

“I plan to go to pharmacy

school and thought the switch would help a lot in the future,” Rash said.

With a major in chemistry a student can be a dietician, a pharmacist, an educator or a geologist among many other options.

“So far I haven’t switched my major. I really want to coach when I graduate, so education is what I choose so I will be able to teach and

students can be a coach, a grant writer, a school psychologist and much more. With an education outside of high school, a student has the best opportunities to get a job in the career field they would like.

Career services in the Student Affairs building is a great asset to all the deciding students or for advancement with your UNK major. They offer three career fairs throughout the school year to place UNK students with internships or jobs after graduation. The first career fair is Oct. 2 in the Nebraska Student Union.

Career services can help a student decide what major is right for them with an online assessment, they can help a student learn interview tips by conducting a mock interview, or help build their resume. They have many resources available to all students including about 10 short, three-minute videos with advice like how to make an impression, how to make your resume pop and how to dress for an interview. They

UNK Career Services

What do they have to offer?

- Located in the Memorial Student Affairs building on the northwest side
- Information on how to explore majors and careers
- Information on how to match career interests and skills to career options
- Many books and handouts
- Career Fair Workshop on Sept. 23
- Career Fair on Oct. 2

Info compiled by Amanda Baillie



Photo by Sapana Upadhyay
Brittany Bell, a graduate student majoring in student affairs, talks about her future career with counselor Dawn Lenz during the Career Services Open House on Sept. 17.

are called career spots and are available online as well.

The staff in career services is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with Walk-in Wednesday when a student doesn’t need an appointment.

“With the competitive workforce, the sooner the better.

Looking for a job is like having a full-time job. I would never turn down a student even if they came in the day before graduation,” Diana Kircher, assistant director of Career Services, said.

Whether you are beginning advising or just realized you have your first interview

and don’t know what to expect, know that UNK offers many resources for you to utilize as well as help to decide what major is right for you.

For more resources visit unk.edu/career-services or the Career Services office in Student Affairs.

UNK Public Safety to hire one new officer

BY MEGAN OAKLUND
Antelope Staff

With five full-time officers and some part-time officers patrolling the UNK campus, the decision to add a new member to the staff was an easy choice.

“Over 1,000 hours were worked last year by our staff at special events,” said Michelle Hamaker, public safety director. These special events include sporting events, dances and concerts to name a few.

Each year, before school resumes from summer break, the public safety department presents to the chancellor’s board what they may need to keep the

campus a safe place. This year the chancellor’s board decided on a multiyear plan. This plan allows public safety to hire one new officer a year.

Each officer that is hired must complete an intense 14-week training program. This program includes academic tests, practical hands-on tests that can be used in the field, driving tactics and self-defense.

In addition to this, each officer is required to renew their training annually and can opt to pursue other areas of specialty. Some of the officers on campus now are specially trained in firearms, pressure point control, first aid and CPR.

Public Safety is showing an Active Shooter video around campus this fall. This 20-minute video gives instruction about what to do in an emergency situation. Public safety has already shown the video twice to students and is also offering to show the video to department meetings. Groups can also check the video out at the public safety office.

However, the safety plan in case an emergency should occur has not changed for the department. Hamaker said, “There is a yearly review of our safety plan, and it has stayed mostly the same.”

Crime prevention programs offered

1. SHARP (Sexual Harassment Assault Rape Prevention) – Police and Parking Services offers SHARP training to university affiliated women at no cost. This program includes discussions on victim awareness, signs of a predator and risk reduction. In addition, it provides realistic and dynamic hands on training using practical techniques of self defense.
2. Rape Awareness Prevention and, Education (RAPE) – This program offers an insight into the facts vs. myths about rape.
3. Foundations- This program is a basic orientation to Police and Parking Services. It will cover what the university Police Officers’ capabilities are, the services they offer along with university policies and Nebraska state laws that may affect university

students while they are at school.

4. Operation ID – This program educates individuals on how to protect their property from theft and vandalism. During the course an engraving tool is available to individuals to mark valuables.

5. Drug Awareness – This is an overview class of the effects of drugs on campus. Discussions include signs of drug use and effects of drug use on the body.

6. Work Place Violence – Provides insight into the fact vs. myths of work place violence. Discussions include signs for possible violent co-worker, employee or student, hiring types and how to handle volatile situations.

