

# THE ANTELOPE

THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2003

## Ad/PR club hosts job forum featuring three alumni

by Leslie McCormick  
*Antelope Staff Writer*

Three UNK alumni gave helpful advice about life after graduation to students at an open forum last Friday.

The UNK Advertising and Public Relations (Ad/PR) club hosted a jobs forum in which JoAn Scott, Dwann Holmes-Olsen and Kristine Tynan Gerber discussed their jobs, the job market and how to prepare for a job search. The three women were in Kearney for a Gold Torch Society event held this past weekend.

Gerber spoke first about her experience at UNK and in the business world. While at UNK,

she was active in Mortar Board, Ambassadors, Alpha Phi Sorority and The Antelope, and graduated in 1988 with a comprehensive journalism degree. She recently started her own business, Eventive Marketing, in February of 2003.

Prior to starting her own business, Gerber worked at the Omaha Heart Association for five years, and then joined the Omaha World-Herald. While affiliated with the newspaper, Gerber and her staff produced the Midlands International Auto Show, KidzExplore and the award-winning and best-selling Omaha, Times Remembered, book series.

Gerber said her business helps people plan events, confer-

ences and publish books. Right now she is trying to find sponsors to bring Steve Forbes to the new Qwest Convention Center in Omaha. She said it takes a unique personality to be a good events marketer because you have to perform so many different tasks.

"You need to be able to present yourself well, be enthusiastic...think 'outside the box,' and be creative. You also need to know how to write," Gerber said. She said that an events planner has to be able to sell while handling all the nitty-gritty details.

Holmes-Olsen, an award-winning broadcast journalist, agreed with Gerber and stressed the importance of job experience

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Photo by Adam Wegner

Communications alumni discuss the importance of interning at the Ad/PR club job forum.

## Numerous MIPs, MICs alarm police

by Jenni Epley  
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The Kearney Police Department and the University of Nebraska Public Safety Department are not giving up on trying to get the message out about underage drinking. The KPD has increased the number of police officers patrolling the streets in police cars and on foot.

According to an article in the Kearney Hub, throughout the weekends of Sept. 5-6 and Sept. 12-13 the KPD cited 57 minors in possession of alcohol. The KPD is trying to persuade underage drinkers that the consequences are severe. Sergeant Mike Young of the KPD said, "In Buffalo County, judges have the option of sentencing first time MIP offenders to two days in jail, along with probation, fines, alcohol classes, etc. Most judges are handing out jail time because of the number of fatalities that this area has seen due to alcohol consumption."

The UNK Public Safety system is quite different from the KPD. Public Safety officers have the option of sending an MIP report to the KPD or keeping the case on campus. If the officer decides to keep the case on campus, Residential and Greek Life assign the student the appropriate consequences. The student faces a Judicial Board, who reviews the facts from the report and decides what consequences should be assigned.

An educational class called "Explore" can be assigned. The class is taught by alcohol awareness professionals and shows students their drinking habits compared to those people who have serious alcohol addictions. Another option is an educational computer disk called "Alcohol 101". This option is given to low and first time offenders. More severe consequences are; being removed from the dormitory halls, suspension or even expulsion. The Dean of Students

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## Gold Torch Society strives for worthwhile mentoring relationships

by Chrys Wiebelhaus  
*Antelope Staff Writer*



Photo by Adam Wegner

This past weekend, 50 women met in their annual meeting for a weekend of activities filled with discussion groups, panels, and guest speakers.

As a mentoring and networking organization, The Gold Torch Society is comprised of 25 alumni and 25 current UNK undergraduate students. Alumni members are nominated and selected on their dedication to mentoring students and their personal and professional success. Based upon a desire to be involved in a mentoring relationship with UNK alumni, student members of the society are selected.

Founded by the UNK Alumni Association, the society provides mentoring and networking opportunities for the members.

The goals of the society are to educate, inspire, connect and empower women. Each summer, alumni are paired with students to act as their mentor and share their wealth of knowledge and experiences. Benefiting from the chance to share and network with each other provides many opportunities for all the women.

Undergraduate members of the society are Stacy Baxa, Jada Bilau, Jamie Buller, Kristi Cleaver, Jodi Daigh, Cassandra Darveau, Sarah Davis, Katie Frost, Nickie Frye, Becky Hansen, Amanda Harvey, Christy Hinrichs, Joy Ironuanyan, Amanda Kamler, Beth Krelle, Stacy Krohn, Amber Marshall, Leanne Martischang, Stacy Oberembt, Erika Redfern, Becky Rosenthal, Becky Schneider, Ashley Soles, Andrea Steele and Amy Willadsen.

Alumni members and their UNK graduation year are Dawn Bartlett, 1995; Lisa Morris Blankenau, 1982; Dianne Dempewolf Brown, 1962; Heidi Jo Blair-Esteves, 1995; Alicia Hough Feldman, 1993;

Barb Pollack Friskopp, 1979; Becky Fulmer, 1988; Kristine Tynan Gerber, 1988; Peggy Robinson Kelley, 1972; Betty Kort, 1964; Shelly Heinz Kulhanek, 1988; Suzanne Oldham, 1971; Dwann Holmes-Olsen, 1993; Le Ann Purdy Olson, 1982; Lori Pippit, 1996; Karen Wyatt Rhoads, 1981; Doris Ritzdorf Robertson, 1989; Kael Welch Sagheer, 1990; Sen. DiAnna R. Schimek, 1963; JoAn Scott, 1986; Judith Henggeler Spohr, 1963; Tammy Moerer-Urdahl, 1980; Brenda Van Lengen, 1988; Erica Hough Westbrook, 1996; and Terry Heinke Zimmers, 1972.

The women of the society participated in sessions throughout the weekend, and the alumni presented as the guest speakers. Students were educated on the essentials to learn to be more proficient to take full advantage of networking. Revealing the most desired traits a leader can possess, alumni told stories of their experiences how to move with poise through the stages and transitions in a woman's life.

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## Students must raise food-service concerns to see change



Photo by Quincy Cromer

While some students are satisfied with UNK's food services, many wish for improvements.

by Ben Broshar  
*Antelope Staff Writer*

A student gets up early in the morning. He decides that he might as well spend a meal now on something he won't be eating immediately; this rules out Coyote Jacks and probably Starbucks as well. He goes to the Student Union, only to be confronted with a gate at the entrance to Loper Express. He faces a decision: He can eat now, go back to bed or walk all the way to Jitters West, located in the West Center across campus.

A different time, a different student: She wants to get something to eat on Sunday night. Loper Express is open, but nothing else is. It doesn't really matter very much anyway, because even though she has a spare meal on her 20-meal plan--the result of sleeping in until noon on

Saturdays--she can't spend it. Food options are far from limited, but her money is. It looks like another night of Ramen.

These situations appear to be common at UNK. As student Matt Schofield said, "It's a stupid idea to have Loper Express open after you can charge a purchase as breakfast." He also said Sunday night meal transfers should be allowed, and thought one of the restaurants in the Student Union should open for just a couple of hours to allow people to spend those meals on something other than chips.

Other students aren't really affected by Loper Express's hours.

"A few of my friends think it's a problem, but I'm not really affected--I get breakfasts at Starbucks," Shawnte McGee said. She agreed that the Sunday meals--and the opening of at least one restaurant--would be

nice, though. Others, such as Alisha Nabity, offered to bring a few friends around to help make their points.

"Loper Express being open early was really nice," Nabity said. "I could go get breakfast and a drink for later." She also said that she was in favor of allowing the meal cards to be utilized Sunday nights. "That's the night everybody's here," she said.

These are clearly problems, but not many know where to go to voice their complaints. The staff of Loper Express are clearly not the people to bother; they have no more control over their opening hours than you do. Many students realize this, but don't bother to do more than complain a little before moving on and thinking about other problems.

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### Weekend Weather



FRIDAY  
Sunny  
High 80, Low 49



SATURDAY  
Sunny  
High 67, Low 42

SUNDAY  
Sunny  
High 71, Low 41



## UNK CALENDAR

Thursday, September 25: Preliminary Royalty Voting, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Health and Sports Center, 5-6:30 p.m. in the Nebraskan Atrium.

Thursday, September 25: Platte Studies Seminar Public Symposium, 2-4 p.m. in the Nebraskan Student Union Room 238. The 2nd year of the Platte Studies Seminar during the summer, conducting original research under the guidance of faculty mentors. The projects expanded understanding of some aspect of the Platte Valley in 5 disciplines.

Thursday, September 25: Working a Career Fair...Information about the "Big Fall Career Fair," 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Ockinga Center Conference Room.

Friday, September 26: Platte Studies Seminar Public Symposium, 2-4 p.m. in the Nebraskan Student Union Room 238.

Friday, September 26: Sweepstakes Changes and Additions Due, 5 p.m. in the Student Union Office.

Friday, September 26: Final Copy of Lip Sync Tapes Due, 5 p.m. in the Student Union Office.

Friday, September 26: UNK Volleyball vs. Metro State (RMAC game), 7 p.m. in the Health and Sports Center.

Saturday, September 27: UNK Volleyball vs. Colo. Christian (RMAC game), 2 p.m. in the Health and Sports Center.

Monday - Saturday, September 29- October 4: Homecoming Week

Monday, September 29: Resume Medic, 8:30-11 a.m. in Copeland Hall.

Monday, September 29: Royalty Voting Finals, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m., in the Nebraskan Student Union Atrium

Monday, September 29: Limbo, 4 p.m. in the Nebraskan Student Union Atrium

Monday, September 29: UNK Chess Club, 7-10 p.m. in the Student Union Food Court. Anyone interested in more information may contact Randall Heckman at heckmanr@unk.edu.

Monday, September 29: Rodeo Club Scheduling Meeting, 7 p.m. in the Oak Room of the Nebraskan Student Union. For more information contact Donna Posusta

at 865-8522 or e-mail unk\_rodeo\_club@hotmail.com.

