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Photo by Jessica Kenyon
Nick Bartels of Lincoln, a junior majoring in visual communications, and Teresa Cousins of Seward, a senior majoring in pre-law/political science, wait patiently for their picture drawn by caricature artist Dirk Christensen during Destination Downtown.

BY JESSICA KENYON
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For Megan Buresh, a freshman from David City majoring in vocal performance, Destination Downtown was a place to “forget all our troubles, forget all our cares” as Petula Clark sang in her “Downtown” lyrics in 1965.

“The first week of college has been really stressful, especially for the freshmen, so Destination Downtown was something that really helped us get away and relax for awhile,” Buresh said.

On Thursday, Aug. 27, UNK students celebrated the beginning of the school year with the 6th annual Destination Downtown. Like the previous years, Destination Downtown offered a caricature artist, student discounts, free food, live music and prizes.

Leah Nelson of Byron, a sophomore majoring in visual communications and design, said, “The prizes, the discounts and the music were awesome, but when you’re not from Kearney, it’s also a great way to get people on ‘The Bricks’ to learn more about the downtown businesses.”

Junior Stacy Oblinger, an elementary and special education major from Wymore, had a similar thought. “It’s a great way for the students to hang out with one another and also get to see what the downtown area offers to the students. Plus the free goodies— like the amazing fried Oreos— are a bonus as well.”

Who doesn’t love the idea of food, discounts and prizes? However, a crowd also gathered for “Fear of Flying,” a local band made up of guitarist Greg Sales, bassist-vocalist Dave Lerbakken

Destination Downtown



Everything's waiting for **you**

and drummer-vocalist Mick Johnson. This event was an opportunity for the band, that had actually separated in August of 2007, to play together again.

Drummer and vocalist Mick Johnson said, “I have been so busy over the past two years, I didn’t realize how much I missed playing live and how much I missed hanging with my two good friends. I could see it in their faces on stage, too.”

David Kelley of Gering, a sophomore major in music education, believed the band picked great songs. “You can tell they enjoy being on stage playing sweet music. It was also cool to see Greg and Mick onstage, who are part of the UNK faculty.”

Another major hit at Destination Downtown was the caricature artist, Dirk Christensen, who has been drawing at the event since the very beginning six years ago.

“Destination Downtown has grown so much since its inception that it could

arguably be called the second biggest summer event on ‘The Bricks,’” he said. “As a Kearney native and a former UNK student—KSC as it was called then— I take some pride in the fact that the ‘town-gown’ relationship is so strong.

“The university and businesses community have a great rapport, and each supports the other very well. That is a very envious relationship, which is actually quite a rarity in similarly situated college towns. I think it is something to be supported and fostered to grow even stronger, perhaps with more than just one event a year.”

Each year Destination Downtown has similar events, but one can never imagine how the night will turn out.

“I always expect the Ultimate Eating Contest to take place, and it does, but this year watching the guys slam the frozen shirts on the ground trying to unthaw them so they could wear them was funny,” Oblinger said.

2,650 brick mural draws interest to Bruner renovation

BY ALEX MORALES
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The University of Nebraska at Kearney has brought its science department into the 21st century this fall with the near completion of Bruner Hall. The center piece of the new addition, a state-of-the-art 24-by-30-foot dome planetarium and a 31-by-14-foot brick mural will be completed at a later date.

Even though the planetarium and mural have not been completed early with the rest of the facility, the overall renovation and the construction of the new addition are ahead of schedule by several months.

According to Robert Rycek, dean of the College of Natural and Social Sciences and chair of the art selection committee at UNK, the original completion dates for the renovation and new addition were December 2009 and February 2010 for the planetarium, now scheduled to be completed by Nov. 4.

According to Jay Tschetter from Images in Brick in Denton, Neb., one of the designers behind the creation of the 2,650 piece brick mural on the west wall of Bruner Hall, the sculpture will be completed within the following weeks.

“We are on pace to get it done in the next two weeks, but it all depends on the weather,” he said.

The mural, titled “On the Shoulders of Giants,” depicts each of the sciences housed in the building.

The space between the two buildings will become a courtyard that will be made available to students for recreation. Although a name for the courtyard has not been finalized, Rycek pointed out that the new name will honor Mary Morse.

According to Rycek, the timely construction process has been prompted by good management skills.

“Throughout the entire construction and

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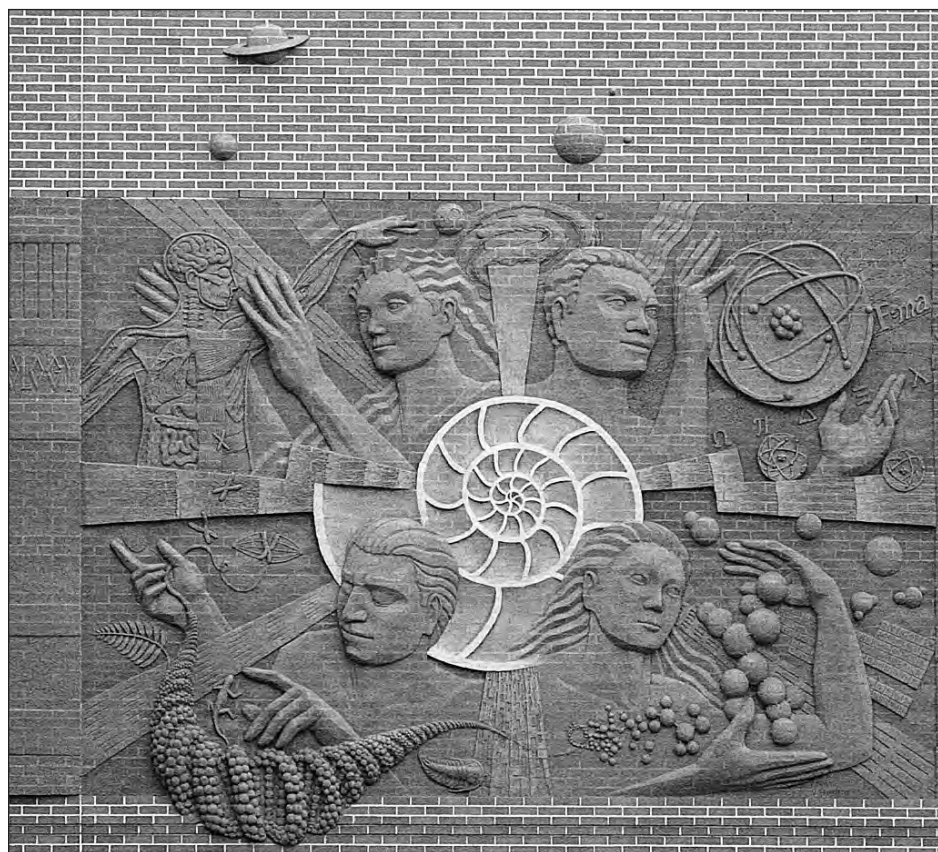


