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### Nebraska AIDS Walk raises awareness



Photo by Debbie Epping

The Nebraska AIDS Walk began with a red balloon release at the Fine Arts Building. The purpose of the annual walk is to "raise awareness about those living with HIV in central Nebraska and to help raise much-needed funds," said case manager Andrew Brackett.



Photo by Debbie Epping Nebraska AIDS Walk supporters take a stroll around UNK to help support the Kearney chapter of the Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP). "There are a lot of young people on campus, and it's a great way to reach out to them and provide education," said case manager Andrew Brackett.

### Academic and **Career Services** host grand opening

BY REBECCA MCMICKELL Antelope Staff

Needing help with your resume? Thinking about changing your major? Wanting some practice for that big interview?

The office of Academic and Career Ser-



vices is here to help MARY DAAKE with new services and

a new office location in West Center. With school in full swing, they hosted a grand opening Sept. 8 at the main campus location and Sept. 9 at the new West Center office.

Last year, Academic Advising and Career Services joined forces to create a combined office in the Student Affairs building in Room 140.

"The biggest benefit is that it's become a one-stop shop for students," said Mary Daake, director of Academic and Career Services. "Now, students who are looking for career information as well as students who are still deciding on a major have access to several resources right in one spot."

According to Daake, the office can provide guidance to students whether they are just starting out at UNK or planning for their career after college. "Its interesting because academic advising and career advising have different cycles. Right now, where we're at in the year, we just got done with a lot of the academic side, like schedule changes, and we're starting to see more career based issues," she said.

This year, the office expanded and now includes a "satellite" location in West Center, Room 108N. Daake said the new office is geared toward business students who spend most of their time

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### Into the Fire

#### Who is the radical here?

#### BY ERIK DODGE

Antelope Staff

The world watched with mixed emotions as Pastor Terry Jones planned— then canceled— the Dove World Outreach Center's newest attempt at a bonfire—"International Burn a Quran Day."

Jones told NBC that his plan to burn the holiest book of the Muslim faith, which many Muslims consider the literal word of God, was "to expose that there is an element of Islam that is very dangerous and very radical".

At the risk of asking a stupid question, who is the radical?

On a day that should have been spent remembering the 2,749 killed in the World Trade Center attacks, Jones planned a book burning. Protestors and the media descended on the small church, and two people brought guns. They were church supporters.

But if a Bible burning were planned, who would come and how many guns would they bring? I don't mean to imply that there are more Christian radicals than Muslim ones, but simply that there are radicals in all faiths.

If you believe that all Muslims are terrorists, do you also believe that all Christians are pedophiles?

The inability to distinguish between a few radicals and the millions of American Muslims is extremely troubling and leads to controversies like the one over the New York City mosque. Jones attempted to leverage his threat to burn Qurans to get the mosque moved further from Ground Zero.

In America, the First Amendment grants us free speech, freedom of religion and the right to peaceable assembly. During tranquil times this is considered the lifeblood of democracy, and it should be now as well. A mosque should be built near Ground Zero if there are Muslims there who need a place to worship.

When two preachers stood outside the union last year and told everyone we were going to hell, the campus responded. A crowd gathered, some shouted, debated and sang songs. Pastor Tom Wilson from the Campus Lutheran church told me he disagreed with their hateful message. From beginning to end, the Bible is a love story, he said.

I hope that in the future we remember Wilson's message and stand up with similar fervor for any religion under attack. In these clashes, lines should not be drawn between faiths but between acceptance and hate or understanding and fear, and we should remember that people of all religious backgrounds can be found on both sides.



Photo by Skylar Leatherman

Don Ford, an AFTERdark staff member, speaks to students at the Student vision launch on Sept. 9. He helps students form ideas of how to inform students about AFTERdark, coming at 8 p.m. Oct 14 in the Health and Sports Center

## Ministry offers free concert

BY SKYLAR LEATHERMAN

Antelope Staff

Campus ministry students are bringing a free concert and speaker to UNK through AFTERdark at 8 p.m. Oct. 14 at the Health and Sports Center.