Monday, September 29: Pianist Nathan Buckner, 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

Tuesday, September 30: Royalty Voting in the Health and Sports Center and 5-6:30 p.m. in the Nebraskan Student Union Atrium.

Tuesday, September 30: Trike Race, 4 p.m. in the Nebraskan Student Union Courtyard

Tuesday, September 30: "Risky Business" by Ishmael Torres, 4-5 p.m. in College of Education building room A125.

Tuesday, September 30: Loper Volleyball vs. Wayne State, 7 p.m. in the Health and Sports Center Arena

Wednesday, October 1: Resume Medic, 8:30-11 a.m. at the College of Education. FREE! Resume Critique by qualified Career Counselor!

Wednesday, October 1: Big Fall Career Fair, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Devaney Center at UNL. Over 100 employers plan on attending this event. Plan to attend. A great opportunity to visit first hand with top notch employers looking to hire you!

Wednesday, October 1: Crazilimpics, 4 p.m. at the Mall Walkway/Fountain.

Wednesday, October 1: Sigma Tau Delta-English Honorary, Barbeque and Anniversary Celebration, 5-6:30 p.m. at the Fine Arts green. This annual BBQ welcomes back all students, faculty and staff to campus and commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Xi Beta Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta at UNK.

Thursday, October 2: Loper Luncheon, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. in the East concourse of the Health and Sports Center.

Thursday, October 2: "Risky Business" by Ishmael Torres, 4-5 p.m. in College of Education building room A125.

Thursday, October 2: Spirit Competition, 7 p.m. at the Health and Sports Center

Thursday, October 2: Lip Sync, 7 p.m. at the Health and Sports Center

Thursday, October 2: Royalty Crowning, 7 p.m. at the Health and Sports Center

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

## LANCY SCHOLARS PRESENT RESEARCH AT FALL SYMPOSIUM

Ten UNK students will present their research projects on the Platte River Valley at a Fall Symposium on Sept. 25-26. The symposium will be in the Nebraskan Student Union room 238 from 2-4 p.m. and will showcase work the students completed over the course of the past four months. These ten students received Lancy Research Scholarships, made possible by a \$22,500 grant awarded to UNK from the National Conference of Undergraduate Research and the Leslie E. Lancy Foundation, in order to fund their projects.

Lance Gunderson, of Elm Creek, researched grasshopper density. Courtney Gill, of Kearney, researched the correlation between the spatial distribution and age of purple loosestrife plants along the Platte River Valley. Both researched with faculty mentor Kerri Skinner under the Biology discipline. Justin Sevenker, of Grand Island, and Anna Thompson, of Page, researched the diffusion of Nebraska dialect across the state. Thompson also researched the influence of the Spanish language in that area. Both students researched in the discipline of English with faculty mentor John Damon. Joel Martin, of Lexington, researched the arguments for water rights of Nebraska irrigators along with the effects of irrigation in the Platte River Valley. Michelle Rerucha, of David City, researched the

occurrences of the West Nile Virus in Buffalo and Dawson counties. Both researched with faculty mentor Steele Becker in the Geography discipline. Adam Ecklund, of Bellevue, researched the Nebraska Ordinance Plant at Mead to find the past and present effects on the people of the Platte River Valley. Terra Atkins, of Halsey, researched the formation of the Robb Ranch on the Platte River Valley. Both students researched in the discipline of History with faculty mentor Linda Van Ingen. Nat Auxier, of York, researched the perspective of human resource managers on attracting and retaining a quality work force in the Platte River community. Reta Norton, of Hastings, researched the affects of the Hispanic high school dropout rates on the economy of the Platte River Valley. Both worked with faculty mentor Dave Palmer in the discipline of Management and Marketing. Please attend the conference to learn more about what these talented students discovered.

## UNK CHI OMEGA HELPS GRANT WISH

The Chi Omega chapter at UNK joined forces with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to make a dream a reality for 4-year-old Brooke Peterson of Bertrand. Peterson had contacted the foundation with a wish to go camping with her family. As a result, they presented Brooke and her family with a handicapped accessible camper. The camper was delivered amidst a parade of motorcycles, fire trucks and police

cars. The Chi Omega women also grilled hamburgers and hot dogs during the delivery as well.

## REYNOLDS WRITERS AND READERS SERIES ANNOUNCED

Charles Fort, director of the Reynolds Writers and Readers Series, is pleased to announce this fall's upcoming lineup of readers. The series of readings all will be at 8 p.m. in The Brick Room of the Museum of Nebraska Art at 2401 Central Avenue. All readings are free and open to the public with a book signing and reception to follow. Poet Allison Joseph will present Fri., Sept. 26, Cuban poet Jose` Kozer will be featured on Fri. Oct. 24 and poet Jim Daniels will read Fri., Nov. 7. The Office of the Chancellor, UNK's Creative Writing Program and the UNK English Department sponsors this series. For more information please contact Charles Fort at 865-8164 or e-mail him at fortc@unk.edu.

## APO SERVICE FRATERNITY

Alpha Phi Omega, UNK's co-ed service fraternity is promoting a strong push for membership. This organization provides students with the opportunity to perform service to the school and the community. Come to an information night to learn more about APO. These evenings will only last 20-30 minutes and free pizza will be served. Information nights will be Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the fireplace lounge

with a pop tab drive to follow, Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the fireplace lounge with bowling at the Big Apple to follow, Oct. 6 at 7:30 PM in the fireplace lounge with a pop tab drive to follow, Oct. 7 at 7:30 PM in the fireplace lounge with pop tab drive to follow. Please come check them out.

## UNK RODEO CLUB 1st AND 2ND "GO ROUNDS"

The Rodeo Club will be scheduling upcoming events for their organization in the Oak Room at the Nebraskan Student Union at 7 p.m. on Sept. 29. Anyone wishing to work or participate in rodeo club events and activities are invited to attend. Most events are free or have a very minimal fee. For more information please call advisor Donna Posusta at 865-8522 or e-mail unk\_rodeo\_club@hotmail.com .

## NEW EXHIBITION AT MUSEUM OF NEBRASKA ART

A new exhibition will be unveiled at the Museum of Nebraska of Art Sept 12. This showing is the second in a series of yearlong exhibitions focused on education. Artworks from the permanent collection will be featured that demonstrate pattern and repetition as well. The museum is open Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun. from 1-5 p.m. MONA is closed all Mondays and major holidays. For more information contact MONA at 865-8559 or online at monet.unk.edu/mona.

## POLICE BEAT

September 5-12: A female CTE resident reported the theft of a bike and lock worth \$80.

September 12: A Kearney male reported that his ex-girlfriend had violated a protection order.

September 13: At 1:45 a.m., three females and one male were contacted in Lot 8 for alcohol violations.

September 13: A female University Drive resident reported that a male Kearney suspect had kicked in the door at URN at 11:00 p.m. The esti-

mated cost of damage to the door was \$1,000.

September 14: A male URN resident was reported laying down on the sidewalk at 9:50 a.m. Officers discovered that he and a female URS resident were having a disagreement.

September 14: A female Randall resident took another female Randall resident's bike and portfolio without permission.

September 16: A female CTW resident reported the theft of her keys and UNK ID card

on Aug. 16. The estimated value of the missing items is \$33.

September 17: A male CTW resident found an unknown capsule on the floor of his room and contacted officers. The pill turned out to be a roommate's over-the-counter medication.

September 17: A male Kearney man was contacted after having been observed throwing beer cans in Lot 20 at 10:30 p.m.

September 19: A CTW female reported receiving

threatening phone calls at 12:30 p.m. An investigation is ongoing into the matter.

September 19-20: A female Men's Hall resident reported that someone had tried to enter her room through her window screen between 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The estimated cost of damage to the screen is \$20.

September 20: A female CTW resident reported the smell of burning marijuana at 5 p.m. Officers were unable to locate the origin of the odor.

## CLASSIFIEDS

## NOTICE TO STUDENTS

All students are eligible for a refund of the "A" portion of student fees until October 10, 2003.

Students claiming a refund will lose benefits provided to Fund "A" users during the Fall semester 2003.

Application forms are available at the Student Government Office in the Nebraska Student Union, 1013 West 27th Street.

For more information call 308-865-8523

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## THE BOTTOM LINE

**QUESTION: IF YOU HAD MORE POWER THAN THE CHANCELLOR OR EVEN THE BOARD OF REGENTS, WHAT ONE THING WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT UNK?**



**Kellon Clark**  
Woodbine, Iowa freshman

"I'd make a hockey team. It could even be for intramurals or something."



**Stacie Lakey**  
Kearney sophomore

"Improve the dorms. Case is pretty much falling apart. They're all getting old and need to be fixed up."



**Jenny Leech**  
Beatrice sophomore

"I would change the cost of books. They should buy them back for more. I spent \$275.00 and I only use a few of them. Plus I probably won't be able to sell them back."



# Women can stop objectification

Carrying the zero...



Molly Albrecht  
News Editor

Beyonce Knowles, clad in a glittering bikini, lies writhing upon the ground—not smiling, but glancing provocatively at Sean Paul, who towers over her in a black trench coat.

Later in the music video she’s gyrating with a group of half-naked women. Yet another scene features Sean Paul among a “pit” of women in black bikinis, all of whom are afflicted with mindless gazes.

After witnessing disturbing images like those in the music video for her new single, “Baby Boy,” I knew she wasn’t “Crazy in Love”—Beyonce was simply crazy.

She’s not the only one. After watching a few more videos on MTV, I realized that women

thrashing around in next to nothing is the norm. The norm in our culture is to exploit women as sex objects.

The objectification of women is a tragedy—and female pop stars like Beyonce are cooperating fully. Why do they? Seducing men via the media seems to increase their popularity—and pad their bank accounts.

Stripping for the camera is apparently a small price to pay for wealth and celebrity.

But isn’t self-respect more important than showing cleavage for Cosmo? Isn’t setting a good example for adolescent and teenage fans a top priority? Isn’t being an advocate for womankind also a necessity?