Photo by Josh Moody

Designed by Jay Tschetter and Tom Meyers, "On the Shoulders of Giants" has been installed on the west exterior wall of Bruner Hall. The 31-foot by 14-foot brick mural features all of the sciences taught in Bruner Hall.

renovation process, Bruner Hall has remained functional for students and faculty at UNK," he said.

He credits the company in charge of the construction process, Beckenhauer

Inc., for the opportune timeline of the construction.

"Beckenhauer has done a wonderful job of coordinating the entire project, and we are very pleased with that," he said.

Jim Barga, Beckenhauer's superintendent, credits the constant communication process with UNK officials for the timely process.

"We regularly talked to UNK officials and listened to what they needed in order to maintain Bruner Hall as functional," he said.

According to the Bruner Hall of Science Program Statement, the \$14.5 million renovations are the second phase of a process that began in 2001. At that time, Bruner Hall underwent a first phase of maintenance renovations at a cost of approximately \$6.4 million.

The initial steps toward the current renovation of Bruner Hall began with the demolition of the Mary Morse Lecture Hall in March 2008.

Shortly after, in April 2008, the foundation work for the new addition began to occupy the space where MMLH once stood. A month later, the renovation process began in Bruner Hall, along with the base work for the brick mural on the west wall.

The restoration process has brought state-of-the-art classrooms, laboratories and research space.

The primary spaces within the new addition will consist of a public lobby, the health sciences program area, five classrooms, an herbarium and the planetarium.

Bruner was originally constructed in August 1966. The latest renovations have given the biology, chemistry, physics and health sciences programs at UNK a jump start into a new era of research.

Bring on the debate

Sen. Ben Nelson discusses healthcare with strong crowd

BY JOSH MOODY
Antelope Staff

On Aug. 24, Nebraska Sen. Ben Nelson held a public meeting in Kearney at the Robert M. Merryman Performing Arts Center, with healthcare reform taking center stage. The town hall style meeting allowed those in attendance to ask Senator Nelson about the currently proposed healthcare legislation that has recently dominated the American political scene.

H.R. 3200, the official title of the legislation, has sparked vigorous debate since its introduction. Cable news cameras have caught the best of fiery rants, over the top

speeches and even allegations of Nazism at similar events in other cities nationwide.

Posted on a door entering the Merryman Center a sign read: "No posters, banners or political materials are allowed. Please leave them outside."

Inside the Merryman Center, around 600 people watched the public debate unfold. The crowd ranged in age from senior citizens to fifth grade students. Nelson began the meeting by stating his re-

form goals as well as outlining the need for healthcare reform.

Nelson claimed the cost of healthcare had risen 78 percent from 2001 to 2007, and in that same time, income had only increased by 19 percent (or 17 percent when adjusted for two percent inflation).

Nelson outlined his reform goals: controlling spending, reducing health care costs, improving health-

When Nelson opened the meeting to questions from the crowd, opinions varied. So, too, did levels of information pertaining to healthcare.

Textbook bailout

New stimulus bill saves students cash

BY KYLIE TIELKE
Antelope Staff

During a time of financial instability among many in the U.S., including college students, the Obama administration shed some light for students involving the increasing expense of college textbooks.

Just recently, the Obama administration introduced a new stimulus bill directed toward college students called the Textbook Tax Credit, which is part of the American Opportunity Tax Credit. The tax credit was introduced for 2009 and 2010 to help students cover general college expenses. According to the United States Department of Treasury, the tax credit is a refundable credit for undergraduate college education expenses that will reimburse students up to 100 percent of the cost of required textbooks and related materials.

How does the Textbook Tax Credit work for you?

1. Buy your books.
2. Keep your receipts.
3. Check textbookaid.org to see if you're eligible (if you make less than \$80,000 in a year, you probably are.)
4. File a tax return and get money back for your books and other course materials.

"With the rising costs of a higher education, the American Opportunity Tax Credit is a positive step towards helping many American's afford college," Len Fangmeyer, manager of The College Store said.

According to an article in the Washington Post, students annually spend anywhere from \$700 to \$1,100 on textbooks, which is an estimated \$3.6 billion per year.

"Textbook costs have risen at significant rates due to many publisher merchandising tactics. We applaud the government for including required course materials as an eligible deduction with the

American Opportunity Tax Credit," Fangmeyer said.

The tax credit, according to the United States Department of Treasury, expanded and renamed the existing Hope Credit, which did not cover textbooks, and can be claimed by students for tuition and certain fees students pay for higher education. For each student, the credit will provide

"All students need to do is keep their receipts, it's that simple."

Barb Johnson
Vice chancellor for business and finance

up to \$2,500 in tax credit for educational expenses with 40 percent of the credit refundable.

According to Barbara Johnson, vice chancellor for business and finance, the maximum refund is \$1,000, and the refund dollars can be used for future book purchases or other expenses.

"In the grand scheme of things, I realize that textbooks and materials for courses are pricey. All students need to do is keep their receipts, it's that simple," Johnson said.

The tax credit applies to textbooks and all related expenses including any other materials such as lab supplies, software and other course materials that students need to be successful within their course.

"UNK students are eligible for the tax credit. Qualifications for students or their parents are based on income levels, provided they have the documentation to prove that they incurred the eligible expenses," Johnson said.