Vanessa Leeper, a junior business administration major from Colorado Springs, Colo., decided to bring AFTERdark to UNK after hearing about AFTERdark from staff training at a summer sports camp in Branson, Mo.

"I saw impactful videos about AF-TERdark and heard stories of other college kids that had taken it to their schools and how amazing it was," Leeper said.

"I've had such a heart for this campus to know the Lord in a personal way," Leeper said. "I want people to experience and know how much Jesus loves them. His love is more than church and Sunday school that some of us may have grown up in. He wants a personal relationship with us and to be central in our lives."

A lot of work was required to get this event here. Leeper had to fill out spreadsheets of information and send it to the AFTERdark staff. Once the event was approved, the real work got started. Students got involved on Sept. 9 at the AFTERdark

student vision launch.

A number of campus ministries came together to create ideas of how to spread the word. Don Ford, an AFTER-dark staff member, came to UNK to help students get excited for the event.

"I've had such a heart for this campus to know the Lord in a personal way. I want people to experience and know how much Jesus loves them."

Vanessa Leeper Junior business administration major from Colorado Springs, Colo.

Ford described the event as a "free rockin' concert with a passionate speaker." Ford helped explain to the students what the event will look like and how to prepare. Ford said, "It impacts lives for eternity."

"I guess I just am excited to see what God does through this event on campus. I'm excited to see hearts and lives changed for something bigger," Leeper said. "I'm also excited how the body of Christ can rally to make this huge and glorify God."

### Loper football leaps into repeat performance

## Last year's 11-2 championship team is on the road to another successful season

#### **BY NATE BRITTON**

Antelope Sports Staff

Last year UNK lost their first football game to Minnesota Duluth, and then went on an 11-game win streak.

Replay? This year the team has lost their first game to Wayne State College in overtime, but the following week beat UNO 32-29 with a come-from-behind win.

The Lopers had a terrific 2009 season. With only a handful of wins over rival UNO, they added another to the pile last year and made it to the second round of the NCAA Division II playoffs. They finished their season with a Rocky Mountain Athletics Conference championship and an 11-2 record.

With returning starters in almost all the skill positions such as quarterback Jake Spitzlberger, running back Rustin Dring and wide receivers Kyle Kaiser and Brendan Liess, the team should feel comfortable with the experience of their playmakers.

Head Coach Darrell Morris understands how hard it is to have a repeat season.

"I understand how hard it is to have a great season in Division II football, but I also realize it is even harder to have a great repeat season," Morris said. "I do feel that we have the team to get it done this year. With the returners we do have and the new talent that is coming in, I feel confident in our ability to finish games in the win column."

UNK Lopers did lose seniors on the offensive line and defensive backfield, so they will have to pay extra attention to those problem areas, and they have.

Head Coach Darrell Morris has been in his position since 2000 and is excited to see what this year's team will do with their season.

"I really believe it is important to have consistency at the quarterback position," Morris said, "and we have that in Jake Spitzlberger—especially after his great season last year where he led the league in passing efficiency."

The offensive line may be a little inexperienced, but Spitzlberger can give a little sigh of relief because he still has Kaiser who finished in the top four in receiving and Dring in the backfield who rushed for 1,648 yards last year, which was the best in the RMAC and a Loper's single season record.

With the defensive line being held strong by Jake Rohde and Mason Brodine, who were both in the Top 5 in the league in sacks, it freed up Coach Morris to focus on adding depth to the cornerbacks.

"Our defensive line is going to be our most talented part of our team," Morris said. "However we have very little experience in our secondary, so I really tried to recruit to increase their strength."

Even though UNK Lopers lost four very good offensive linemen, Coach Morris is really excited about the new players he does have on his team.

"After a win over UNO I think everyone is starting to realize we still have a good team here," Morris said. "We just have to stay healthy and hope we don't get plagued by injuries and that should make this season a lot of fun."

The Lopers have started their 2010 season the same way they did with their 2009 season, with a loss in the first game and a win in the second, they seem to be on track to repeat last year's fantastic run for the RMAC championship.