It’s dangerous when women are seen in the media in an entirely sexual light. Men learn to value women for their physical attractiveness and sexuality; women learn that flaunting their sexuality is the only way to capture men’s attention and approbation.

Children and teenagers are even more confused by the media’s portrayal of sexuality.

Take the 2003 MTV Video

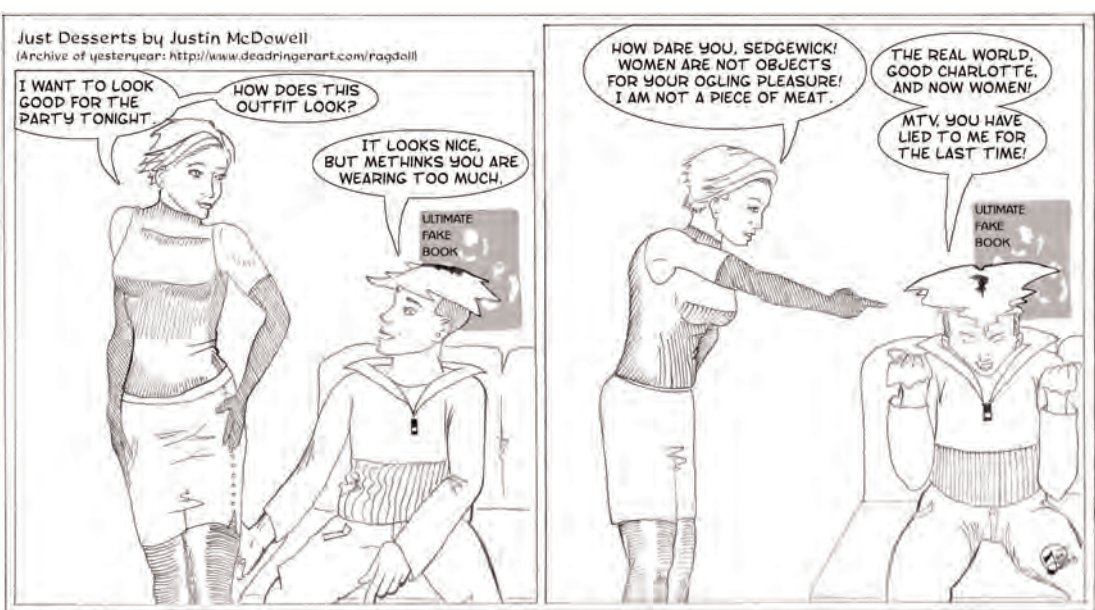
Music Awards, for example. Madonna and Britney Spears engaged in an onstage kiss in front of millions of viewers. Unbelievably, Madonna has recently written and published a children’s book—a tale about English flowers with lessons for little girls.

In a recent editorial, FOX News anchor Bill O’Reilly wrote, “Most children’s books are positive things, but Madonna has a karma debt to kids that this book won’t wipe out. Over the years, she has flounced around flaunting her sexuality, which is fine if you’re an adult but a bit confusing if you’re a kid watching her locking lips with two pop stars whom you idolize. Then, Madonna tells the press that she doesn’t want her daughter to get caught up in all the sex stuff.”

Though Madonna’s daughter may not have seen her mommy kissing Britney on MTV, many children likely did. Countless children and young adults have also seen Beyonce bouncing her booty on a regular basis.

“Many American children cannot escape being sexualized at a young age,” O’Reilly stated.

He noted that according to



Linda Perlstein, a Washington Post education reporter who spent a year with a group of adolescents in suburban Maryland, sex is the No. 1 topic in middle school these days.

“Ten-year-olds know all about oral sex and other stuff that no child that young could possibly put into context or deal with emotionally,” Riley wrote, adding that parents should play a pivotal role in censoring their children’s media exposure.

This is true, but why are

women like Madonna, Britney Spears and Beyonce performing lasciviously on TV to perpetuate our sex-obsessed culture? Why is Madonna writing children’s books when she knows she will gain followers who will want to watch her on TV as well?

Beyonce and other female performers allow themselves to be seen as submissive and sexualized in their videos. Without their consent and participation, perhaps the exploitation of

women—which has such dire consequences—would cease to exist. They need to take their responsibility as role models much more seriously.

Beyonce needs to use her star power to demand a makeover. And I’m not talking about a new hairstyle or a different shade of lipstick. I’m talking about clothing and behavior that reflect female empowerment and self-respect.

Until I see that, I’ll be turning off the boob tube.

# Fight the power: download the music

The legend continues...



Jonathan Rehor  
Managing Editor

It is happening all over the United States; it’s occurring around the globe. People, some as young as 12-year-old Brianna LaHara are being sued for possessing illegal music files by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), sometimes for as much as up to \$150,000 per song.

Over 500 individual lawsuits have been delivered since the beginning of the month, with rumors speculating at least one student on the UNK campus being targeted.

Since the marvelous and industry-morphing release of Napster, peer-to-peer file sharing has revolutionized the Internet. People around the globe are able to share anything from the new version of Windows, to a bootleg CD of Metallica (they used to be popular), to a complete collection of the Simpsons. If those weren’t enough, you can download games directly to your X-Box or Playstation II.

America is a consumer-based market. The longer it takes the RIAA to recognize that, the longer artists will see

their music passed around like Freeware. According to the Yankee Group, between June 15 and August 3, the decline in CD sales accelerated 54 percent. And between August 2002 and August 2003, CD sales were down over 9.4 percent, adding to the combined total of a 31 percent drop in sales since 2000.

From an objective view, it’s easy to see what all these lawsuits are going to do to the file-sharing community: It won’t erase them and it won’t stop people already involved with it. The RIAA will force file-sharers further underground into select groups of 30 to 50 people accessible by invite only. And the further underground users become, the less chance the music industry will have of recovering.

Private networks--such as

Waste--have already formed, offering file-sharers a unique “invite-only” server in which to swap files and are guarded by 128-bit encryption and enough algorithms to mystify John Nash. Membership in these exclusive clubs comes only after getting to know the right people, which anyone can tell you takes more than a smile, in addition to having over 200 gigs of files to share.

Last spring, Apple released iMESH, a program that has already allowed people to download over 10 million songs. Each download runs around \$1, but users are able to handpick which songs they download, instead of being suckered into buying an entire CD. However, a format for a Windows-based PC has yet to be released.

In August, the RIAA

unveiled their Clean Slate Program, which is intended to encourage file-sharers to admit guilt and sign a notarized affidavit. For each person that signs their name and admits guilt, the RIAA promises not to take legal action against them. Before signing your guilt, keep in mind that the RIAA does not directly control the copyright owners, who in turn could file a lawsuit against individuals.

On August 20, I had the honor of being able to attend a Motorhead, Dio and Iron Maiden concert in Denver. All three of these bands have been around since at least the early ’80s, and all have recently released new studio albums.

Bruce Dickinson, lead singer for Maiden, addressed the issue of illegal file sharing. I agree: the bands whining the loudest are primarily fly-by-

night bands, that were lucky enough to make it out of the sticks and even luckier to have one or two hit songs. When artists actually develop talent and diversify their music, they ultimately will be successful.

As consumers, we’re on the verge of forcing the entertainment industry to do something radical: to listen to the public. We have the buying power, and we have the power to boycott the music industry and force them to change or collapse.

Thankfully, Rosa Parks had the courage to stand up against oppression she faced from the bus companies. Luckily, other like-minded Americans had the foresight to follow her sterling example. Hopefully, Americans today will unite against the opposition and prove that we refuse to be railroaded by corporate power.

# More than talent required in NFL

As if I really care...



Lora Slusarski  
Sports Editor

Ohio State tailback Maurice Clarett sued the NFL because he feels that he is talented enough to make it in the NFL already, just one year out of high school.

Although Clarett rushed for 1,237 yards and led Ohio State to a national championship last year as a freshman, is he honestly ready for the NFL? Definitely not.

Clarett is currently suspended for at least a year after the league found out that he had broken NCAA bylaws concerning benefits for athletes and lying to investigators. Clarett is “almost certain” that he would have been taken in the first round of the 2003 draft, if only he had the opportunity to be eligible.

In the NFL bylaws it includes that “a rule prohibiting any player who has not

completed three college seasons, or is not three years removed from high school graduation, from joining the NFL.”

Why should Clarett be treated different from any other outstanding player? Clinton Portis of the Broncos was considered one of the best backs taken out of the 2002 draft, and he was picked in the second round. Does Clarett actually think that even if he

would have had the opportunity to be drafted that he would have been taken in the first round? Not likely.

So what exactly is happening? Clarett asked for an injunction, which allows him to be eligible for a supplemental draft to take place within 10 days of the order or be eligible for the 2004 NFL draft. This injunction would allow him to advance on to a professional career. There is one important question to be asked: will he suffer irreparable damage if his situation is not fixed?

Irreparable damage has to go beyond monetary damages (a.k.a., loss of a lot of money). The league argues that they are keeping him out of the draft because he is not physically ready.

Clarett says that he should

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# Kearney nightlife heats up... Mike Nicolen takes the stage

by Heather Bunsen  
*Antelope Staff Writer*

Do you ever feel like you have lost touch with your redneck roots and need to experience just a little bit of some

down home fun? Well have no fear, I have found the answer, and his name is Mike Nicolen. Nicolen is singer/songwriter,

guitarist, harmonica and fiddle player from Kearney who plays at local Kearney area bars. For those of you old enough to remember, Nicolen is the former lead singer of the local band Blue Mesa.

Mike Nicolen and The Lost Sidemen performed for Kearney locals Friday night at Gillie's Bar. Nicolen also performs at Paradise Cove (the old Hula Hut at the Fort Kearney Inn) every Thursday night from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Nicolen mostly plays the good ol' boy hits like Johnny Cash and Hank Williams Jr., along with some classic rock such as Credence Clearwater Revival and a few Rolling Stones covers. With a twangy voice and a 150-plus song list, Nicolen has a tune for just about anyone.