"This just allows for more students to participate in the program— therefore making higher education more affordable for more people," Fangmeyer said.

According to Johnson, students, parents or guardians will file for their federal income tax just like normal and include the appropriate records, which in this case would be the receipts for course materials. After filing, students will be refunded for any extra expenses they had throughout the year.

"Most importantly, we strongly encourage our students to take advantage of this tax credit. Students, parents or guardians do not have to do anything differently than they already are doing except for simply keeping their receipts, it's really that simple," Johnson said.

For more information about the American Opportunity Tax Credit stimulus plan visit www.textbookaid.org.

Top ten reasons why freshman chose

UNK

Remember when your senior year of high school was winding down and you needed to figure out what college you would be attending in the fall? Well, it's that time of year again, and when

students were choosing colleges, the University of Nebraska at Kearney was a hit. As the new year is just beginning and freshman are mingling, the low-down on why these freshman students chose UNK has come down to ten reasons.

#10 "I chose UNK because it was close to home and less expensive."

-Catherine Paulsen, Arapahoe

#9 "I picked UNK because they offer a great educational experience, and our sports teams are very good each year in and out, especially track."

-Scott Nannen, York

#8 "I chose UNK because it was cheaper, and it had a better rate [compared to other schools] to get a job after graduation."

-David Prater, Kearney

#7 "I chose UNK because they have one of the best industrial distribution programs in the nation, and I was able to join the cross country and track team."

-Travis Walker, Kearney

#6 "UNK was my top pick because when I visited here it seemed like a friendly atmosphere"

-Layne McConville, Indianola

#5 "I chose UNK because it offers both strong academics and athletics."

-Derek M Schnell, Lincoln

#4 "I wanted to attend UNK so I could have the opportunity to run cross country and track."

-Laura Fritson, Minden

#3 "I chose UNK because it's not too big and not too small, and there aren't a lot of hicks!"

-Jessica Dexter, Burwell

#2 "UNK was my first pick because it's far enough away from home, but close enough if I need something."

Lauren Kongsjord, Seward

And the number one reason is...

#1 "I chose UNK because I wanted to be close to the ocean [comically], and I wanted to go to a public institution in Nebraska that was affordable."

-Simon Falcon, Bellevue

There we have it. Those were the top ten reasons why only a few of the many freshmen chose UNK. Whether they were being comical or serious, they all seemed hopeful and excited about the new school year.

BY ABBY RICHTER
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Information, prevention key to fight against H1N1 flu

BY DEBBIE EPPING
Antelope Staff

No one knows or can predict with certainty how the H1N1 flu will affect college campus such as UNK. However, campus health officials are focused on information and prevention instead of fear tactics.

"The H1N1 is what we call a novel virus—it's brand new at this time," said Cindy Shultz, RN and Associate Director at UNK Health Care.

The problem with a new virus is no one in the population under 65 has ever been exposed, so it can affect people a lot differently. Otherwise the cases of swine flu have shown very similar symptoms to the seasonal flu so far. "The most common factor is a high fever of at least 100.4, but typically we'll see fevers of 102 and 103 associated with one of a variety symptoms—sore throat, cough or runny nose—cold symptoms," Shultz said.

A vaccination for the H1N1 virus is still going through trials and will likely be available in the fall.

"I am a total prevention fanatic.

That's the best thing we can do," Shultz said.

Although the previous wave of H1N1 that came through in the spring had cases similar to those of the seasonal flu, it's not certain what it's going to look like when it comes back again this fall.

"Viruses do tend to change and mutate, but we're hoping that it does not come back anymore virulent or more severe," Shultz said.

The important thing is to stay informed. Shultz writes an informative blog on the UNK web site where students can keep up-to-date on information.

"We want people to be educated. We don't want them to necessarily be afraid," Shultz said.

Tips to Avoid the Flu

- Handwashing is crucial
- Use tissues for coughs and sneezes
- Sanitize surfaces
- Get your flu shots
- Stay home if you are sick

Information courtesy
of Cindy Shultz, RN

Winter of Death

New book recalls 28 deaths
in 1918-1919 Ravenna flu epidemic

BY DEBBIE EPPING
Antelope Staff

What goes around, comes around—at least in the case of the flu.

"It's an old scourge that's been around for a long time and it can mutate," said Valerie Vierk, the office assistant in Copeland Hall and author of the recently published book, "Winter of Death."

Vierk was inspired to write a book on the 1918-1919 influenza epidemic victims in her hometown of Ravenna, Neb., after hearing a story about her grandmother's classmate named Phrania McDonald. Eighteen-year-old McDonald had a beautiful voice and, before her death, reportedly sat up in bed, sang a verse of a popular war hymn and fell back on her pillow and died.

"It truly was a swan's song," Vierk said.

Vierk, a UNK alum with a BA in English and a minor in history, was concerned that the Ravenna flu victims would soon be forgotten.

There was little record of the epidemic in history books and "people were focused on the end of the war...it was just kind of forgotten," Vierk said.

Vierk was also interested in the eerie fact that Ravenna, just about 20 miles north of Kearney, had such an alarmingly high rate of casualties. Ravenna, with a population of 1,700, had 28 casualties in a six and one-half month period.

"Why was Ravenna hit so hard? I don't know," Vierk said.

The flu epidemic that devastated Ravenna was strange in nature because it affected everyone from babies on up to otherwise healthy, young men in the war.



Photo courtesy of Valerie Vierk

Valerie Vierk stands in the Highland Cemetery in her hometown of Ravenna, Neb. Many of the victims of the 1918-1919 flu epidemic lie in unmarked graves. Vierk is the Office Assistant in Copeland Hall and author of the recently published book, "Winter of Death."

"It took the young people," Vierk said.

Along with remembering the victims, Vierk wrote the book in light of the new flu scare coming on. People shouldn't be lulled into thinking modern medicine can eradicate the flu..

"I'd like people to get their flu shot. Still 36,000 people die each year in the U.S. according to the Center for Disease Control. I don't think people should take it lightly," Vierk said.