Contact (308) 865-8517 for more information, or visit www.unk.edu.

Family Day brings parents, siblings to UNK



Photo by Sapana Upadhyay
Chancellor Doug Kristensen, right, with the Outstanding Family Winner Julie Polk, graphic design major, standing with her parents Robert and Nancy Polk. Polk received a prize package that included a \$200 scholarship from LPAC, Loper apparel, a free lunch, halftime recognition at the football game and skybox seats with Chancellor Kristensen for the game.

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Campus Republicans show support for McCain-Palin



BY JOSH MOODY
Guest Writer

Two weeks ago, I interviewed a number of first time voters belonging to the Democratic Party, asking for their general view of both the election and Barack Obama, the candidate running on behalf of their party. Seeking Republican opinions I attended a campus Republican’s meeting on Monday, Sept. 15, in order to ask them a few questions regarding their candidate, John McCain.

With the economy teetering precipitously on the

slippery slope of recession, the recent government bailout of American International Group (AIG) to the tune of \$85 billion dollars, the nationalization of mortgage powerhouses Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, one can see the importance of policies and how they are implemented. With both candidates pledging to cut through partisan politics in order to provide “change” in Washington, the 2008 election is primed for a very high voter turnout.

At the campus Republican meeting, supporters were outspoken in support for McCain. The battle cry of “change” employed by both campaigns was also acknowledged as the Republicans agreed that the United States needs a positive change. Not every Republican supported President George W. Bush or his policies in their entirety.

“He’s incompetent. He’s

made too many poor decisions and hasn’t been able to keep the respect of the people,” said Emily Polmateer, a freshman political science major from Cedar Falls, Iowa. According to a recent CBS/New York Times poll, President Bush’s approval rating is currently at 27 percent, showing that even among the Republican party Bush isn’t being fully embraced.

Others however spoke up for Bush, lauding him on a range of issues: defense, taxes, standing for strongmoral values. Only three students interviewed stated their unconditional approval.

With Bush’s approval record low, John McCain may wish to avoid an affiliation with Bush. Perhaps it is the need to distance himself from the Bush administration that has launched the popularity of McCain being seen as a “maverick.”

This image seems to ring

true on campus, as the college Republicans reached a consensus, all answering that John McCain is a maverick, though some expressed their concern over that declaration.

Junior Jeff Shanh, a political science major and a Republican first time voter from Omaha said, “McCain is willing to do what is best for the country, even if it’s unpopular or goes against his party’s leadership.” McCain campaign literature handed out at the meeting bore the slogan: “John McCain, Country First.”

When asked if John McCain’s views were in line with the Republican Party only one respondent said “yes,” the other students all responding in different ways. “Most of McCain’s views line up with mine; however, I believe many of them are not in line with the party,” said sophomore Brennan Malcolm, a history major from Eustis, Neb.,

who will be voting for McCain in November because he represents Malcolm’s views better than any other candidate.

Junior Tom Dwyer, an aviation major from Bartlett, Neb. who voted for Bush in 2004, said that McCain’s views didn’t line up with the Republican party in several areas, citing McCain’s views on global warming, campaign finance reform and his opposition to drilling in Alaska’s ANWR (Arctic National Wildlife Refuge). Dwyer also said that being a maverick “hasn’t always been a good thing.”

Among the more conservative voters the majority of the campus Republicans disagreed with John McCain’s previously pledged support for same-sex civil unions and said that Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, McCain’s running mate served as an excellent appeal to the conservative base and was

more in line with conservative ideals. Palin who is considered to be a “social conservative” has spoken out against abortion, same-sex marriage and civil unions, all key issues for the Republican Party.

With the Republican students citing issues such as the economy, national security, domestic oil production and abortion as issues that are among those most important to them, all six of the interviewees pledged their support for McCain. Of the six Republican voters interviewed, two had previously voted for Bush in 2004 and four will be casting their first vote in a presidential election in November.

We want to hear your opinion about the election! Send a letter to the editor at antelope@unk.edu.

“The Whiskey Rebels” an appealing read for several different audiences



BY KEVIN L. NENSTIEL
Guest Writer

Imagine a world in which James Bond has no fancy cars, no computers, no sexy aides de camp, and his overland slog from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh takes longer than a slow boat across the Atlantic.