This Saturday the Lopers play Mesa State at home and everyone will find out if this train will keep moving down the track its on

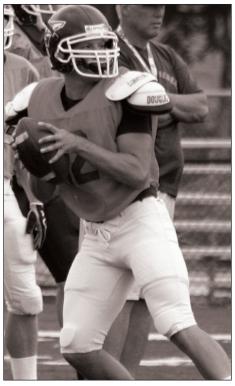


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Jake Spitzlberger, a junior from Lakewood, Colo., prepares for a pass at practice. Last year, Spitzlberger led the league in passing efficiency.

### Big 12 is history; Hoselton says, 'Say it ain't so'

#### BY DREW HOSELTON

Antelope Sports Staff

Friday June 11, 2010 was a big day this offseason for the Big 12 and especially the Nebraska Cornhuskers. This date marked the official approval of Nebraska's transfer from the Big 12 to the Big 10.

Starting next year, Nebraska will compete in a subdivision of the Big 10 conference against Iowa, Michigan, Northwestern, Minnesota and Michigan State. Nebraska will also have a cross-division rivalry with Penn State each year

Nebraska's move to the Big 10 has been a popular debate with Husker fans since the

decision was officially approved. Fans have expressed both positives and negatives to staying in either conference.

Steve Farrens, a senior sports administration major from Elyria, believes the transfer to the Big 10 is a great move that will benefit the Huskers. "Everything is run through Texas, "Farrens said. "Playing in the Big 10 means more money for our program, better competition, more notoriety throughout the country... the only downside is having a 'rivalry' with Iowa."

Jason Arens, a senior sports communications major from Springview, is also in favor of the conference shift. "Texas wouldn't equally share money or give up TV rights.

They believe they own the Big 12," Arens said. "Nebraska thought they deserved better. They saw the instability of the Big 12 and the great opportunity in the Big 10, and I'm glad they acted."

Growing up in the Midwest I have always been a Big 12 fan, and losing Nebraska to the Big 10 is definitely a big deal. Nebraska has always been the powerhouse of the Big 12 North, and with them leaving I don't feel the competition level in the North is going to be very good. I understand that the money was too good to pass up and rather than always being put behind Texas and Oklahoma, Nebraska will be the team to beat in the Big 10.

This debate also features downsides

to changing conferences. Die-hard Nebraska fans frequently comment on losing the respected rivalry against the University of Oklahoma and University of Missouri. With the exception of Ohio State, the Big 10 has been a bit of a laughingstock for the past decade, whereas the Big 12 has been in national title contention nearly every year.

However you want to look at it, the Big 12 was not a good fit for the Huskers, and they finally got the out they were looking for. A lot of fans knew this would eventually happen, but I don't believe any of us saw it coming in the abrupt fashion that it did. So long to the Big 12 and hello Big 10.

## Band preps for Band Day Saturday

BY MEGAN BLUME
Antelope Staff

The sights and sounds of marching bands will fill downtown and then spill onto Foster Field on Sept. 18, when the UNK Band Day Competition kicks off, but the sounds of the Pride of the Plains Marching Band have already began as they prepare for the big day.

Duane Bierman, UNK director of bands, is new to campus and this will be his first Band Day at UNK. "The day will give me a good start with getting to know some of the band programs in Nebraska, as well as getting exposure for our marching band," Bierman said.

Band Day usually draws more than 20 high school bands from around Nebraska to compete in the competition.

Band Day will begin with a parade at 10 a.m. The bands will march from Rail-

road St. north on Central Ave., and west on 27th St. ending at UNK Foster Field. The parade will include the marching bands and floats submitted by the Kearney community.

"I have high expectations for this event," Bierman said. "Parade marching is an important part of what marching bands do, and of course parades are great family events."

On Saturday afternoon, the Pride of the Plains Marching Band will perform several fight songs, as well as "The Star Spangled Banner" before the Loper football game against Mesa State at 1 p.m. Trophies for winning bands will be given out at halftime during the Loper football game.