With flu season right around the corner, and the recent scare with the swine flu, it's important to stay informed. The lesson from "Winter of Death" is that an epidemic can cause casualties that affect a whole community.

Focus on International students:

From the Netherlands to Nebraska

Two juniors join 600 other students learning about UNK culture.



BY TRAVIS SCHOTT
Antelope Staff

This fall, two of the 600 international students from 12 different countries are from the Netherlands. Nikky van Buuren and Pauline van Leeuwen came to campus as part of

Photo by Travis Schott (From left) Pauline van Leeuwen, a junior majoring in psychology, is from Voorhout, Netherlands and Nikky van Buuren, a junior psychology and statistics major, is from Delft, Netherlands.

the honors program exchange program with the Roosevelt Institute in the Netherlands. UNK has exchanged students with the Roosevelt Institute since 2008.

Buuren is a junior psychology and statistics major from the city of Delft. With a population of roughly 95,000 people, Delft is famous for its architecture, painter Johannes Vermeer, and Delft pottery and porcelain products. Located in the province of South Holland,

Point. Set. Match.

UNK volleyball sweeps Runza Fall Classic, Scott named tournament MVP

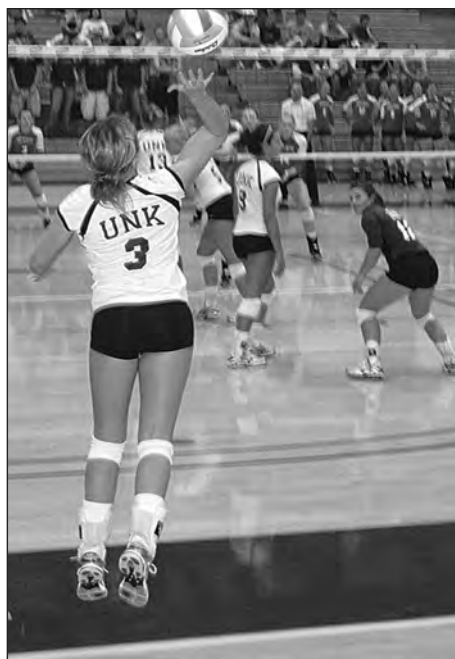


Photo by Rachael Cochran

Sophomore defensive specialist Alex Miller of Grand Island serves up the ball in a game against Newman University. The Lopers swept the match and are now 4-0.

BY DAN LENZEN

Antelope Sports Staff

Over the weekend, the sixth-ranked UNK Lopers hosted their first volleyball tournament of the season. The tournament, the Best Western/Runza Fall Classic included the Lopers, Bemidji State, Newman, Rockhurst and Fort Hayes State.

The Lopers won the tournament with a 4-0 mark and did not drop a set during the entire tournament. They swept each of their four games three sets to none.

UNK opened the tournament by beating Bemidji State on Friday by 25-15, 25-18, 25-15. Later that evening, they beat Rockhurst by 25-14, 25-19, 25-17. Saturday morning, they beat Newman by 25-18, 25-15, 25-14 and finished the tournament that evening by demolishing Fort Hayes State by 25-14, 25-15, 25-11.

UNK senior Nikki Scott from Broken Bow was named the tournament MVP and four different Lopers were named to the All-Tournament team. All-Tournament team members from UNK were Scott, senior Erica Burson and juniors Cola Svec and Jeri Walkowiak.

Lopers head coach Rick Squiers was pleased with his team's performance. He said early on they showed some rust in

some basic early season stuff but got better as each match went along.

"I want to see us be able to play well longer, consistently, which we did at times. But we need to do it more consistently. The Rockhurst game really gave us confidence. We started slow Saturday, but as the match went on, Nikki Scott really stepped up for us," Squiers said.

Senior left outside hitter Erica Burson, an advertising major from Gretna, echoed some of the coach's sentiments.

"Since it was the first game of the season, it was hard to play at a high level the entire time. It got better as the games went along, and after some rough spots, it was nice to see that we could respond and maintain a high level," Burson said.

She said the team needed to work having more productive touches at the net, helping the defense out more in the back row and getting their ball control more consistent.

The coach was very pleased with the overall fan support during the tournament. He said the fans were good for all the games. Both he and Burson agreed that more and more fans trickled into the arena as the games went along, and Coach Squiers thought the evening matches had around 1,000 or so fans in attendance.

"With morning and noon games, it's hard for a lot of people to get there for the entire match because a lot of students were in class and people were working, but the evening and weekend crowds were great," Squiers said.

The Lopers have many high hopes for the upcoming season and have been picked to win the RMAC title. So far they are off to a great start and are doing exactly what most people expected from them.

Their next game is Wednesday in Sioux Falls against No. 22 Augustana, and then they play four matches Friday and Saturday in the St. Cloud State Invitational.

Photos by Garrett Ritonya

TOP RIGHT: Grand Island junior Jeri Walkowiak slams the ball over the net against Bemidji State. Walkowiak was named to the All-Tournament team.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Walkowiak lines up a laser shot against unsuspecting Bemidji State competitors on Friday. The Lopers swept the Beavers and finished their tournament 4-0.



Lopers come up short against Wayne in season opener, fall 21-16 on road



Photo by Garrett Ritonya

Junior wide receiver Kyle Kaiser from Broomfield, Colo., tiptoes the sidelines to pull in a pass Saturday night against Wayne State. UNK fell 21-16 to the No. 21 Wildcats

Offense racks up over 450 yards, fails to capitalize on opportunities

BY CLAYTON KUSH
Antelope Sports Staff

With less than ten seconds left in the game Saturday night, the Loper Football team found themselves eight short yards away from completing a comeback that would have cemented itself in UNK football history.

Down 21-10 with 4:30 left in the fourth quarter, UNK put together a touchdown drive that pulled them within five points. After the defense halted Wayne State's speedy offense, the Lopers got the ball with a long field ahead of them and a clock that was working against them.

None of this stopped sophomore Jake Spitzlberger and his offense from moving the ball down the field to the eight-yard line. Three downs later, the Lopers were facing fourth and goal at the nine-yard line. Spitzlberger's pass on fourth down fell incomplete to junior wide receiver Kyle Kaiser in the end zone, and part of Wayne State's crowd of 3,000+ began to pour onto

the field in celebration of the victory.