Mike Nicolen also has some original songs that are available on his CD. His self-titled album contains 12 tracks and lasts about 49 minutes. Many of the songs are about breakups and heartaches, but they are done with just the right amount of humor and tackiness that all of us with some sort of redneck ties truly enjoy. His song titled "A Can That Just Says Beer" reflects just that in saying: "The only thing she left me is the reason that I'm here. I got a note that says it's over and a can that just says beer."

Another thing that makes Nicolen so interesting is that he operates as a one-man band. "The Lost Sidemen" consist of a Yamaha QY700 sequencer, which is considered the band leader and sends commands to a Digitech Harmony Vocalist for harmonies and a Yamaha REX50 for vocal effects.



*Photo by Shiloh Nichols*

**Nicolen presents a one-man-band act utilizing his vocals and a lot of fancy equipment.**

Everything is plugged into a Yamaha 12/4 mixing console and he runs his guitar through a Sabine rack tuner and a Roland GP16 preamp. Pretty sophisticated stuff. Nicolen refers to The Lost Sidemen as "the best band that never was."

Beyond the music, Nicolen is a very friendly man who has another interest. "Of all the immature redneck things that I am proud of, my bumper sticker collection is one of them."

While on his travels entertaining people, Nicolen works on a bumper sticker collection that began for him in high school. Each sticker represents a memory or life experience. He encourages people to look at his

collection at performances and would like to continue adding stickers.

Mike Nicolen and The Lost Sidemen are an interesting and entertaining way to spend an evening in Kearney. This Thursday, head out to Paradise Cove and experience some good ol' fun, or if you are feeling the need to get out of Kearney for a night, Mike Nicolen will be performing Friday Sept. 26 at The "R" Bar in Ravenna from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. and Saturday Sept. 27 at Bullseye's Sports Bar and Grille in Hastings from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m.

Get up, get out, and get in touch with your redneck roots.



*Photo by Shiloh Nichols*

**Mike Nicolen and the Lost Sidemen entertained a crowd at Gillie's bar last weekend. You can catch the act in Kearney again Thursday at the Paradise Cove.**

# The City Limit Band parties hard

by Sarah Skarka  
*Antelope Staff Writer*

Alright, I've got to admit, when I went to The Phoenix Club to check out The City Limit Band this weekend, I was expecting a bunch of 'Wrangler-wearin', chew-spittin' hillbillies to be jumping around under the fancy lights.

Now any of you who know me very well realize that I'm a big fan of the man in a cowboy hat. I had my doubts, however, about spending a few hours listening to a bunch of Garth Brooks wannabes howling to a crowd of wild, drunken rodeo fans.

My doubts were subsided when I walked into the bar to hear the sound of - what? AC/DC? I instantly felt more comfortable when I realized that these guys weren't there to simply impress a smoky bar room full of cowboys. These guys were there to party hard and give the crowd a great time. And party they did.

This crazy band, born in 1993, consists of five fun guys from around the Midwest: Steve McGinnis, Keith Wilson, Gene Davis, Steve Bruggeman and John Spooner. Together, The City Limit Band put on a very fun, unique, exciting show. Their range of talent includes songs from the fifties, bluegrass, classic country, classic rock, modern country, and - even though they're primarily a cover band - they have a few original tunes of their own.

Some of my favorite covers were "Sweet Home Alabama," "Call Me By My Name," and "Long Haired Country Boy." A few of the popular artists they cover are Dwight Yoakam, Elvis, and the man himself, Garth Brooks.

Back to Saturday night: Not long after we sat down, I was right up again with my booty shakin' on the dance floor. There's just something about good company, a pitcher of the cold stuff, a killer song and a

loud, crowded bar that makes you think you can dance like a rock star.

TCLB is an incredibly energetic band that involves the audience, which is key in any

fans onstage to sing and dance, which was as entertaining as it was hilarious. It also really showed how much they value their fans and wanted them to have as much fun as they were

made their popularity clear. TCLB are not only respected on a local level, but in the country music scene as well. They have opened or played back up for bands or artists such as Kenny

strong vocal ability along with incredible musical talent, mixed in with craziness and the desire to entertain and have fun makes them a truly great show to catch.

It's safe to say that when a

has something for everyone. Though primarily country, their wide variety of genres makes certain that even those who aren't lovers of the twang have something to tap their toes to,



*Photo by Shiloh Nichols*

**The City Limit Band was out to have a good time at the Phoenix Club last weekend. The group proved to be a crowd pleaser as they performed various cover songs and a few originals.**

performance when you want the crowd's response. TCLB did everything from laughing with and talking to the audience between songs, letting us sing the words, and actually letting

having themselves. Plus, the keyboard guy winked at me. That always gets fan points.

Watching these guys in action and seeing their fans' response on Saturday night

Chesney, Wade Hayes, The Great Divide, The Warren Brothers, Steve Azar, Mark Wills, River Road and The Ranch. Not only are they goofy, but talented as well. TCLB's

band can bring you to your feet, make you laugh and want to dance all night, they deserve an excellent review. The City Limit Band is one deserving of a round of applause, and one who

something to sing along with. Perhaps most importantly, TCLB has that great quality about themselves, and a stage presence that assures a dang good time.



# Volleyball falls to Division I Northern Colorado

by Erica Wendland  
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The Loper volleyball team battled an undefeated Fort Hays State team Tuesday before falling in five games (25-30, -22, 16-30, -24, -12).

The 16th ranked UNK volleyball team had been on a seven-match winning streak before facing the Tigers. Fort Hays' victory over UNK is their first since 1992.

"FHSU is very good this season and I believe they are now 13-0. They are a veteran team that has been on the rise for a couple of seasons now so it was not a surprise that they were good enough to win," Rick Squiers, Head Volleyball Coach, said.

The Lopers came out swinging, led by Erin Gudmundson, Kearney sophomore, with 20 kills and four blocks, as well as Erin Arnold, Casper, Wyo., junior, who contributed 18 kills and 17 digs.

Kelly Bunger, Grand Island freshman, added to the UNK effort with 15 kills, as did Samantha Danner, Burton, Kan., junior, with seven kills.

UNK had a strong .405 hitting percentage in game three to beat the Tigers 16-30, but FSHU came back strong to take the fourth and fifth games.

"We played well for most of the match, but FSHU was more opportunistic than we were and played better at key points in the match. Much of that is a sign of experience which we are still gaining with our young team, but the effort was great," Squiers said.

After their defeat, the Lopers headed to Greeley, Colo., to play Division I University of Northern Colorado.

In three close games, UNK fell to UNC (32-20, 30-28, 30-12), who defeated 9th-ranked



Metro State this past Tuesday.

The Lopers were led by Arnold, with 12 kills and 11 digs, as well as Anna Vallinch, LaVista freshman, who had 11 digs as well.

"We were very efficient in offense in the first two games, hitting over .300 which is excellent. We had everything working well, and just had a couple of miscues down the stretch after battling ahead in the late 20s. Either of the first two

games could have gone our way. We hit very well in games one and two, and we were dismal in game three which brought our percentage down," Squiers said. "In game three we simply lost focus and they pounced on us as a great team does when they get the chance to put you away. In some ways, that was a sign of the respect we had gained in the first two games. They were not taking any chances."

A strong point of the night

for the Lopers was their blocking game, with 11 blocks, eight of which came from Erin Brosz, Grand Island sophomore. Samantha Harvey, Taylor sophomore, also contributed to the blocking effort with six blocks, as did Bethany Spilde, Council Bluffs, Iowa, sophomore, with four blocks and 31 assists.

"I was pleased with our blocking for the most part. It has improved steadily and we

have dedicated more time to blocking drills in practice," Squiers said.

After a five-game stint on the road, the Lopers will play four matches at the Health and Sports Center.

"We don't really prepare all that differently for our home games, but the routine is obviously a little different. No hotels, long rides or other inconveniences of traveling, but sometimes there are a few more

distractions to deal with at home. We love to play at home and the Health and Sports Center has been great to us over the years," Squiers said.

The Lopers will face long time RMAC rival No. 9 Metro State this Fri. at 7:00 p.m. with a Sat. afternoon match-up against another RMAC opponent, Colorado Christian scheduled for 2:00p.m.



*Photo by Shiloh Nichols*

**Above:**Michalea Gleason, Holdrege freshman and captain Erin Arnold, Casper, Wyo., junior, prepare for a serve Tuesday night against Hastings.

**Left:** Justin Kerchal, Scott Barry and Kara Mueller, announce the in-state matchup of the Loper volleyball squad against Hastings College.

**Right:**Erin Gudmundson, Kearney sophomore, anticipates a serve from Hastings.



# Miller breaks school record in loss at Western

by Byrone Bell  
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The Loper football team traveled to Gunnison, Colo., in hopes of continuing their winning ways. The Lopers entered Saturday's contest 1-1 and an 11 game road win streak. Hoping to avenge last year's only regu-

lar season loss the Lopers had a lot to prove from last year.

In a game that would propel Mike Miller, Littleton, Colo., junior, to number one all-time on UNK's career rushing list, it was another running back that stole the spotlight from him. Western State's Chaumont Bouknight rushed for a school

record 43 times for 293 yards and a touchdown to lead the Mountaineers over the Lopers 49-41.

With the loss, UNK finds themselves 1-2 overall and 0-1 in conference play.

"Our tackling needs to be improved by the next game. There were many situations that

we had them in and could have given our offense back the ball, but we did not capitalize on them," Burton Bosan, Harvey, Ill., junior, said.

Western State jumped out to an early 20-0 lead. UNK fought back and made the score 20-17 in a 1:05 span. The Lopers capitalized on big plays to get

themselves back in the game. A field goal by Jessup Pfeifer, Northglenn, Colo., freshman made it 20-3, and a Mountaineer fumble gave the Lopers great field position to work with which led to a four-yard touchdown by Miller making the score 20-10.

The following kickoff was a

big momentum shifter for the Lopers when a fumble on Western State's 15-yard line was scooped up by Tim Baack, Bloomfield sophomore. The score was now 20-17 and the Lopers were back in the game.