That’s what David Liss offers us in “The Whiskey Rebels” (Random House, 544 pages, \$26.00), an espionage thriller set in the years immediately after the American Revolution. And the product is a novel that will be a pleasure both to readers of spy mysteries and fans of historical fiction.

Despite the title, this novel doesn’t turn on the Whiskey Rebellion of 1794. You may recall from high school history that Alexander Hamilton, Washington’s Treasury Secretary, levied an excise tax on rye whiskey, the only commodity white settlers in the Monongahela and Ohio valleys could trade at a profit to stave off abject poverty.

This story centers on that excise tax, and the way a small band of justice-seekers, forced off their land by this tax, seek to get back what was taken from them. The payoff is not the rebellion of 1794, but the bank

panic of 1792.

In telling this story, Liss, an established writer of historical mysteries, mixes history and gripping storytelling. Historical figures like Hamilton are major characters, while Thomas Jefferson and even George Washington briefly appear. A major question is which form of society America will be, Jefferson’s republic of small rural freeholders, or Hamilton’s busy paradise of business and capital. This America is a new land, with the potential to go any direction—but precious little chance to go back if it chooses the wrong road.

Ethan Saunders is a veteran of the Revolution, a former spy under the command of General Washington himself, once a hero before he left the Army under a cloud of disgrace. Now he tries to drink himself into the void and hugs his anticipated death.

But when his great love from the war years pushes her way back into his life, he uncovers a new reason to live and a chance to redeem himself from the accusations that continue to haunt him.

Joan Maycott is a passionate woman, learned and willful, and very much in love with her war-hero husband. But she fails as an intellectual, a businesswoman, and a farmer, because the rich and powerful see her and her husband as tools for their use.

Only after taking more abuse than any human should have to suffer does she succeed at her true calling: an agent pro-

vocateur and a sower of chaos in the lives of those who have tried to break her down.

The converging narrative of these two characters feels like watching two trains bear down on each other with implacable anger. They exist on separate sides of a remorseless conflict, and we know at least one of them is doomed to fail. But the real fascination is the wake they leave behind them.

Saunders, hog-tied by a reputation he thinks he doesn’t deserve and by drunken abuse he admits, can’t seem to decide whether he’s a force for destruction or salvation. He lies to his only friend, proclaims his love for one woman while openly womanizing, and fights for the republic while trading blows with its chief agents. Maycott lives to wreak ruin on the rich, whom she blames for her suffering, but marinates in guilt for the innocent she knows must suffer when her revenges come to fruition.

Behind both of these characters is the runaway economic speculation of the late 18th Century, a time when America was finally coming into its own as an economy, and the gap between the wealthy minority and the working masses was about as big as it has ever been. Reading the narratives of runaway speculators destroying poor smallholders by trading in unregulated futures and becoming millionaires on paper, it’s difficult not to look at the recent dot-com and housing bubbles and smirk in recognition.

Liss avoids taking sides between the Jeffersonian ideal and Hamilton’s rich speculators, but it’s hard to feel sympathy for capitalists like William Duer and Jacob Pearson in this novel. They justify self-seeking behavior with republican ideals they don’t share. Meanwhile, they enrich themselves by making hip-pocket deals with poor war heroes and, when those heroes make lives for themselves on the frontier anyway, they swipe that little bit back in any way they can.

The language in this novel is interesting. Liss tries to recreate the language of Thomas Jefferson and Charles Brockden Brown, but with a crisp contemporary editorial hand that is more likely to appeal to readers in the early 21st Century. Anyone unaccustomed to reading historical fiction or period literature may need a little time to get used to the slightly archaic but punchy usage.

But this is very much a spy thriller in the Ian Fleming mold, not just another historical romance. Reading it requires peeling back layers of meaning and degrees of falsehood. When things appear to be wrapping up, that’s a sure sign they’re just getting started. And true heroism comes out when words lead to actions, not just more words.

This brisk and engaging mystery appeals to several different audiences at once. The tension between the characters as they struggle with the damage they’ve suffered and the damage they inflict, and the relentless way they come together in a sort of period-driven cataclysm, rings with a smooth and overwhelming force. Whether you like thrillers, costume dramas, war stories, or just want to read something unlike most of what’s on the market right now, this book will draw you in and not let you go until the closing word.