UNK fell to 0-1 on the season with the narrow 21-16 loss. Jake Spitzlberger, UNK's second-year starting quarterback, stepped up big for the Loper offense as he accounted for 303 total yards of offense. Despite the big game, Spitzlberger felt the team could have played better.

"We made some mistakes that were very uncharacteristic of us, but we never quit, and we gave 100 percent effort the entire game," Spitzlberger said.

Spitzlberger passed for 169 yards and one touchdown while rushing for another 134. He felt there were a few things the offense could improve on as well.

"We need to be more productive and efficient in the passing game, and that starts with me. Another area that hurt us was not capitalizing on big drives by scoring when we got into the red zone," Spitzlberger said.

UNK's defense, which had been touted as one of the fastest squads the Lopers have had in years, had a solid performance on Saturday night, as they did not give up an offensive touchdown the entire first half. They also forced a turnover on Wayne State's first possession after the Wildcats returned the opening kickoff to

the Loper three-yard line. Special teams proved to be a bit of a gray area for the Lopers in their first game as they gave up their first touchdown off a 90-yard kickoff return and hit 1 of 3 field goals.

There still remains a great deal of hope for the 2009 Loper football team this season, playing well in their opener and having been known to finish the season strong. Despite falling short in the first two games of last season, the Loper football squad still finished the season winning seven of their last nine games en route to a 7-4 overall record.

With a game as exhilarating as last Saturday's to open the season, the Loper football team has definitely brought some excitement into 2009.

The Lopers will be looking to bounce back this week at home on the friendly turf of Foster Field as UNK hosts in-state rival UNO on Saturday, Sept. 5. The Lopers were defeated by the Mavericks 49-21 in Omaha last season, but Spitzlberger likes how the Lopers match up with the Mavericks.

"They run the same type of defense as us, so we will get some of the same looks we've been seeing in practice since last spring," Spitzlberger said.

Antelope College Picks of the Week



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Nebraska

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Virginia Tech

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Miami (FL)

Florida State

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UNK

Oregon

Oklahoma State

Oklahoma

Nebraska

Virginia Tech

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Oklahoma State

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Florida State

UNK BABY!

Tri-City Storm start fresh in 2009, new staff and new players look to rejuvenate squad

BY JENNIFER KARDELL
Antelope Sports Staff

After winning only 11 of their 60 games last season, the Tri-City Storm is looking to start new. The Storm has a bunch of new additions this year that will hopefully turn things around. New owner, Kirk Brooks, has made numerous changes to the arena and is very excited to give fans their team back. New coaches Drew Schoenek, Ryan Bencuric and Eric Fink plan to make changes in the defense, as well as making sure each player knows their responsibilities.

"Some of the changes we are going to implement are our defensive responsibilities, making sure that each player knows what his responsibilities are away from the puck. We will work on different game strategies and systems that we will use and how to properly execute them," Schoenek



Photo by Jennifer Kardell
Carsten Chubak blocks a shot at practice for the Tri-City Storm.

said.

The Storm will have a lot of new faces this year. There are only four returning players, which include Radoslav Illo, Josh Berge, Rick Pinkston and Anthony DeCenzo. The team will be looking to them for

leadership, however there are other returning players from other teams within the United States Hockey League.

As far as which players are the ones to watch, "We have a couple that people should be aware of," Schoenek said. "Jaden Schwartz, a player from Wilcox, Saskatchewan, Radoslav Illo, a Slovakian returning player, Anthony DeCenzo and Josh Berge. As well, we have some good younger talent in Tucker Long and TJ Schlueter. However, I encourage people to come see and support all of the players."

With all of the new changes and additions to the team comes a new attitude that should make this season better than last. Spirits of staff, coaches, players and fans were on the down side after last season, but they should expect bigger and better things this year.

Head Coach Schoenek is especially enthused about the upcoming season. "I

just want the fans to know that we are going to put a product on the ice that they can rally behind. We will be a team that will work hard, win or lose, and be something that the great fans of the Tri-City area can be proud of," Schoenek said.

The Tri-City will begin their season Sept. 11 with an exhibition game at home against former Storm head coach Bliss Littler and the Omaha Lancers. The Lancers will also return to Kearney for another exhibition game Sept. 18.

Students are able to purchase tickets for a discounted rate of \$5 by showing proper student identification, and the start time for both games is 7 p.m. at the Viaero Event Center.

Be sure to check out the Storm's official website for more information regarding the upcoming season, which will officially begin with a double header at home Oct. 9 and 10 against the Indiana Ice.



Photo by Rachael Cochran
Morgan Abert, a sophomore from Waupaca, Wisc., kicks the game-winning goal against Wayne State in front of an NCAA Division II record crowd Thursday night. Abert scored both goals for the Lopers, who won their inaugural game 2-1.

Lady Lopers win inaugural soccer match; record crowd watches history

BY MATT TOMJACK
Antelope Sports Staff

After an intense advertising campaign, it was time for the UNK Athletic Department to find out if their goal of setting a new Division II attendance record for women's soccer was a success. If it was any indication of how excited the Kearney community was for this game against Wayne State College, Loper fans were lined up at the gates at 4:30 p.m. for a 6 p.m. kick off. Not only would the crowd witness the first ever Loper soccer game, but these fans could not have chosen a more exciting game to attend.

"This game is for the Kearney community. We pride ourselves of the support for big events. Soccer is growing in this community, and this team is our way of embracing its presence," said Shawn Fairbanks, Assistant Athletic Director for the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Rich Broderson, the "Voice of the Lopers," gave a suspenseful pause before announcing the final tally that walked through the gates of Ron and Carol Cope Stadium. 3,227 fans helped demolish the old record of 2,004 set by the University of Central Oklahoma.

"Tonight was nice because it shows the support that all teams at UNK receive. It's special, unique and starts us off on a good note," said Mike Munch, first year

head coach of the Loper soccer team.