"We have been coached to not give up until the clock reads



# Lopers fall in Gunnison, start season 1-2

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zero. We showed a great display of poise and character throughout the game," Bosan, said.

Western answered back with a 34-yard pass from Nate Baca to Jeremy Craighead that made the score 27-17.

A field goal by each team made the score 30-20 heading into halftime.

UNK opened the third quarter with a 31-yard touchdown pass to Darnell Wood, Aurora, Colo., junior. Wood finished the game with six receptions for 121 yards to lead the Kearney offense.

"The Western State defense did not do anything that we were not prepared for. There were many times throughout the game that we stopped ourselves," Wood said.

"We knew that we were never out of the game. We kept our composure and fought our way back. Playing for UNK we knew that we were always in the game and that we would

find a way to at least give ourselves a shot to win it."

A Mountaineer field goal made the score 33-27 entering the fourth quarter. A 51-yard touchdown strike to Richie Ross, Lincoln sophomore, gave the Lopers a 34-33 lead.

The play was setup by a fumble recovery by Ross Gardner, Wakefield junior. Another Western State field goal gave the Mountaineer's a 36-34 lead with 9:03 remaining.

A run by quarterback Pat Korth, Hastings senior, gave

UNK a 41-36 lead this would be the last time they would see it.

After the conversion, UNK kicked the ball down to the five-yard line only to have Craighead raced 95-yards for the touchdown and gave the Mountaineers a 42-41 lead.

The UNK offense facing a critical fourth down on their own 30-yard line needed four yards to keep the drive going, they managed only three-yards.

A Bouknight touchdown with 1:22 remaining put Western State ahead for good 49-41. UNK could have forced overtime with a touchdown and a two-point conversion, but two Korth sacks and no timeouts remaining put the Lopers in a bad situation.

A failed "Hail Mary" attempt at the end of the game fell short an earned the Mountaineers their first victory of the season.

The Lopers travel to New Mexico Highlands as both teams battle to get their first RMAC victory of the year. UNK will have to play without

star running back Miller as he is out with a knee injury along with defensive end Curtis Harris, Highlands Ranch, Colo., junior.

UNK leads the RMAC in total offense (437.7 ypg) with Miller first in rushing touchdown's (four) and carries (86).

Ross leads in receptions per game with 7.3 with Garth Mins, Lexington junior, first in both receiving yards (99.0 ypg) and in all-purpose yards (194.0 ypg).

# Heller leads way for men’s cross country

**From press release**

Competing in its second meet of the season, the UNK men's cross country team placed 20th out of 30 teams in the college division of the Woody Greeno/Nebraska Invitational this past Saturday.

Like the first meet, the UNK women's team, with three Lopers running, did not have enough runners to qualify for the team race.

On the men's side, UNK scored 598 points to place ahead of in-state schools Wayne State, Dana, York and Peru State. Truman State of Missouri and Fort Hays tied for the team title with 90 points each.

Andrew Heller, Omaha sophomore, led the team with an 84th place finish (27:44). He was followed closely by Jason Relph, McCook sophomore, (93rd/27:59).

Alan Heinckes of Truman State had the fastest time (25:04) of the 294 runners in the field.

For the women, Laura Emmerich, Cody, Wyo., junior, led the Lopers with a 34th place finish (23:49). Kathryn Alt, Hildreth senior, finished close behind in 40th (24:01) while Sara Whitehead, Auburn freshman, was 72nd (24:51). Evelina Slatinska of Central Methodist had the best time (21:59) of the 254 runners in the field.



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# Fall Craft Show draws shoppers

by Traci Witthuhn  
Antelope Entertainment Editor

The Hilltop Mall was cluttered last weekend. Stores were

As show promoters, the Joneses are in charge of contracting booths, and mapping out the order that stands will be placed within the Mall area.

and kettle corn wafted through the hallways. Shoppers were dazzled by pewter figurines and Native American lore. There was even something for the

crafting for nearly 15 years, hauls her merchandise across the Midwest to shows in places from Gordon, Neb. to Sioux City, Iowa. This busy crafter



Photo by Nicole Erb

Above: A vendor mists his assortment of brightly shelled hermit crabs. Upper Right: Jewelry vendors were in full force during the annual Fall Craft Show at the Hilltop Mall. Lower Right: What good would a craft show in Nebraska be without just a little Husker paraphernalia?

filled with regular traffic, but the hallways were jam-packed.

Sept. 19-21 marked the annual Fall Craft Show at the Hilltop Mall. The show is always a success, and unites crafters from across the country with craft-lovers from around the region.

The ringleaders of this show began work on Wednesday night. The husband-wife duo of Stan and Jackie Jones have been crafting for 15 years now. The Kansas City couple began promoting shows three years ago and take part in a number of events across the Midwest. The pair has been coming to shows in Kearney for as many years.

The Joneses specialize in oak products, from furniture to wall hangings.

Stan Jones loves living the life of a crafter, but knows some don't have it as easy.

"We really took a hit with 9/11. It hurt our sales, and still does, you can see it in the numbers," Jones said. "I know crafters that have had to take out other jobs just to make ends meet."

The Joneses contracted 13 vendors for at last weekend's show, and a phenomenal variety of merchandise was offered. Booths with wooden crafts were offset by those with ceramics. The scent of homemade fudge

kids: a booth set up with toys and a selection of brightly shelled hermit crabs.

One local vendor set up shop near Sax's Pizza. Kay Erickson of Funk sells a variety of fabric craft work. Under the label of "Kay's Krafts," Erickson produces soft animal dolls in the likenesses of rabbits, cows, giraffes, etc. She also makes fleece pillows and throws, as well as baby quilts and bibs. Five-foot high dolls dotted the parameter of Erickson's stand. The adorable creations were "vacuum covers" for those who might not have a closet to hide their upright vacuum cleaners.

Erickson, who has been

also makes time to help her son, who is an avid Farmer's Market vendor. With a twinkle in her eye, Erickson laughs off the fact that she seldom has downtime.

Perhaps one of the most fascinating booths was that of Susan Horn. Hailing from Crowley, Texas, Horn has made a living blowing glass for 30 years. She learned the technique from a man at Six Flags Over Texas, and took over his shop after he left the business.

Horn's beautiful figurines caught the light as it streamed into the Mall windows. Statuettes ranged from roses to frogs and anything in between. Horn can make a variety of

shapes and takes orders, she even writes names with her glasswork.

She and her mother were running the "Touch of Glass" booth, where Horn gave demonstrations on her artistry throughout the weekend. With precision and skill, the artist heated glass rods and formed them into gorgeous creations.

All crafters agree that with the holiday seasons fast approaching, they will be busy in the coming months. Some

shoppers were even getting a jump-start on their Christmas gift shopping, while others were just browsing for year-round shelf-sitters and knick-knacks.

Another year of success was marked with shoppers filtering through the craft-cluttered hall of the Hilltop Mall. Whether making artistic acquisitions or looking over the multitude of merchandise, Kearney area craft-lovers were entertained during last weekend's unique shopping experience.

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## SigEp Concert Postponed

Last week's Antelope mentioned "Concert in the Courtyard" to be held Sept. 25 by the brothers of

Sigma Phi Epsilon has been postponed. The fraternity is not sure of the new date.

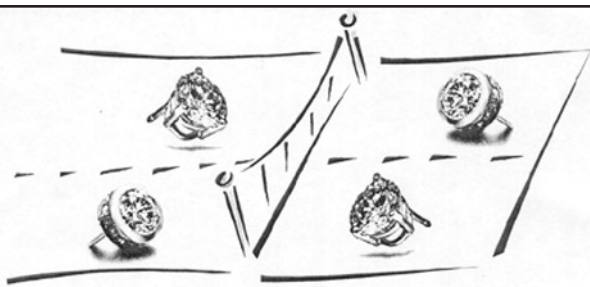
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# Government, Wildlife Society welcome new students

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Being the largest of the student organizations, and modeled after the United States federal government, UNK student government is spilt up into three branches; executive, legislative and judicial. The heads of these three branches are Michelle McGeorge, student body president, Doug Carroll, speaker of the senate and Kristin Streff, student court chief justice. Student government is the main liaison between faculty, staff and administration and the student body. They work to provide a number of programs each year, including Marti Gras and working with the Fall Orientation Committee and the Loper Programming and Activities Council (LPAC) to put on Blue and Gold Welcome Week.

As soon as one has become a student at UNK, s/he is automatically considered a member of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Therefore, if a student would like to become part of the student government here at UNK, they may do so in the Student Union. Elections for president and vice president are held at the beginning of the spring semester along with senate elections, and freshman elections take place in October with two members elected to serve until the election during the spring semester. Court members are recommended by the president, interviewed in the selections committee and approved by the senate in order to become a justice. Executive cabinet

members are appointed by the president and confirmed by the senate.

"If there are any left over positions open, the members then apply and are reviewed through the Selections/Constitutional Review Committee and move on for approval to the general senate," Michelle McGeorge, student body president and student Regent said.

If there's a vacancy for any position for any reason, the remaining delegation have the right to nominate anyone to fill the seat who would meet all of the requirements of that particular seat. The delegation has two weeks to name a nominee and a two-thirds vote of the senate is required to seat the nominee. If no one gets nominated or no one fills the seat, the Senate Selection/Constitutional Review Committee will hold hearings of people who apply to the committee to be considered to fill the position.

The committee approves one candidate per seat to be passed on to the full senate where a two-thirds vote will seat that candidate. One can find all the bylaws of the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska at Kearney on the Student Government website, along with The Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska at Kearney at [http://www.unk.edu/student\\_org/student\\_govt/con-by.htm](http://www.unk.edu/student_org/student_govt/con-by.htm).

Do you have an interest in biology and/or wildlife? If so, check out the Wildlife Society here on campus. No matter what your major is, the Wildlife

Society is for you. Just contact advisor Joseph Springer at [springerj@unk.edu](mailto:springerj@unk.edu), or President Lacey Braun at [braunl@unk.edu](mailto:braunl@unk.edu), for more information on joining in on the fun.