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Clothesline Project brings awareness against sexual, relationship violence



Photo by Sophie Lee
Freshman Aleta Lohry, an education major from Grand Island, Neb., writes “Be Aware” on a gray shirt which represents those supporters of people affected by sexual and relationship violence. The Clothesline Project, a visual display attempting to break the silence surrounding sexual and relationship violence, was placed in the Oak Room in the Student Union on Sept. 16.

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Loper football dominates Adams State

BY CALLIE ERICKSON
Antelope Staff

The UNK football team was nothing but perfect Saturday afternoon as they defeated Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) opponent Adams State College 37-0 at Foster Field at Ron & Carol Cope Stadium.

UNK's Family Day brought forth a crowd of 3,655 fans whose support helped lead the Lopers to victory. Along with the festivities of Family Day, the presentation of the RMAC All-Sports Award was given to Athletic Director Jon McBride and the Loper sports teams during halftime. Standing in the center of the field with a group of UNK student athletes, this award was placed back in the possession of UNK. After owning it for 11 years in a row before losing it last year, the trophy is back in the hands of the Lopers for 12th time in the last 13 years.

Improving their overall record to 2-2 and 2-0 in RMAC play, this was a great game for the Lopers to step up a notch and play to their fullest potential.

"Coach has been emphasizing fundamentals the past few

weeks at practice," junior safety Owen Stubbs of Kearney said. "We went back to working on tackling and regular alignment assignment details."

It was obvious UNK was ready to dominate this football game. The Lopers held Adams State without a first down on the first series of the game. After taking control of the game, UNK true freshman Rustin Dring, of Kearney, scored on a 16-yard run, putting the Lopers on the scoreboard early in the game.

Dring later dashed into the end zone for another score from 34 yards out, bringing UNK ahead 14-0. Having just their third possession of the game, the Lopers scored again when redshirt freshman quarterback Jake Spitzlberger, of Lakewood, Colo., threw a 37-yard touch-down pass to sophomore Kyle Kaiser, of Broomfield, Colo.

The defense stifled the Grizzlies for the remainder of the game, keeping them off the scoreboard.

"Our defense did not give up any big plays, we played very sound football and made them [Adams State] turn over the ball," Stubbs said. "This gave

our offense more opportunities to put points on the board."

UNK's final score came in the fourth quarter when Spitzlberger ran into the end zone on a two-yard bootleg. Senior kicker Geoff Carnahan, of Kearney, contributed 12 points to the Lopers' score.

The next two weekends, the Lopers are on the road. On Sept. 27, they will take on Chadron State, followed by Colorado State-Pueblo on Oct. 4.

"This coming week we will battle it out with Chadron," Stubbs said. "We will continue working on the basic fundamentals of football at practice and will begin game planning for Chadron—adjusting to what they do will give us an advantage."

Head coach Darrell Morris was very happy with the way his team played. The Lopers had a few injuries last weekend while in Colorado, but that did not seem to affect their play this weekend.

"We had some injuries last game, but our backups stepped it up and played their part," Stubbs said. "Sure, you hate to see one of your starters on the sidelines

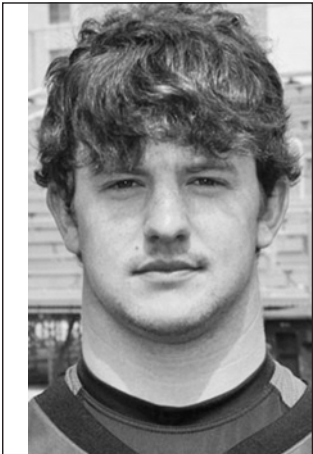


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Junior safety Owen Stubbs, of Kearney, and the Loper defense shut down the Adams State Grizzlies as UNK cruised to a 37-0 win Saturday. The Lopers are now 2-0 in RMAC play.

with an injury, but it didn't seem to affect our game."

The Lopers have their hearts set on the RMAC title, and the Chadron game is the first step in achieving that goal.

"Winning RMAC is definitely within reach," Stubbs said. "Our division is wide open this year."

Fans can get on the bus for road trips

UNK Athletics will be providing all students the opportunity to attend two away contests this fall season.