"This will be a celebration of the hard work and efforts put in by the participating school students," Bierman said, "and a great way for both UNK and the Kearney community to be involved in the lives of school musicians."



Photo by Megan Blume

Students tune up their tubas, and put on their marching shoes in preparation for band rehearsal..

## Music and Performing Arts awarded \$2M donation

BY REBECCA MCMICKELL

Antelope Staff

The Department of Music and Performing Arts is boasting a bigger budget this year, thanks to an anonymous donor.

Last spring, the department received \$2 million, the largest private donation in UNK music history according to Ron Crocker, professor of music and associate dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

A portion of the money will be used to permanently endow a chair in the music department, the Ronald J. Crocker Chair in Orchestra— after Crocker— who will be the first to hold the title.

"I'm excited about the potential that exists as a result of this," Crocker said about receiving the donation. "The building process, in any organization, is something that takes many years, but if we were to compare the music department with who we were 20 years ago, or 50 years ago, you can see that we are immensely more capable as an institution."

Throughout his 43 years at UNK, Crocker has been heavily involved in the College of Fine Arts, including positions as interim chair of the communications department and interim chair of art and art history, as well as his current position as interim chair of the theatre program.

Crocker also directs the Kearney

Symphony Orchestra, which is made up of talented high school students and community members along with university students and faculty.

He said the donations will continue the success and growth of music at UNK, specifically the strings department and the KSO. A large portion, \$1.4 million of the \$2 million, is being used for scholarships to recruit gifted strings and piano players from across the country.

"Recruitment is one of our most important aspects of building the department," Crocker said These funds will help recruit qualified, talented string players, which will then benefit the orchestra.

It was awkward wording, better to paraphrase

The donor, who remains anonymous, is also offering an additional challenge grant of \$100,000. The department would receive this money if other donors can provide \$150,000. These funds would also be used primarily for recruiting.

Crocker has high hopes for the future of music at UNK and said the money will help strengthen the bond between the campus and community.

"The orchestra has become a part of the community identity," he said. "This donation allows us to look into the future, make great strides. That is what excites me the most."





## 'Brain Guy': Don't wait for miracles — take action

#### BY KAYLIE PERRY

Antelope Staff



THE RRAIN **GUY**" **JERRY** CHRISTENSEN

The man who calls himself "The Brain Guy" visited UNK last Wednesday to present "Recovery Is Now" as one of his stops on his bike tour.

It all started when Jerry Christensen was riding his bike down a mountain, lost control at 25 mph and went tumbling all the way down.

I do remember them showing me my helmet, and it had a two- inch crack in it," Christensen said.

Christensen was then diagnosed with severe brain damage and was told he would never walk again.

"The doctors and my family told me that I would never go to school or do anything the rest of my life," Christensen said.

Instead, he told himself that he could do it and attended colleges all over the country and finally got his degree.

He now is the CEO of a company called Brain Shift Foundation. His foundation works with people with conditions and diseases that are "incurable" such as, seizures, paralysis and even

post-traumatic stress disorder and gives them hope that they too can beat the problem and get better.

May 1, 2010, Christensen started a 17-month long bike tour by himself around the country to raise awareness and money for his foundation.

"I have only stayed in a hotel one night, and all the other nights I use a website called couchsurfing.com where you can find houses where people will let you stay on their couch for the night."

His tour is sponsored by Wal-Mart, Best Buy and Sports Authority, and he is being followed by Guinness World Records. Christensen has started a blog so that people can follow him on his trip across the country and hear his stories along the way. "If I leave you with one thing, it would be to stop sitting around waiting for miracles and take action,' Christensen said.

#### **FIND HIM ONLINE**

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"I don't remember the fall, but

"The doctors and my family told me

that I would never go to school or do anything

the rest of my life." Jerry Christensen

> When Jerry Christensen was 15 he died twice due to a Severe Traumatic Brain Injury sustained while mountain biking.

> > Experts told him he would never go to college or work longer than six weeks, but Christensen went on to make a full recovery.