"The Wildlife Society brings in many different speakers in the biology field. We also perform activities related to wildlife to gain experience. At the end of each semester, we hold a wildlife game feed where the faculty and students from the biology department bring different game meals for everybody to experience," Lacey Braun, Wildlife Society President, said.

The Wildlife Society meets every other Wednesday in Bruner Hall Room 398 at 5 p.m. Reminders of upcoming meetings will be found in Bruner about a week before the meeting.

"Students can benefit from being a member of the Wildlife Society in many ways. We keep the members up to date on the most current events dealing with wildlife and the environment. We have a bulletin board of summer jobs, internships and careers available to biology majors," Braun said.

Being funded by the small \$5 per semester organization fee and fundraisers, the Wildlife Society looks great to future employers. "A student can get connections through the Wildlife Society with professionals that could possibly hire them in the future. It also looks good on a resume that you were a member of the student chapter of the Wildlife Society as well as becoming a member of the national chapter," Braun said.



Photo by Adam Wegner  
Members of the student government meet to review upcoming events and campus policies.

# KPD, Public Safety crack down on underage drinking

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deals with off-campus students who are found drinking on campus.

According to Jon Wheeler, an area coordinator for Res/Greek Life and also a UNK Judicial officer, the peak months for alcohol offenses are August and September. "After school has been in session for a while students, especially freshman, are more aware of the consequences that drinking on campus has and they take their drinking elsewhere," he said.

Officer Randy Sawyer, a member of the Public Safety Department, sees many other types of alcohol related offenses, including driving under the influence and minor in consumption (MIC). Sawyer said, "We find offenders everywhere--from dorms to parties to parking lots."

When asked about what kind of authority public safety officers have Sawyer said, "We can hand out citations for speeding

tickets, MIPs, MICs, DUIs and even drug offenses. There may be confusion about our authority, but we've always been able to hand out citations, it's just up to the officer whether or not he/she wants to keep it on campus or send it to the KPD. We try our best to respect all students, and that's all we want in return."

The one thing that both Sergeant Young and Officer Sawyer want students to know is that they're not out there breaking up parties to ruin everyone's night. "We have to receive a complaint before we'll approach a house and then we'll probably only give the house a warning. Trust me; we've got a lot more serious cases that we could be dealing with instead of closing down every party we come across," he said.

Both men want to remind students not to flee when approached by an officer. The best advice Young has for students is, "Be cooperative with police officers. Being rude and out-of-control will only land you in jail for the night."

After reviewing the information given from Sergeant Young and Officer Sawyer it's hard to believe that underage students are willing to take the risk of getting an MIP, MIC or a DUI in order to have a good time. Many may feel that what these officers are doing is positive and they should be cracking down on underage drinking before something tragic occurs, but some students feel that police officers are going about it the wrong way.

Sophomore Logan Klingelhofer said, "I think the efforts that the police are doing is causing students to go to more dangerous links to drink. If the police show up at every party, students are just going to drive around and drink or move the party out of town where they're less likely to get turned in."

It's a hard decision to make: Are police efforts driving students to be more dangerous about their drinking habits, or are the police doing the right thing by cracking down on underage drinking in the manner they are? You decide.

# Gold Torch mentors share experiences with undergrads

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Mentors aided the undergraduates with their resumes as they were taught interviewing tips and techniques.

Andrea Steele, Fairbury junior, said she absorbs the information her mentor provides her.

"The Gold Torch Society is a great opportunity to gain knowledge from UNK alumni. We members are taught to learn how to adapt to changes that may arise for women as they transition from college to the work field," she said.

As a member of the society, Steele has received numerous ideas on how to be better prepared for the future, and how to be one step ahead of the next per-

son when interviewing. Participating in the weekend activities also enticed her to set higher goals to reach her potential.

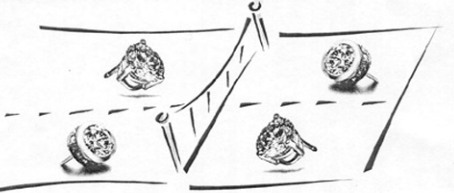
"Networking with the mentors can lead you to internships and jobs in the future," Stacy Baxa, Tobias sophomore, said.

Prioritizing and working towards a goal is the driving force for Baxa to succeed. It is comforting to know she can go to her mentor any time she has a question, she said.

"I enjoy the friendships I have made through the organization. Important life lessons are learned as a member of The Gold Torch Society," she said.



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# Jeff entertains athletic notions

by **Jeff VanRoy**  
*Antelope Staff Writer*

Athletics have been the premise of college students for decades. Through competitive sports and vigorous workouts, student athletes have found entertainment during their four-year careers.

But what about the rest of us?

The typical college student is lazy and would rather sit in his or her room without the painful thought of putting on athletic gear and venturing outside.

There is still hope.

Golf has been around for centuries, yet can still be considered an untapped resource. This is a pure solution for those skeptical of breaking a sweat.

It is a sport in most people's minds. It's an intramural, it's on ESPN, but how many sports can you indulge in adult beverages and have the best performance of your life? This is a blessing for everyone.

Sure, the people who consider it a sport can still play a round on the occasional weekend. But for those Lopers desperately trying not to lose

weight or stay in shape, this is your game. Any activity where drinking and jeans are not only accepted, but encouraged and is open to anyone who wants to play outside.

Another reason this sport is so convenient for college students is the idea that you don't even have to walk the course. Golf carts have revolutionized the aspect of swinging a club on a beautiful stretch of fairways and greens.

It's every lazy person's dream come true. Sit in the cart, grab a club, take a whack at the ball, sit down and have a beer.

That's a sport. In essence, the cart gives the golfer a sense of mobility that surpasses those of other sports. One will never feel more alive and youthful than when they're cruising down the fairway with the wind blowing through their hair.

If fresh air and beautiful scenery is not your numb to plumb, there are other alternatives. A smoke-filled room, loud crashes, people cheering: these are the breath-taking sounds of the local bowling alley.

This is a sport where every man, woman and child can successfully roll their ball down the

lane without a hint of athletic ability.

People of all sizes and statures can be thoroughly entertained and not worry about others watching and commenting on their physic and personal hygiene. Once again, this is another sport in which the consumption of adult beverages is accepted and promoted.

In both cases, clothing plays a vital role in how entertaining these sports can be. The standard sweater and khaki ensemble creates an atmosphere of athletic gods and goddesses. The sharing of shoes at the local

bowl-a-rama renders a question billowing in every players mind, "who wore these shoes last" and "I wonder how they did."

So when deciding on whether or not to go for a jog or go play racquetball, remember this: there is no need to have to take a second shower for the day, or ever run out of breath. Utilize your resources and hit the course or go to the bowling alley. These sports, after all, were invented for the competitive, yet reserved athletes - college students.

# Movie Madness

by **Jessie Mohr**  
*Antelope Staff Writer*

Although most of us are usually overloaded with homework and find it very hard to find time to sit down, relax and watch a movie, there are a lot of great flicks out there!

Topping the box office last weekend with an impressive \$23.4 million in ticket sales was "Once upon a Time in Mexico." Directed by Robert Rodriguez, who also directed the famous "Spy Kids." With a cast including Johnny Depp, Antonio Banderas, Mickey Rourke and Salma Hayek, this movie caught the eye of many critics.

Film Critic A.O. Scott said, "The digital cinematography has unusual depth and luster, the action sequences are punchy and inventive and the music is pretty good too."

Also topping the box office was "Matchstick Men," which stars Nicholas Cage and Sam Rockwell.

Cage and Rockwell play two mismatched con artists Roy and Frank. Frank is an easygoing slob, while Roy is a full-blown compressive-compulsive neurotic. Just as the two are about to embark on one of their biggest scams, Roy's long lost teenage daughter shows up to end his pathologically ordered universe. And the long, ambitious journey begins there.

"I haven't seen the movie yet, but I heard it has a great

cast. Alison Lohrman, who plays Roy's daughter, did an outstanding job playing the lead actress in 'White Oleander.' I'm excited to see her role in this movie," Russ Guill, former UNK student, said.

"Cabin Fever," which was released Sept. 12 and directed by Eli Roth, brings horror to the big screen this fall.

"This horror movie finds an unusually potent blend of dread, gore and gallows humor that suggest a 'Blair Witch Project' with the blanks filled in and the camera stabilized," said movie critic Stephen Holden.

Cabin Fever is rated 'R' for strong violence and gore, sexuality, language and brief drug use.

If you're too broke or just too cheap to go to the movie theatre, there are also some great movies just released on VHS and DVD.

Film maker and activist Michael Moore asks some serious questions about gun-control in our trigger happy culture with his documentary "Bowling for Columbine."

With interviews by Charlton Heston, president of the National Rifle Association, and Marilyn Manson, whose music is sometimes blamed for the Columbine massacre, Moore does a good job at projecting the different views America has on gun control.

Moore focuses on the Columbine shootings as the base of his documentary. He

travels to Littleton, Colo. and asks questions to try to find out who the responsible parties are for this tragedy.

"Guns in America are used to kill more than 11,000 people per year. This death toll is obscenely out of balance compared to other first world countries," Moore said.

"I think this film is basically a wake up call, and an effective way to show people just how big this problem is," Brian Allen, Omaha senior, said.

Who makes a better pair for the most diverse comedy than Adam Sandler and Jack Nicholson? The two join up in the just released comedy "Anger Management," which is a sure laugh for anyone with a sense of humor.

Adam Sandler plays Dave Buznik, a mild-mannered ad executive who rarely speaks up, even in the most intense situations. Buznik gets caught in the middle of a huge misunderstanding on an airplane, and is sentenced to anger management training. He is ordered by the judge to receive treatment from Dr. Buddy Rydell (Jack Nicholson).

Directed by Peter Segal, who also directed "Tommy Boy," "Nutty Professor II," and "Naked Gun 33 1/2: The Final Insult," This movie is rated 'PG13' for crude sexual content and language.

This weekend, find the time to shove your books aside and catch one of these great films.