On Saturday, Sept. 27, the Loper Football team will be heading to Chadron for their match-up with the Eagles. The bus will depart from the Health & Sports Center at 7:30 a.m. and arrive at Chadron for a 1 p.m. kick-off (Mountain Time). After the game, the bus will arrive back in Kearney at approximately 10 p.m. that night.

This game, as always, is a great match-up that carries bragging rights as an in-state match-up.

For volleyball, the important regional game versus Wayne State on Oct. 22 is the focus. Departure time is set for 3 p.m. with first serve scheduled for 7 p.m. We would arrive back in Kearney at approximately 11:30 p.m.

As Loper Legion members, you will have the opportunity to attend at a special price. Any member can attend the Chadron game for the price of \$15, while a spot on the volleyball fan bus will go for \$12. This includes the round trip, as well as your game ticket.

There will be various snacks provided by sponsors on the way, but passengers are responsible for their own meals. Food can be taken and stops for meals will be taken accordingly. The regular price for each of these trips for non-Loper Legion members will be \$44 and \$38 respectively. This is a 65-70% discount for Legion members.

Spots are limited to the first 54 fans that reserve seats. To reserve your seat, stop by the UNK Athletic offices located on the west side of the Health & Sports Center. All payment methods are accepted, but only VISA and MasterCard are approved as a form of credit.

For more information on these trips, please contact the UNK Athletic Offices at (308) 865-8514.

Fall practice jump starts spring baseball season with aim to win RAMC

BY JEFF KONCABA
Antelope Staff

After winning the RMAC the last two years, the Loper Baseball Team is ready to start over and kick off another stellar season.

As summer winds down and the days are getting short, the baseball team is hard at work

"During the fall is where guys will earn their playing time for the season by catching our eye and showing us they can play."

Damon Day
Head baseball coach

every day. Although the team can only practice for 20 hours a week, due to NCAA rules, they are taking every advantage of this benefit.

Head coach Damon Day, who is starting his sixth season as coach, says his team is working hard to get where they need to be in February.

"The key to having a fall season is getting the roster set and knowing what certain people can do help the team. During

the fall is where guys will earn their playing time for the season by catching our eye and showing us they can play," Day said. "It is very important to be prepared when we start the season on Feb. 5."

While the team has had its ups and downs, it has still managed to win the RMAC the last two years and anything less than a championship just won't cut it.

"We are taking the program to the level that it should be at and it has helped to bring in top of the line recruits," Day said. "By having all of this success, it has also helped us to build a new indoor facility located at the baseball field which consists of an academic resource center, coach's offices, a weight room and five hitting tunnels."

The goals for next season are already clear.

"Win the RMAC," Day said. "That is what we work for in the fall and all season, and do things in a first-class manner."

The club will look for senior leadership from Ryan Sheldon of Kearney. Sheldon was the RMAC pitcher of the year and is looking to have another solid season.

Although the team does not have any outside games scheduled for the fall season, they will be having plenty of inter-squad games to prepare them for the season.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee makes impact on campus, community



BY JONATHAN CANNON
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Just when athletes thought their voices weren't important, the NCAA has teamed up with many college campuses to let athletes' voices from every sport, big or small, be heard.

The SAAC organization stands for Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

The goals and objectives of the SAAC organization are to promote communication between athletic administration and student athletes, provide feedback and insight into athletic department issues, generate a student-athlete voice within the campus athletic department formulation of policies, build a sense of community within the athletic program involving all

teams, solicit student-athlete responses to proposed conference and NCAA legislation, organize community service efforts, create a vehicle for student-athlete representation on campus-side committees and promote a positive student-athlete image on campus.

All these goals are achieved through several activities that SAAC members do throughout the academic year. To help promote the SAAC organization, a tool called CHAMPS is used in many Division I campuses and here at UNK. CHAMPS is a product of the SAAC organization that stands for Challenging Athletes' Minds for Personal Success.

Through the CHAMPS system, athletic teams have the opportunity to achieve points based on a point system that can

earn the entire team a huge prize at the end of the year.

Last year's women's basketball team won a huge pizza party supported by the athletic department. The team showed community support by generating over 300 hours of service, being involved with athletes supporting athletes, going to many different sporting events and showing their support for all the teams at UNK, personal enhancement and communicating to the team any changes or issues in the SAAC organization.