The Recovery is NOW Tour is a source of hope and motivation for all those who have been given up on. Follow Christensen's blog and bike tour at 2010rint.org

## The grass we take for granted



Photo by Erik Dodge

Exchange student Lu Han sits in front of Welch Hall. Han is from Tianjin, China. Han moved off campus so she could have more opportunities to cook her native food.

#### See how UNK's foreign exchange students are fending in China! Check out journals and photos

online at www.unkantelope.com

#### **BY ERIK DODGE**

Senior Reporter

The day Lu Han arrived in the United States, what excited her most was the grass beneath her feet.

"When I came here I saw so much grass. I was really excited," she said.

In her hometown Tianjin, China, Han says the government has been so focused on building the economy that the environment is in poor shape.

"You can't see a lot of green grass in China, but in the U.S. you can see it everywhere," Han said.

Here grass is made to be walked on, but in China it is a valuable commodity. Han remembers a plot of grass in her hometown.

"In China you can't step on the grass, because the government spent a lot of money on it," the exchange student said. "There are a lot of Chinese people, and if everyone steps on it, it could die."

Local plant life is a minor adjustment. The transition to dorm life is one of the more difficult transitions for international students according to Dr. Dallas Kenney, director of international studies. "A lot of them don't last very long in the dorms," Kenney said. "They move off as quickly as they can."

Part of the problem is cultural differences.

"We had a situation where over 90 percent of the Nebraskan students assigned an international roommate appealed to get out of the contract."

Han stayed with an American roommate during her first year on campus.

"I liked having an American roommate, because there were always Americans in my room so I had a chance to practice my English," Han said.

Food is one of the main reasons students move, Kenney said. Students in the residence halls often have to share one refrigerator with everyone on their floor. Han said this was inconvenient and part of the reason she moved off campus.

"I can cook Chinese food all the time now," Han said.

On and off-campus international students have a challenge before filling the refrigerator-finding food they are accustomed to. Aside from the limited selection at Wal-Mart, one store in the Hilltop Mall offers the only other option for Chinese food, according to Han.

Peijie Li, Han's roommate, explained the difference from his hometown Yunnan, China. "At home I can go downstairs and find everything I need within 20 meters of the apartment — vegetables, meat, music, entertainment," he said.

Neither Li nor Han have a car, so they have to get a ride from a friend to Grand Island for a better selection of food, and for entertainment they must go much further.

Li remembers his first call from

"The first time I talked to my mom she asked how Kearney was and I said, 'boring.' She said 'yes!'"

Li and Han do not mind that there is less entertainment than their hometowns. which each have millions of residents. The pair does not have cable and look at it as a distraction.

"Cable is expensive and unnecessary, because we are here to study," Li said.

Han says less entertainment actually makes Kearney a better place to study because there are fewer distractions. Kearney has been a good situation for Han.

"It's simple and not as fast-paced as a big city. People here are friendly. I really like friendly people," Han said.

Her one wish for American students is that they would all have the opportunity to visit China.

UNK offers exchange programs with schools in dozens of countries. Kenney is trying to expand UNK's offerings, first in Egypt, then in a Latin American country.

"I am hoping there will be a much greater number of American students that go on exchange," said Kenney, who traveled and lived in several Middle Eastern countries. "There is a lot to be gained from international friendships."

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### UNK exchange student learns to laugh at herself BY EMILY WEMHOFF can do is laugh. So we start laughing and **Guest Writer**

What do you do when someone is talking to you and you have no clue what is going on? It's a common gesture to just stand there, smile and nod your head. There have been many times when I find myself doing this. In China, it's every day, maybe every hour. I'm not exaggerating either. Most of us are Chinese illiterate, so trying to communicate with anyone here in Shijiazhuang is quite interesting.

Just this morning I went to a 365/24 (a little convenience store across the street from my dorm) to get breakfast. There was a man in there making some sort of breakfast burritos. I don't know exactly what it was, but while we were waiting for part of it to cook, he kept talking to us in Chinese. He went on and on, and the only thing my roommate and I could do was just smile and nod. I believe he stopped talking briefly to ask me what I wanted on my "breakfast burrito," but I had no clue what to tell him, so I just smiled and nodded my head. It seemed to do the trick because two minutes later I had a delicious breakfast.