Only a win could have made the night any better. Who are the Lopers to disappoint? Morgan Abert, a sophomore transfer student from Division III Ripon College in Wisc., is one of two players for the Lopers that had experience playing in a collegiate game before Thursday night.

She put her experience to good use as she scored the only two goals for the Lopers. Her first goal came at the 32-minute mark on a corner kick that sent the crowd into a frenzy after being silenced by a Wayne State goal only 11 minutes before.

The cheering was thunderous as Abert scored the final goal of the game on a free kick from 30 yards out with 3:40 left on the clock. This goal pushed the Lopers to a one-goal lead, and as time expired, the cheering went from loud to deafening.

A lot of hard work and money went into bringing soccer to UNK, but no one has had more influence than the Kearney Soccer League, who at half-time presented Athletic Director Jon McBride and Chancellor Doug Kristensen with a check in the amount of \$10,000.

According to Fairbanks, "special thanks go out to the Kearney Soccer League. Throughout the process, they were the main reason to add women's soccer. This league has increased and should prove a solid foundation for this program in the future."

A week of Loper Athletics



Photo by Rachael Cochran

Kearney freshman Alicia Crawford settles the ball. Crawford assisted in the first goal scored in UNK's history.



Photo by
Garrett Ritonya
Junior wideout Kyle Kaiser converts a huge fourth and ten during the Lopers final drive. Despite the catch, the Lopers came up just short, 21-16.



Photo by Garrett Ritonya

Members of the Loper Legion showed up in huge numbers to support the UNK Volleyball team on Friday night. The next event for the Legion will be tailgating the UNO-UNK football game this weekend.

Greetings from the student senate

BY JORDAN P. GONZALES
Speaker of the Senate

Greetings!

On behalf of the UNK Student Senate and Student Body, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our university. I hope your first weeks at this institution are going well, and I look forward to seeing you on campus!

This past Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009, our Student Senate met to discuss two senate bills. The bills will add clarity to a Student Senate committee's jurisdiction and also

funded a free food tailgate for the opening game of the women's soccer team.

Senate Bill 2009-11 was sponsored by Senator Matthew Wecker of the Pre-professional Category. The bill outlined the jurisdiction and duty of the newest permanent committee within the Senate, the Government Affairs Committee. The legislation outlined the powers of the committee and the proper protocol it will enact if the Senate is not in session. Senate Bill 2009-11 passed with a unanimous vote (15-0-0).

Senate Bill 2009-12 was sponsored

by Senator William Hayward of the College of Business & Technology. This bill allocated \$1,500.00 from the UNK Student Government Discretionary Fund to sponsor and host a tailgate food party to celebrate the inaugural game of the women's soccer team and promote Loper pride. Discussion led to a unanimous vote in favor of the bill (15-0-0).

I would like to personally invite you to our second Student Senate meeting to help you see how the process works, and if it is something you would like to join. Our meeting will take place Tuesday, Sept. 15

and will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be located in the Cedar Room in the Nebraskan Student Union.

If you have further questions regarding Student Government, Student Senate or Freshman Elections, please feel free to call our advisor, Mr. Tim Danube, at 308-865-8441. You can also find us online through the UNK Web site.

Again, welcome! I am pleased that you have chosen the University of Nebraska-Kearney and I look forward to seeing you on campus and at a Student Senate meeting soon!

Netherlands from page 4

Delft is rich in history and, like many cities in Holland, the streets often run adjacent to canals running through the center of the city.

When van Buuren arrived in Chicago, she was amazed not just by the size of the city, but by the number of American flags presented in the front of most homes. "It seems many people are very patriotic here, this is a very good thing," Buuren said. She thoroughly enjoyed Chicago, and like many others who have made the drive from Kearney to Chicago, she quickly realized the scenery changes drastically once outside of the city. It's flat and bare.

Buuren enjoys soccer, track and field, and skiing. "I love how students can take part in athletics at American universities, that option is not available to us back home," Buuren said.

The competitive nature surrounding American sports is intriguing to van Buuren, but she was also surprised to observe the high level of competition off the field and in the classroom as well. According to van Buuren and van Leeuwen, academic competition does not run as high in their home country. Secondary education degrees in the Netherlands take only three years to obtain, and universities are often free to attend with the help of government assistance by those native to the area.

Buuren hopes to attend graduate school upon her graduation next year, and in the future, she has aspirations to work in the psychology field specializing in abnormal behavior research.

Leeuwen is also a junior psychology major and has a minor in performing arts. She hails from the city of Voorhout, also located in the province of South Holland, just off the coast of the North Sea. Voorhout has a population of just 18,000 and is known for its location surrounded by dense fields of tulips, daffodils and other flowers.

When asked why she chose Kearney, Leeuwen displayed a sense of humor, saying, "Kearney is very famous in my home country, everyone knows where it is— of course I'm kidding." She said the opportunity to study abroad was presented to her by a professor back home, and she

felt it would be a good chance to experience the American culture firsthand.

Along with her interests in psychology, van Leeuwen loves the arts. She is an avid dancer, music lover and fan of the theatre. Leeuwen has had training in classical ballet, tap, salsa and show dancing, and she has performed on stage many times back home. Jazz is her favorite type of music, though she has very eclectic tastes and is open to and loves all sorts of music.

Up to this point, van Leeuwen and van Buuren have found the students and faculty at UNK to be very pleasant; however, they both said that people on campus seem mildly grumpy during the morning hours. "It was funny, as our first day wore on, more and more people would say hello once we did. In the morning, not very many people would say hi back. I found the transition throughout the day amusing," van Leeuwen said.

Many readers may be asking what the "van" means in Dutch names. In the context presented, "van" is part of the family name, and technically it means "from." In some regions of Western Europe, names often derived from the geographic location of a specific family. For example, if one hailed from Utrecht, Netherlands their name might be John van Utrecht.

The Netherlands borders the North Sea, Belgium to the south and Germany to the east. Amsterdam is the capital city, and Dutch is the native language. The Netherlands is perhaps best known for its canals, windmills and, of course, bicycles, but most recently it is best known for its liberal policies towards drugs and prostitution.