One huge success to last year's SAAC and CHAMPS organization was the outreach program. Since the Women's Elite 8 basketball tournament was in Kearney, SAAC teamed up with the NCAA and went to several elementary schools in the community to promote good sportsmanship to all the youth.

The first meeting for SAAC was Sept. 18, and the agenda for this year has not been set. However, new members have been introduced to the organization. Keep a close watch on the SAAC organization and its involvement in upcoming events on campus and in the community.

Photo courtesy of Shawn Fairbanks
Members of SAAC are working to make a difference at UNK and in the community. The committee serves as a representative for the student-athletes on campus.

UNK volleyball team reaches 13-game winning streak

BY GARRETT RITONYA
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The UNK Volleyball Team won three games this week, including one against Division I South Dakota, to improve their record to 13-1 on the year and increase their winning streak to 13 games.

On Sept. 16, the Lopers defeated the University of South Dakota, which just this year moved up to Division I after a successful run in Division II.

USD came into the match undefeated on the year, until it ran into the buzz saw that is UNK volleyball. The Lopers defeated the Coyotes in straight sets, showing dominance and proving why they were selected to win the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

"I think that we are getting better every match and we have gained a lot of confidence since that first weekend in Hawaii," Head Coach Rick Squiers said.

"We were really up and down during that first tournament and hit our stride after defeating Truman State during the tournament at home."

On Friday and Saturday

night, the Lopers continued their strong offensive play in defeating Chadron State and Colorado School of Mines in straight sets to improve their winning streak to 13 games after losing their

very first match of the year. UNK now has a 4-0 record in the RMAC and is showing no signs of slowing down.

The Lopers have climbed up to No. 10 in the Division II polls and will continue to go up if their strong play continues deeper into the RMAC portion of their schedule.

This upcoming week the Lopers will be taking on RMAC opponents Metro State and Regis on back-to-back nights to keep their winning streak alive. The Lopers next home contest will be on Sept. 30, against Fort Hayes State, where they will look to continue their run at trying to capture that elusive National Title.

"I think most of the members of this squad are no stranger to the term 'National Championship' and making it run at one," Squiers said.

"We are in a tough region with the defending national champions, but if we keep getting better each week, we definitely have a shot."



Photo by Garrett Ritonya
Sophomore Kelsey Werner of Grand Island spikes the ball over a pair of defenders from Colorado School of Mines. The Lopers defeated the Orediggers in straight sets for their 13th win in a row.



Head coach Rick Squiers reached his 300th career win when the team defeated South Dakota, a major milestone for any coach.

In his nine seasons as the Lopers head coach, and he has led the program to eight NCAA Tournament appearances, three Elite Eight appearances, five RMAC regular season crowns and three RMAC Tournament titles.

"Reaching win number 300 makes you look at a couple of things," Squiers said. "It makes you pause for a second and appreciate all of the success you have had over the past ten seasons. I have been very fortunate to be surrounded by great players for so long in order to have this run."

Kearney to host ITA tennis regionals

BY CALLIE ERICKSON
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The University of Nebraska Kearney men's and women's tennis teams will be competing in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Regional Tournament play Friday, Sept. 26-28 at 8 a.m. at the Harmon Park tennis courts. UNK men will take the courts the following weekend, Oct. 3-5 also beginning at 8 a.m. at Harmon Park.

Though the tennis team's main season does not start until the spring, they have more of an individual season throughout the fall.

"During the fall season, play is more individually based. We do not advance as a team like we do in the spring. It's great because we get a chance to see what there is competition wise, and then have more of a focus of what we need to improve on

throughout the winter and going into our main season," sophomore Katie-Mary Outhwaite, of Kojonup, Australia said.

Each member of the team will be given the chance to play both singles and doubles in this tournament.

"This tournament is great for getting us back into the tennis mode after the long summer without match play," Outhwaite said. "We will get quite a few matches in on Friday and Saturday and plan on continuing into the finals on Sunday."

Those that finish at the top of the ITA Regional Tournament get the chance of continuing on to a national tournament. Again, unlike in the spring where the teams advance together, those who go on to the national tournament move on individually.

The Lopers are currently in the North Central Region. This year some new teams have en-

tered the region, but UNK expects to stay highly competitive throughout the tournament this coming weekend.