Unfortunately, this trick doesn't always work 100 percent of the time. While shopping the other day with other study abroad students, several locals would try communicating with us, so of course we do the usual gesture. Only this time, they must have seen past the smile and nod, and instead seen confused, blank stares. At this point, the only thing left that we

then the locals start laughing. None of us know what we are laughing about which make us laugh even more. During this whole laughing phase, I realize I'm still smiling and nodding my head.

If I've learned one thing so far during my semester abroad in China, it's learning how to laugh at myself. Anyone who visits another country, especially a country like China, has to know how to laugh at themselves because it is inevitable not to look ridiculous numerous times. I laugh at myself all day. Whether it's trying to pick up my food with chopsticks (surprisingly I've caught on quickly), ordering lunch by pointing at pictures, trying to cross the street and getting stuck in the middle with cars only inches away from me, or trying to talk to the locals, I've learned that even though it can get frustrating, the best way to deal with it all is to simply laugh. I've found humor in every situation. It's a good life lesson to use while traveling, experiencing new things and even just living my daily, normal life back at home.

Sometimes life gets too serious. Sometimes I find myself smiling and nodding at my own life, not really knowing what I want to do or where I'm going to end up, but I realize that the instant I laugh, life is an adventure. No one knows exactly what each day is going to lead to. No one can really plan their future because life usually doesn't always follow "Plan A." Life is always "Plan B." So when life doesn't go according to plan, smile big, nod your head "yes," and laugh.



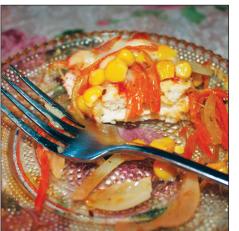
Emily Wemhoff and other exchange students pose in front a Chinese police station.

Wemhoff said sometimes you have to take a moment to just laugh at yourself.

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Ben Cooney has his eyes on a scorpion kebab. Cooney is one of several exchange students studying abroad in Shijiazhuang, China.



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Emily Wemhoff is enjoying new cuisine, such as this vegetable pizza, while she studies abroad in Shijiazhuang, China.

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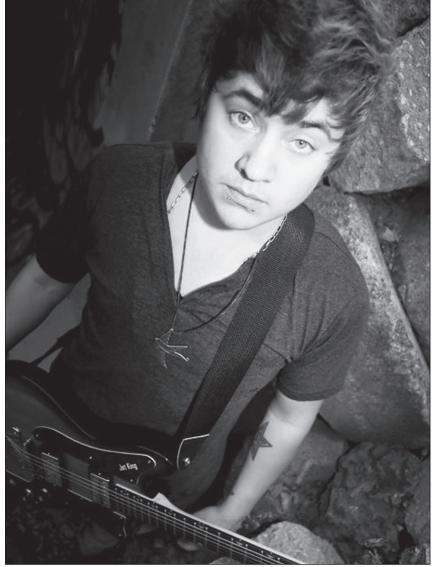
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## Former student taking music career to next level



Courtesy photo

Nat Runge had his first photoshoot at the beginning of August, and is planning to use this photo for his album cover.

### BY BETHANY SHINN Antelope Staff

College students often talk about their dreams and goals in life and feel defeated by

how impossible the goals might be to obtain.

Nat Runge didn't listen to those people.

After working toward a music business degree here at UNK for three years, Runge knew he wanted something more.

With only two semesters left to graduate, Runge packed his bags, and moved to Omaha to pursue his music career.

"I just couldn't wait any longer to get started on my music, and move to a bigger city with more opportunities to do music," Runge said.

Turns out, this may have been the smartest career move Runge could have made as he just released his first single on iTunes and has popular music profile pages on Facebook and MySpace.