Fortunately, I have been lucky enough to visit the Netherlands. Out of all my travels, the people of the Netherlands are some of the kindest, and the culture is the most pleasant I have had the pleasure of experiencing. Nikky and Pauline did not disappoint, they are very kind and eager to meet new friends at UNK. If you run into them on your way to class, stop just a moment and say hello, even if it's after that dreaded early morning class.

UNK Evolution Symposium to celebrate Darwin's 200th birthday

BY TRAVIS SCHOTT
Antelope Staff

Evolution symposiums have been scheduled across the world throughout the year in celebration of Charles Darwin's 200th birthday on Feb. 12. Additionally, 2009 also marks the 150th anniversary of Darwin's seminal publication "On the Origin of Species."

Several prominent scientists will present at UNK's 2009 Evolution Conference at the Ramada Inn in of Kearney Wednesday through Friday.

"We are very proud to be hosting the conference this year," said conference organizer and UNK associate biology professor Brad Ericson. "Members of the national science foundation stated our conference has the best line-up of speakers for any symposium throughout the world."

Those scheduled to speak include several notable biologists, paleontologists, virologists and biochemists.

Michael Kanost, head of biochemistry at Kansas State University, leads one of the world's premier laboratories dealing with research on insect immunity. Kanost will present research detailing the evolution of the innate immunity of insects

Thursday.

Special guest speaker Shannon Williamson, director of environmental virology at the prestigious J. Craig Venter Institute in Maryland, will discuss her project "Decoding the Oceans Project" Thursday evening. Williamson is a marine viral ecologist.

Dinosaur paleontologist Jack Horner, who is the inspiration behind the film "Jurassic Park," will be the final speaker to discuss the evolution of dinosaurs Friday. Horner is currently regents' professor at Montana State University and museum curator of paleontology at the Museum of the Rockies.

Other speakers include Michael Puruggannan of New York University, Nick Matzke of the University of California-Berkeley, Rob Knight from the University of Colorado and Scott Gilbert of Swarthmore College.

The conference will open Wednesday evening with a welcome barbecue and mixer. The closing plenary session will take place Friday afternoon, and there will be a high school and college teaching evolution workshop Saturday.

Registration is free for those who wish to attend the symposium. Additional information can be obtained at www.evolution2009.org. You may also or contact Dr. Ericson at 865-1554.

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Brad Ericson
Associate biology professor

A battle to the death ... or not

Photo by Heidi England
Scott Talmage and Justin Hubbell duke it out during UNK'S welcome back carnival. Talmage and Hubbell are both computer science majors from North Platte.



"District 9" breaks the mold in alien movies

BY BRIAN OSLER
Antelope Staff



Photo courtesy of joystickvision.com

During a summer filled with movies characterized by style but no substance came a movie that breaks the mold and dares to be great. "District 9" is the story of Wikus van de Merwe, the lead field agent for Multi-National United (MNU). Through accidental exposure to alien fluid, van de Merwe undergoes a metamorphosis making him half human and half alien.

The message to the viewers differentiates "District 9" from most of the blockbusters released this summer, but not in such a way that feels forced.

Van de Merwe begins to see the aliens (or Prawns, as they are called in the movie) aren't as unintelligent as he had once assumed. Through this ordeal, van de Merwe also discovers the agency MNU is not as innocent as it appears, conducting experiments on both living and dead prawns.

All this in an attempt to gain the ability to operate the aliens' far superior biologically-based weaponry, which only van de Merwe is capable of using.

This movie touches a wide range of themes including immigration, discrimination, war and weaponry, abortion, oppression of seemingly lesser beings, human rights and cultural differences.

Another strength of "District 9" is the character development. Van de Merwe doesn't fit the mold of masculine, overly-brave lead characters. Instead, his character's strength is his weaknesses. Van de Merwe is shown through the early scenes as a person not capable of defending himself, but instead, delegating the role to the military presence in "District 9." Once he is on his own, however, he starts to stand up for what is morally right, even to the point of risking his own life. Christopher Johnson, the key Prawn (alien) figure, is a father whose love of his son gives his character heart.

This movie doesn't abandon action, but it uses it to supplement the story instead of overwhelming the story.

Overall, this movie gets five stars.

Overall: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

This film isn't just a movie, it's a masterpiece.

Story: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

This movie packs such a punch on all levels: cerebral, psychological and visual. This is a testament to strong writing.

Acting: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Both the humans and the aliens turn in powerhouse performances.

Visuals: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Even given the limited budget this movie had, the visuals were on the level of a big-budget blockbuster. There are some scenes, however, which may challenge people with weak stomachs.

Direction: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

The documentary feel this movie starts and ends with helps enforce a sense of realism. Each shot has a purpose.

Rewatchability: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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Healthcare from page 2

care quality, expanding coverage, helping small businesses and taking advantage of new technology.

Nelson said that reform must work for Nebraskans and that he would not support any legislation which includes coverage for abortion or undocumented immigrants.

When Nelson opened the meeting to questions from the crowd, opinions varied. So, too, did levels of information pertaining to healthcare.

Several in the audience questioned Nelson about the existence of "Your Life, Your Choices" which they claimed was a "death book" implemented by the Obama administration as a manual for end of life choices, including assisted suicide.

Nelson, chairman of the armed forces

personnel subcommittee, stated that he had never heard of the book, which seems to have emerged as a popular scare phrase from the anti-reform camp.

Socialized medicine, another scare phrase, soon emerged. In response, Nelson referred to insurance as a "socialistic" product, with many paying into a fund that a lesser number receives benefits from.

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As the end of the meeting drew near, some in the crowd seemed frantic to express their opinions to Senator Nelson. Amidst a crowd of waving hands, a man in the front row, eager to have his question answered, stood to his feet and loudly asked the moderator if he had a problem seeing a raised hand in the front five rows. The moderator responded by calling on an audience member in the fifth row.

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"The River Within"

Young writer, actors take opportunity to encourage others to pursue passion

BY LYNDSY LUXFORD
Antelope Staff

No way! A red carpet event right here in Kearney?