Photo by Callie Erickson
Katie-Mary Outhwaite, a sophomore from Kojonup, Australia, will be among the women tennis players competing in the ITA tennis tournament. The Lopers will use the event as a tune-up for the spring season.

Loper Luncheon

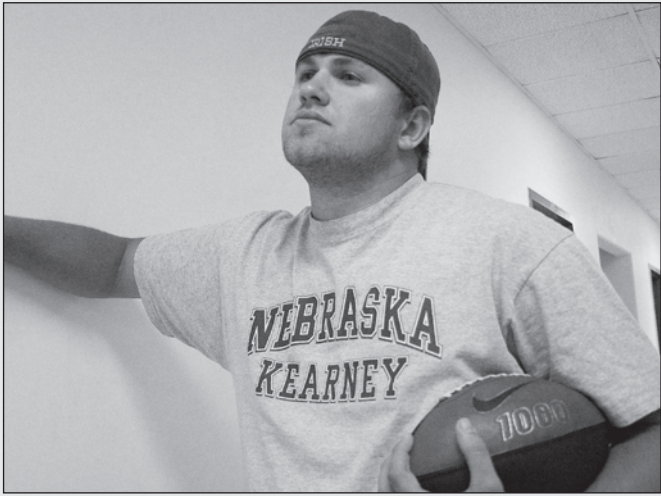
Every other Thursday from 11:45- 12:30, UNK hosts the Loper Luncheon, which features a \$5 lunch from Runza and all the news about Loper athletics straight from the coaches who are in season.

"This is a great event for students here at UNK," Assistant Athletic Director Shawn Fairbanks said. "You get an affordable lunch while you listen to the coaches talk about upcoming contests and past results. The Health & Sports Center is right in the middle of campus too so it is very accessible to every student."

Loper Luncheons are hosted every other Thursday on the upper east concourse of the Health & Sports Center arena. There is no need to RSVP so make your plans to attend!

The next Loper Luncheon will take place Thursday at 11:45 a.m. We will see you there!

Huskers prepare for Virginia Tech



BY ERIC KORTH
Guest Writer

On the verge of breaking into the Top 25, the Huskers face their first test of the season, and perhaps the most important game of this season Saturday. The Hokies come into Memorial Stadium after winning three straight, two of which were against ACC teams, and are riding on the shoulders of sophomore quarterback, Tyrod Taylor.

Taylor looks to be the answer to Virginia Tech's offensive troubles and has been compared to former Hokie quarterback, Michael Vick. Luckily, Taylor's weakness is his arm, and with the Husker's staunch rush defense, it's going to take an aerial assault to silence the Sea of Red. But it's going to take more than just relying on a poor performance by Taylor to seal a victory, so here are a few keys that could determine the game's outcome.

Patient Defense

Virginia Tech is going to have to rely on the legs of Taylor to win this match-up. So far, Taylor has rushed for over 200 yards but is only averaging 5.4 yards a carry. Don't let the numbers fool you though. Once out of the pocket, Taylor has the awareness and agility to shake defenders in the open field. Nebraska's linebackers are going to have a long game if they think they can keep up with Taylor in the open field. What the Huskers are going to need to do is play well-disciplined defense. Taylor is going to come at them and is going to make his jukes. The Blackshirts need to wait for him to make his moves first. Also, the Skers will have to swarm in once Taylor has been wrapped up; he's elusive and has the ability to shake defenders.

Balanced Offense

Though the numbers aren't showing it this year, Virginia Tech is known, year in and year out, for having a solid defense. One of their best traits is that they play smart defense and are able to quickly pick up on an offense's strategy. If the Huskers rely too much on the pass, it will be easy for VT to pick up on it and defend the pass. The Huskers are going to need to have a solid passing attack to win Saturday's game, but they are also going to need a balanced rushing attack. It was nice seeing Ganz bringing back remnants of the old option attack, but VT defenders are quick on getting to the outside, so look for the Huskers to attack with off tackles and other "up the gut" calls.

Special Teams

VT Head Coach Frank Beamer loves Special Teams. He is one of the best in all of college football when it comes to that part of the game. They block a lot of field goals and are quick and shifty when it comes to returning kicks and punts. To be successful on Saturday, the Huskers need to realize that special teams can play an important role in the game because believe me; the Hokies understand its importance. They lost their season opener to East Carolina on a blocked punt that was returned for a TD with just under two minutes left in the game.