"At this point I just recorded the new single "Your Only One" a few months ago at Warship Records in Omaha. I am currently recording many other songs right now and writing new ones weekly—I'm just working on promoting

the single and myself as much as possible and booking shows around the Lincoln and Omaha area," Runge said.

Runge said music always inspires him and keeps him going. "There are many things that inspire me to do what I do with my music. The biggest part for me is the music itself. I found over the years that there's one thing that's never let me down, always been there to keep me on my feet and make me feel like nothing else matters. I can pour my heart and soul into the music, and it can never let me down.

"I found a way to express myself and my feeling that I never thought would be possible. There's nothing else that can give me the feelings that I find when I listen to great music. I like to think that my music is a soundtrack to my life."

Runge was born and raised in Kearney, and has always had an awesome support system of family and friends.

"When it comes down to why I do it—it's my family, my friends, the people I love. My

#### **RUNGE, PAGE 9**



Courtesy photo Nat Runge plays with two friends at an acoustic set at Knickerbockers in downtown Lincoln toward the end of August. They are scheduling another show at the same location on Sept. 8 with a full band.

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- A UNK Brett Lott benefit. A reading for the Associated Writing Programs. 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16.
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For more information, please contact Allison at hedgecokeaa@unk.edu. Or call (308) 865-8672



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mom is my biggest fan; she's the one who pushes me to be the best I can be. She's the reason I have the opportunities to do what I do today, and without her I don't want to know where I would be. She's made me the person I am today. My mom, my mentor.

"My whole family has always supported me in every decision I've ever made and anything that I've wanted to do. They mean more to me that anything else in the world, and I want to be able to someday give them back everything they have ever given me and so much more," Runge said.

Still, his favorite part is performing, Runge said.

"There's always been one thing that I love about music, and it's the feeling of a live show. The rush of the crowd, the energy in a stadium or venue, how you can feel the bass and beat pounding throughout your whole body. Not only can you hear the music and see it, but you can feel it. It's

#### **WANT TO HEAR MORE?**

Check out Runge's new single "Your Only One" now available on iTunes.

the greatest feeling in the world."

What is in store for his future? He plans on eventually moving to Nashville to further pursue his music and hopes to record a full-length album very soon.

Runge has taken the biggest risk of his life to pursue his dream, and hopes to inspire other people to do the same.

"Someday soon I want to know what it feels like to stand on a stage in front of thousands of people and hear them screaming back to me the words of my own song. I hope to hear that my music has affected their lives in the way that it has touched mine."

#### **Grand opening** from page 1

on west campus. The new site will provide the same services including major and advisor changes, help with resumes and practice interviews, which can even be videotaped.

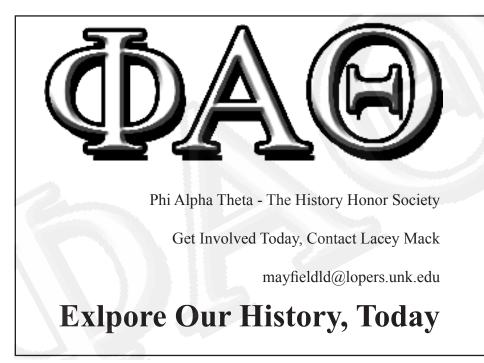
Both office locations have several other academic and career related resources. "We have a brand new career assistance program called Focus-2 designed to help students identify and evaluate majors and careers they might be interested in," Daake said. "It can also tie a student's interests to majors available here at UNK."

The office of Academic and Career Services also helps students find careers that are right for them by providing access to job research tools such as Hoovers, Job-Web, CareerOneStop and The Big Guide to Working Overseas.

In addition, the office hosts three annual career fairs on campus. The first career fair is Oct. 5 in the union.

Daake said the faculty and staff at the office of Academic and Career Services are excited for this year, and she hopes students take advantage of the tools offered

"I think students, especially in this economy, should use all the resources they can get. Our, services can really enhance a students marketability," she





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## Capture the flag takes a new twist





What was your favorite part of the Bongo Ball course?

"Being able to dodge, duck, and get behind the barriers."

Biorn Lund Junior chemistry major from Kearney



How did your form your team?