# Miss America: a picture of style and grace

by **Molly Albrecht**  
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*Antelope Entertainment Editor*

There she is, Miss America. There she is, our ideal...

As the rhinestone crown fell from her head as she flailed with excitement, Miss Florida, Ericka Dunlap, accepted her bundle of crimson roses and cried like a toddler. She is now Miss America, 2004.

Beating out 50 contestants was no simple feat. Who could forget Dunlap's gorgeous pastel asymmetrical swimsuit and high heels in the "physical fitness" competition?

For the talent competition, Dunlap demonstrated her monotone vocal abilities with a performance of "If I Could." To us, it was a travesty that Dunlap won the competition over Miss Maryland, who stunned us with a glorious rendition of Alicia Keys's "Fallin'" Talent scouts watch out, since she didn't win the crown, Miss Maryland may

be coming to a Homer's near you!

Dunlap also amazed us with her phenomenal yellow evening gown. Some, more old-fashioned critics, complained about a tight-fitting derriere. However, we realize that this is simply the current fashion, and a blatant act of self-confidence. She is sexy. She looked amazing, but really...is this a beauty pageant, or a scholarship program?

When it came time for the "Miss America Quiz," many of the young women could not answer basic American history questions or current event trivia.

The master of ceremonies asked the ladies "who said 'give me liberty or give me death'?"

A look of horror washed over their pretty faces as the final five contestants pondered this difficult issue. Sadly, few answered the question correctly. One contestant, Miss Wisconsin, who was already a M.D. at age 22, missed the Patrick Henry question and only

answered two of the myriad correctly. Shame on her!

How can we have a Miss America that cannot answer questions, as she represents a "pure scholarship contest?"

At least Miss America will always be a role model for young women across the nation. And, she will forever look svelte as she promotes cultural diversity and, of course, world peace.



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# The wrap up on the Tri-City Arena's Summer Rap Up

by **Kaisa Gleason**  
*Antelope Staff Writer*

The Tri City Arena played host to hundreds of anxious fans Saturday night, as the End of Summer Rap Up concert got off to a late start.

According to Krystal Shiers, Director of Events at the arena, there were problems with flight schedules and getting the artists to the arena. Once the show began however, things ran relatively smoothly.

Security was in place at the main entrance as they scanned in-coming fans with metal detectors. There were also security guards stationed at various points, securing entrances to backstage festivities. Mike Pagel, co-owner of MP Security, said his staff of 24 security officers found the public responded respectfully, and that no major incidents occurred.

The crowd, though not as large as anticipated, was energized as Marvin Young a.k.a. Young MC, the first of Saturday's five groups, took the stage. He began the night with

some new material, and mixed in some old favorites. Young said he appreciates small town crowds because of the "more intimate feeling."

"People are more honest, and appreciate your effort in small towns. Big cities are inundated with concerts all the time," Young said.

His favorite aspect of being a rap artist is the writing. He began writing as a 10 year-old, and has loved doing it ever since. Growing up in Queens, Young began rapping at parties at age 12, and got his inspiration from neighborhood rappers Run DMC, and Grand Master Flash.

The same artists also inspired another of the evening's artists; Coolio. The last to take the stage, Coolio said his message to his fans is to "Be yourself."

What is it like to be Coolio? In his words "Sometimes you like it all, and sometimes you don't like nothin', but you always like writin'."

"It's all about the people, if the people are alive, the place is alive," Coolio replied, when asked about performing in a

smaller venue.

When Coolio took the stage, he was no doubt feeling alive, as the fans went wild in what was the loudest reception of the night.

Digital Underground, Sir-Mix-A-Lot, and Tone Loc rounded out the night's performances with a combination of old school favorites, and songs from their upcoming albums.

Crowd participation played a major role in Sir-Mix-A-Lot's set. The guys brought a group of eager girls on stage to help animate their lyrics. After the set, they were invited back stage for a "meet and greet" with the group's members.

To "rap up" the night, some artists returned to their hotel to rest before leaving Sunday morning, while others had a taste of Kearney's nightlife.

Digital Underground put on an encore performance at Club 3, and mingled with fans. Afterwards, many headed to Lear Jets to dance until the wee hours of the morning.

And that's the wrap up on the Tri-City Summer Rap Up.

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# Student Health offers many services

by Lexie Perlinger  
*Antelope Staff Writer*

Lately, a plethora of students have been complaining about their allergies. They say that they cannot breathe, smell or even taste food. However, these students can't afford to pay \$100 to get checked out by a doctor. That's not including the allergy pills and decongestants that they are prescribed. Shouldn't there be a cheaper way for poor college students to get better? There is a way--Student Health Services.

Student Health Services is a service that is charged to you each semester regardless of its use or not. A student is charged \$35 each semester that they are registered for seven hours or more. Students who are taking less than seven credit hours may opt to pay the semester's health fee and access the services of Student Health during the semester for which they pay the fee. Thirty-five dollars per semester is a great savings compared to a walk-in at any clinic here in town.

So what can Student Health do for you? A general list includes: diagnosis and treatment of injury and disease; laboratory services performed by Kearney Clinic; referrals for x-rays available through Kearney Clinic; allergy injections; vaccinations; gynecological examinations by appointment; contraceptive counseling; pregnancy testing; sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment; confidential HIV/AIDS counseling and testing by appointment; referrals for psychological services and alcohol education

classes provided by the UNK Counseling Center; referrals for unplanned pregnancy counseling and services; instructor notifications for student absences of three or more consecutive days from illness, surgery or hospitalization; blood pressure assessments; weight, exercise and nutrition counseling; and copies of vaccination and health records upon your written authorization and presentation of identification.

According to Student Health's Web site, <http://www.unk.edu/offices/studenthealth/geninfo.html>, if you need health care you may come to the Student Health clinic without an appointment anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Our registered nurses (RNs) see all students for assessment of their health problem, and then set up a physician (MD) or family nurse practitioner (APRN-C) appointment when medical attention is indicated or when prescription medication, laboratory tests or x-rays are needed. Appointments are scheduled by the RN from approximately 11:30 a.m. until 3:20 p.m. Monday through Friday during the fall and spring sessions. When the Student Health Services clinic is closed and you become ill or injure yourself, if you live in the residence halls you should notify your resident assistant (RA) or your residence hall director (RHD). Whether you live on-campus or off-campus, if possible, wait until Student Health Services opens again to be seen," according to the Web site.

There are nurses and doctors on-hand daily. "You are not charged an office visit fee for seeing our RNs, MDs or APRN-C.

The cost of providing these clinicians is covered by your semester health fee. Reasonable fees will be charged to you by Student Health Services for selected procedures such as vaccinations, wound care, laboratory tests, suture removal, allergy injections, day-care physicals, ear irrigations, gynecological exams, TB skin tests and equipment rental. Medication prescriptions issued by the MDs or APRN-C can be filled by any community pharmacy you choose. You will have to pay for your medications.

Kearney Clinic will charge you for laboratory tests, x-rays and other selected procedures. You will not be charged an office fee if you have been given a referral memo from a Student Health Services RN and present the memo when you arrive at Kearney Clinic. If you provide Kearney Clinic with your insurance information, they will submit the claim form for charges incurred. You will also have to pay for charges for after-hours care from Kearney Clinic or for emergency care from Good Samaritan Hospital," the site says.

According to the site, during the fall and spring class sessions, Student Health Services is open Monday through Friday for walk-in care with registered nurses available from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Appointments for the physician or nurse practitioner are scheduled by the registered nurse. The physicians and the nurse practitioner do not come on campus on days that classes are not in session or during the summer sessions.

Student Health Services is located in the Memorial Student Affairs Building, Room 184. Call (308) 865-8218 for more information or to schedule appointments.

# Meningitis a concern among students

by Stephanie Fielder  
*Antelope Staff Writer*

Each year approximately 3,000 Americans become infected with meningococcal meningitis, a potentially fatal disease caused by the bacterium *Neisseria meningitidis*. Although it is still considered rare, recent studies confirm that meningococcal meningitis poses a significant threat to college students, especially freshmen living in dormitories. Due to calls made by lawmakers, physicians and student health professionals, more awareness about the seriousness of the disease and how it can be prevented is being raised on college campuses across the country.

The American College Health Association (ACHA) reports that the number of

cases of meningococcal meningitis among teenagers has more than doubled since 1991. Over 100 cases of the disease are found on college campuses each year, resulting in the deaths of at least five to 15 students. College freshman living in dormitories have a six-fold increased risk for contracting it, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Meningococcal meningitis is the inflammation of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal chord. The bacterial infection can also take the form of meningococcemia, which is the presence of bacteria in the blood. The disease develops quickly and requires prompt medical attention to avoid serious impairments such as permanent brain damage, hearing loss, learning disabilities, limb amputation, kidney

failure and even death.

Much like the flu or a common cold, it is transmitted through respiratory secretions like coughing and sneezing and direct contact with a person already infected with the disease. Most cases occur during the flu season from late winter to early spring. Early symptoms include high fever, rash, vomiting, severe headache, neck stiffness, lethargy, nausea and sensitivity to light. Only symptoms in its later development like seizures and confusion will clearly distinguish it from the flu or a cold, but by then serious damage may have already set in.

"The problem lies in the fact that it is very difficult to make a diagnosis because it has flu-like symptoms, so by the time you figure out what they have, they are very likely to be physically impaired or dead," Peg

Nyffeler, UNK Student Health Services Interim Director, said.

The ACHA recommends that people with at least two symptoms of meningococcal meningitis get tested for the disease immediately.

Although people of all ages and backgrounds can get the disease, college students have a greater risk of contracting it. Certain social behaviors like smoking and drinking excessively, as well as irregular sleep patterns and a poor diet may explain why students are more prone to the disease.

"People from different backgrounds come together in college, and maybe kids are tired and not eating right; that would make you more susceptible," Nyffeler said.

A vaccine to prevent four of the five serogroups of the bacteria that cause meningococcal meningitis is available.