Writer Zac Heath and actors Craig Luttrell and Maurice Mejia were at the Kearney Cinema 8 this past weekend hosing media and premiering Heath's film, "The River Within," now showing at the Kearney Cinema 8.

In this movie based upon Heath's own experiences, Jason, played by Josh Odor, returns home to have a summer to concentrate on studying for his upcoming bar exam. No surprise, coming home wasn't as relaxing as he planned. After Jason was talked into being a youth group leader, the task gave him headaches.

But by the end, Jason realized the question that bothered him, "What am I doing here?" was easy to answer. He was doing what he felt passionate about.

"I would say take what you got and do it. If you only have a camcorder that's enough. Just get friends together to write scripts and learn all that you can."

Zac Heath
Script writer

The three men took time out to talk and answer a few questions about their experiences and the production of the movie hoping to get viewers into the theater.

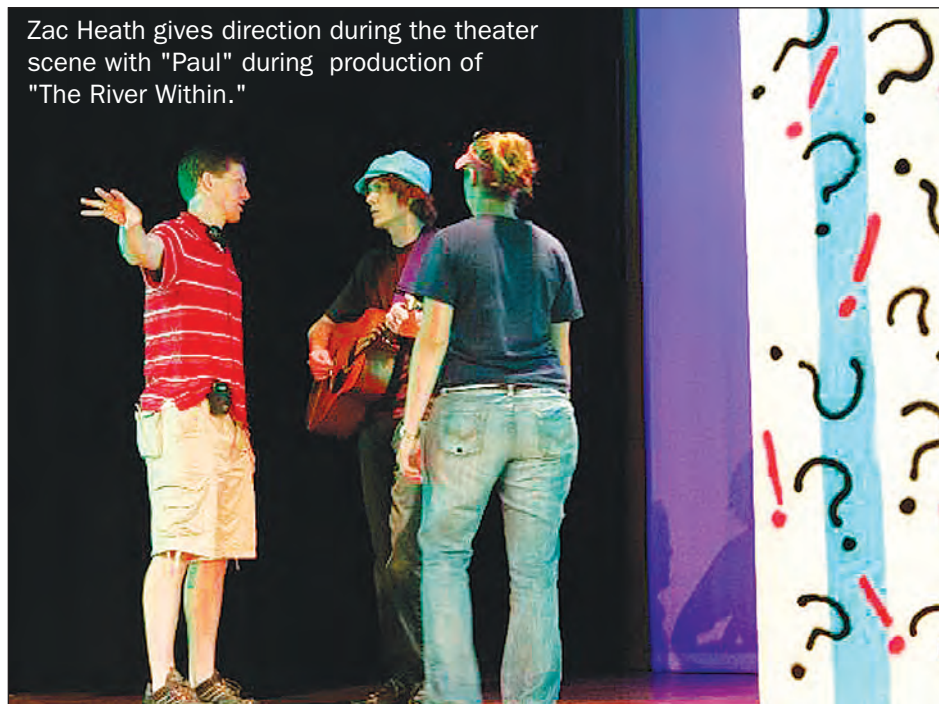
Q & A

Q: Where are each of you from and can you add a little info about how you ended up making this movie?

Mejia: Well, I was studying pre-med at Texas A&M, and I was really considering acting, but I was always kind of afraid. So I switched my major after four years to theater arts without telling anybody. Within the first weekend, I attended an audition workshop and met a girl there who knew someone who was going to make a spoof video. So I auditioned for it. I got

it, and the lady I worked with in the video knew Zac... I auditioned for Zac's film and he cast me in it. Then a year later, he told me about "The River Within." So a lot of stuff

Zac Heath gives direction during the theater scene with "Paul" during production of "The River Within."



has changed in the course of two years.

Heath: I was born and raised in Arkansas, graduated from college at Arkansas State University and moved to Pennsylvania to work as an actor at a theater for a year. Then I ended up going to seminary at Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky. I was a youth pastor for a year and a half. Then I moved to Los Angeles and worked on about seven feature films.

I started pre-production about a year and a half ago for this film, but then there was the writers' strike so it was put on hold. All I could do was sit down and start writing it. Once I got the script done, I immediately started re-writing and sent copies to Craig and a few other friends just to get some feedback. After about five re-writes and all the money that we could raise, we started. We shot in locations that I grew up in.

Q: Since you worked as a youth pastor, how did that influence the plot?

Heath: Yeah, it kind of came out that way. I wrote about some of my own experiences, but everything is fictional. I related my own experiences as a youth pastor.

Luttrell: I have done theater since I was a kid, and I was a theater major at Iowa State University. I switched my major to speech communications once I decided to go into seminary. I met Zac several years ago at seminary. I acted in a few of the shows he directed. Then a couple years later I ended up in Los Angeles doing some writing and acting. Zac and I re-connected out there.

Q: This production was shot in a total of 17 days, how was that?

Heath: It wasn't bad our average day was 12 hours, six days out of the week. I feel that for the most part, since we had a low budget, we had to work quickly with what we had. We planned out almost everything in advance, so we were pretty well organized when the time came to shoot. But of course there are always things you can never plan for. We have had some major headaches along the way.

Q: The way the characters were created, was that already planned or is it something that the actors create?

Heath: It really is a combination of things. The script is really like a blueprint of what you start with, and then you bring in all types of people who bring their own creativity. Like with Craig, he brought more of his creative humor into his character. That is what Craig does as an actor; he creates a slightly different interpretation of my idea. So in other words, it is my job to cast good people and just let them do their thing and run with it.

Q: Do you have any tips for college students?

Heath: I would say take what you got and do it. If you only have a camcorder, that's enough. Just get friends together to write scripts and learn all that you can. You can learn just as much by just using a camcorder about composition, angles, lighting and all that kind of stuff.

Luttrell: I just want to say, if you know you want to do it, just don't be afraid to take the risk; because me meeting Zac and doing this movie is like a complete coincidence falling upon another.



Photo by Lyndsey Luxford

(from left) Maurice Mejia, Craig Luttrell and Zac Heath pose Sunday at Cinema 8 after a showing of their movie, "The River Within."