Must See Games

Alabama (4-0) at Georgia (4-0)

This is why I love the SEC. They are all ridiculous in talent, but their schedules balance them out. The fact that half of their conference is rated in the top 25 doesn't surprise me, but that will be quick to change with them beginning conference play. Normally, I would say Georgia would be able to handle the Bama without a struggle, but the Crimson Tide proved to the college football world last week against Arkansas that they are not to be taken lightly within the SEC. What will determine this game's outcome is whether or not Alabama's rushing attack can break through a tough Georgia defense that only gives up an average of 55 yards per game. My prediction... **Alabama 28, Georgia 24**

Illinois (2-1) at Penn State (4-0)

Frankly, Penn State will win this game if they can keep Illini quarterback Juice Williams under control. Even though it is week five, I think this game will determine the winner of the Big Ten this year. My prediction... **Penn State 42, Illinois 31**

Upset of the Week

Navy (2-2) at Wake Forest (3-0)

This is quite a stretch of the imagination, but it isn't entirely impossible. Navy averages (ready for this?) over 550 yards per game...on the ground. Wake Forest gives up an average of 156 yards per game rushing. Look for RB Shun White and the Midshipmen of Navy to control the tempo of the game by keeping the ball on the ground and the quick scoring Demon Deacon offense on the bench. But really, all I can hope for is to see Navy's backup QB get in the game and hear the announcers try to pronounce his name...Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada. My prediction...They fail horribly at trying to say that, and Navy 24, Wake Forest 21 in OT



Loper Legion reigns

Photo by Cody Riedel
The Loper Legion attempt to distract a South Dakota player on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008, at the Health and Sports Center. The Legion cheered the Loper Volleyball team onto victory with a 3-0 sweep.

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Students swing at piñatas to celebrate Hispanic culture

BY JENNY GIERHAN
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Does the sound of salsa music get your feet moving? Does Little Mexico, San Pedro or El Potrero tickle your taste buds? If so, you already have an appreciation for Hispanic culture. Celebrations of Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 to Oct. 15) on the UNK campus are packed full of tradition, culture and fun for all.

According to the registrar's office, there are 210 Hispanic students enrolled at UNK. There are also four very important groups these students are a part of: The Hispanic Student Association, Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity, Lambda Theta Nu Sorority and the newly added Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority. HSA has planned several events on campus to celebrate and educate others about the Hispanic culture.

The month-long celebration kicked off with a piñata breaking on Sept. 15. Thursday, Sept. 25, will consist of a brown bag luncheon during which three UNK professors will be speaking about their experiences in Latin America.

HSA members will be taking pictures of students and staff dressed in traditional Hispanic garb in the Atrium of the Nebraskan Student Union on Tuesday, Sept. 30, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The cultural learning will continue on Thursday, Oct. 2, with a movie night, salsa dance lessons on Thursday, Oct. 16, and the conclusion of Hispanic Heritage Month on Friday, Oct. 17.

Hispanic Heritage Month began in September, 1968 when Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to declare the week of Sept. 15 Hispanic Heritage Week. In 1988 this was expanded to a full month-long celebration that lasts from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

September 15 was chosen because it marks the independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Also, Mexico and Chile celebrate their days of independence on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18.

Hispanics are a very important part of the "melting pot" that is the United States. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Hispanics account for 45.5 million people in the U.S., making them the nationally largest minority group. They are also the largest minority group in Nebraska.



Photos by Kevin Whetstone
LEFT: Freshman Kimberly Dusatko of Doniphan, Neb. takes a swing at a piñata during the HSA piñata breaking. Dusatko was one of many students to take a few swings during the event, which was put on in order to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.
RIGHT: HSA member and UNK student Becky Acosta makes sure the blindfold is secure on Residential and Greek Life Director Rick Larsen during the HSA's piñata breaking on Sept. 15.

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TOP: Julia, daughter of Liubov Kreminska and Andrii Golivin, takes a swing at a piñata Sept. 15 during the HSA's piñata break. Julia was one of the many children from UNK's Child Development Center to participate. The event was in the Student Union to kickoff Hispanic Heritage Month.
MIDDLE: HSA Member and UNK senior Rocio Soria ties up a piñata during the HSA's piñata breaking.



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