Serogroups A, C, Y and W-135 cause 70 percent of the disease in the United States, and the vaccine has proven to be 85 to 100 percent effective in preventing them. The vaccine does not prevent the viral or *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) forms of meningitis, nor does the vaccine for Hib prevent meningococcal meningitis.

College students are urged to get the vaccine promptly. "Students probably need to get it in the first three to four weeks of school because that's when you're most at risk," Nyffeler said. After a simple injection, immunity will develop within seven to 10 days, and will remain effective for at least three to five years.

Particular attention has been drawn to the disease and its prevention since the Nebraska Legislature passed a bill in

May 2003 requiring postsecondary institutions to provide new incoming students with information on the disease and the vaccine.

"We are required to have a signed statement from either students or their parents if they are under 19 that they have received information about meningitis and about the ability of the vaccine in order to move into the residence halls," Nyffeler said.

Students can get the vaccine from their local physician or from UNK Health Services for a fee of \$65. Student Health is available for walk-in vaccinations during their hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Students should check with their insurance companies to see if meningococcal vaccination is covered in their plan.

# Alumni explain skills needed in business world

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as well.

"By the time I was a sophomore, I was working for 10-11 News in Grand Island. I had two years of experience by graduation...it really helped me out," Olsen said.

After graduating from UNK in 1993, Olsen worked at television news stations in many cities around the country, such as Savannah, Birmingham, Omaha and Lincoln.

"You need to be willing to move," Olsen said. "The news business is very competitive. You need to eat, sleep and breathe news."

Olsen now lives in Nashville, Tenn., where she started her own business, D&C Multimedia Inc., an award-winning, faith-based, full service multimedia marketplace ministry. In 2001, Holmes was named one of *Ebony* Magazine's 30 Leaders of the Future age 30 and under, and is co-founder of Urban Flavor Publications. She said that one of D&C's next moves is to launch a new interactive TV station next month.

"As president and CEO [of D&C], the main thing I have to do is sell it to anyone and everyone," Olsen said.

Scott, who works for the Nike Corporation in

Indianapolis, Ind., spoke about working for a large corporation, instead of working for your own business. She said one difference is that the jobs are usually more personalized.

"Find your passion," Scott said. "I found that my passion was sports, so I pursued that." She suggested that students do an internship to find out what they really want to do.

A native of Ansley, Neb., Scott graduated from UNK in 1986 with a business administration degree and spent 10 years as Director of Basketball Operations of USA Basketball in Colorado Springs, Colo. She was a member of the USA Basketball administrative support staff for the 1988, 1992 and 1996 Olympic Games. While working for Nike, Scott had the opportunity to administer the Tiger Woods Invitational Golf Tournament in Tokyo, Japan. She manages Nike's negotiations and relationships with various departments of the NCAA and the National Federation of High School and Division I Conferences.

Scott said that in any business, "You have to be able to negotiate." She said she gets better results by being a "nice" negotiator and keeping everyone happy, rather than being shrewd and antagonistic. "It's

all about making good, smart decisions," she said.

All three speakers agreed that students should start looking for jobs as soon as possible. They suggested starting your job search during junior year and using the Internet to get your name and resume out. They also gave advice on how to get a job after graduation.

"You have to have an internship," said Olsen. All agreed

that work experience is very important, but if you don't have much experience, GPA and volunteer activities are important determining factors as well. The speakers explained that establishing relationships with potential employers and business contacts is crucial to finding your dream job.

"It's all about who you know. Don't burn any bridges," said Gerber. Scot talked about

the importance of mentoring, and said that the reason she has her dream job is because of the mentors she kept in touch with throughout her career. "It's the greatest thing, especially out of college," she said.

The alums urged everyone to take an accounting class, no matter what field they plan to enter after college." Any business, whether it's five people or 20,000 people, will expect you

to follow a budget and run numbers," Gerber said. Gerber also said, "If you do start your own business, find a good tax person and a good attorney."

As the forum came to an end, the speakers again stressed the importance of job experience and personal relationships, but also urged the students to start their quest for jobs now. As Scott said, "Just get your foot in the door."



Photo by Adam Wegner

# Students seek to change Chartwells

From *Food Services*, page 1

Chartwells catches quite a few complaints, too. Unfortunately, they aren't able to do much more than take note of complaints and mention them to the university.

John Foss, Director of Chartwells, said, "We can't really do anything about it. We have a contract that tells us exactly what we can provide." He also mentioned that Loper Express is currently running under an unfinished contract for something called Randall Express, and is currently running according to the times set for that. You don't rant to the contractors of a house about the design they were told to use when they were hired. The same applies to food suppliers. Who else can one complain to?

Who else but the university itself? Unfortunately, that isn't the right answer either. You see, people like Dr. Lois Flagstead, the Dean of Students, are bound by what was decided upon last year. Furthermore, they can't dictate policy--it isn't even open to debate

until they decide on policy for next year. These people might seem all-powerful and unapproachable, but they can't do anything if they don't know the problems. Unfortunately, they can't do all that much when you tell them--all they can do is tell you where to go with your problems and suggestions. The real answer, then, is your student government. It may seem unbelievable, but changes in Chartwells policy are largely the responsibility of your elected fellow students.

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) is a good bet, and all students that live in the dorms should know at least one RHA representative. Mention your suggestions to them. If you feel strongly enough, write petitions and give those to the RHA reps. In this case, the power rests in the pupil--so we all know what we need to do if we want to see a change.

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# Fall Craft Show draws shoppers

by Traci Witthuhn  
Antelope Entertainment Editor

The Hilltop Mall was cluttered last weekend. Stores were

As show promoters, the Joneses are in charge of contracting booths, and mapping out the order that stands will be placed within the Mall area.

and kettle corn wafted through the hallways. Shoppers were dazzled by pewter figurines and Native American lore. There was even something for the

crafting for nearly 15 years, hauls her merchandise across the Midwest to shows in places from Gordon, Neb. to Sioux City, Iowa. This busy crafter



Photo by Nicole Erb

Above: A vendor mists his assortment of brightly shelled hermit crabs. Upper Right: Jewelry vendors were in full force during the annual Fall Craft Show at the Hilltop Mall. Lower Right: What good would a craft show in Nebraska be without just a little Husker paraphernalia?

filled with regular traffic, but the hallways were jam-packed.

Sept. 19-21 marked the annual Fall Craft Show at the Hilltop Mall. The show is always a success, and unites crafters from across the country with craft-lovers from around the region.

The ringleaders of this show began work on Wednesday night. The husband-wife duo of Stan and Jackie Jones have been crafting for 15 years now. The Kansas City couple began promoting shows three years ago and take part in a number of events across the Midwest. The pair has been coming to shows in Kearney for as many years.

The Joneses specialize in oak products, from furniture to wall hangings.

Stan Jones loves living the life of a crafter, but knows some don't have it as easy.

"We really took a hit with 9/11. It hurt our sales, and still does, you can see it in the numbers," Jones said. "I know crafters that have had to take out other jobs just to make ends meet."

The Joneses contracted 13 vendors for at last weekend's show, and a phenomenal variety of merchandise was offered. Booths with wooden crafts were offset by those with ceramics. The scent of homemade fudge

kids: a booth set up with toys and a selection of brightly shelled hermit crabs.

One local vendor set up shop near Sax's Pizza. Kay Erickson of Funk sells a variety of fabric craft work. Under the label of "Kay's Krafts," Erickson produces soft animal dolls in the likenesses of rabbits, cows, giraffes, etc. She also makes fleece pillows and throws, as well as baby quilts and bibs. Five-foot high dolls dotted the parameter of Erickson's stand. The adorable creations were "vacuum covers" for those who might not have a closet to hide their upright vacuum cleaners.

Erickson, who has been

also makes time to help her son, who is an avid Farmer's Market vendor. With a twinkle in her eye, Erickson laughs off the fact that she seldom has downtime.

Perhaps one of the most fascinating booths was that of Susan Horn. Hailing from Crowley, Texas, Horn has made a living blowing glass for 30 years. She learned the technique from a man at Six Flags Over Texas, and took over his shop after he left the business.

Horn's beautiful figurines caught the light as it streamed into the Mall windows. Statuettes ranged from roses to frogs and anything in between. Horn can make a variety of

shapes and takes orders, she even writes names with her glasswork.

She and her mother were running the "Touch of Glass" booth, where Horn gave demonstrations on her artistry throughout the weekend. With precision and skill, the artist heated glass rods and formed them into gorgeous creations.

All crafters agree that with the holiday seasons fast approaching, they will be busy in the coming months. Some

shoppers were even getting a jump-start on their Christmas gift shopping, while others were just browsing for year-round shelf-sitters and knick-knacks.

Another year of success was marked with shoppers filtering through the craft-cluttered hall of the Hilltop Mall. Whether making artistic acquisitions or looking over the multitude of merchandise, Kearney area craft-lovers were entertained during last weekend's unique shopping experience.

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## SigEp Concert Postponed

Last week's Antelope mentioned "Concert in the Courtyard" to be held Sept. 25 by the brothers of

Sigma Phi Epsilon has been postponed. The fraternity is not sure of the new date.

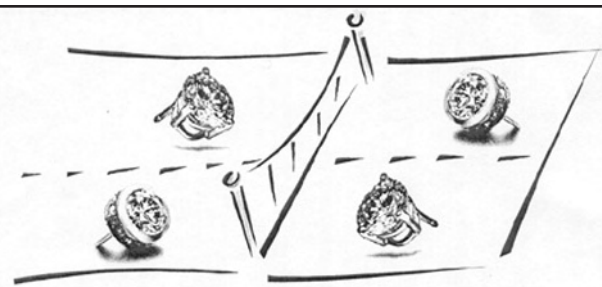
The venue still

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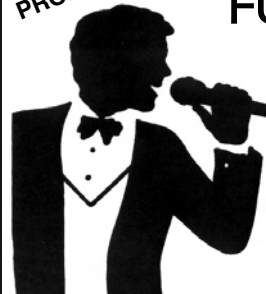
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