"No one was scheduled for the 3:30 p.m. time slot, so I ran around Men's Hall and gathered like 12 guys to compete."

Blaine Orozd Senior recreational management major from Genoa



Did your team work well together?

"We didn't really. It is kind of an every man for himself type of thing. We did concentrate on going around the outsides, so they couldn't get behind us and hit us. "

**Paul Tompkins** Junior criminal justice major from O'Neill



Photos by Ashley Clatterbuck

Teams of five players each competed in Bongo Ball Mania from 3-9 p.m. last Friday at the Bell Tower Plaza. LPAC sponsored the game in which teams try to advance in a battlefield of flying Nerf balls and random obstacles while also playing a faster, more intense game of capture the flag.

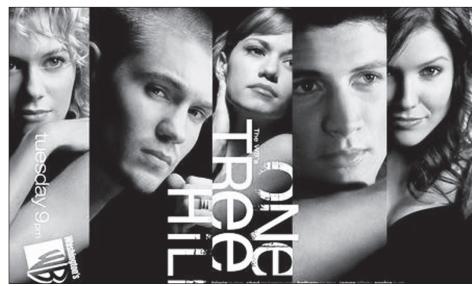
#### **BONGO BALL RULES**

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- No firing before the music starts.
- If you get hit ANYWHERE, you're out!
- Only use one "bullet" at a time.
- You can only hold onto as many Nerfs as you can hold in your hand.
- You can roam anywhere on the course.



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Courtesy Photo

The stars of "One Tree Hill" will be back again this fall. Be sure to catch all of the excitement.

### Fall promises more favorites

BY BRIE MAASKE

Antelope Staff

It's that time of year. The leaves are turning, the air is getting cooler, and it's time for fall television premiers. We all have that show (or shows) which we faithfully watch every week, whether it be with a group of friends, or at home by ourselves. Boys, we know you secretly love "Glee"

Here is what we have to look forward to this season on some of our favorite shows.

Last season "Grey's Anatomy" ended with an angry husband of a past patient going on a shooting rampage throughout the hospital. He eventually found his main target, Dr. Derek Shepard (aka McDreamy) and shot him, while Shepard's pregnant wife, main character, Meredith Grey, experienced a stress-induced miscarriage.

"I'm excited to see how "Grey's Anatomy" starts up this fall since last season ended with McDreamy, even though we know he was alive at the end," said Lerrin Currie, senior elementary education major from Kearney. This season we will get to see the aftermath of the shooting and what will happen between Derek and Meredith post-miscarriage. There have been rumors of a new doctor, another wedding, a new love triangle and finally some closure between Izzie and Alex.

The "Grey's Anatomy" fall premier airs Sept. 23 at 8 p.m..

Diana Garcia, a senior marketing major from Schuyler, says she is excited for "Modern Family" because it is really funny, and it is something that families today can actually relate to.

Sept. 22 will mark the beginning of the second season for "Modern Family," which has already gained popularity and won an Emmy for Best TV Drama at this year's awards. The show focuses on an unconventional family with the grandfather married to a Colombian woman less than half his age with a young son who tends to be more intelligent than him, a gay couple with an adopted Vietnamese daughter and a couple where the husband acts as if he is as young and hip as his three teenage and pre-teen children.

The big news for this season on "Modern Family" is the controversial kiss between gay couple, Cameron and Mitchell, which will air early in the season.

"Desperate Housewives" kicks off the new season with a new face on Wisteria Lane. "Vanessa Williams is joining 'Desperate Housewives' as the new housewife. The previews look really juicy," said Lexi Stumme, a junior marketing and management major from Kearney.

Lanette and Tom welcome a new baby, their fifth child, and there is potential for big drama when Gaby finds out about a big secret Bree has been hiding from her.

"Desperate Housewives" premiers Sept. 26 at 8 p.m.

"One Tree Hill" is one of the longest standing shows on our list going into its eighth season.

"I can't wait to find out if Quinn and Clay survive, because at the end of last season they got shot by Clay's crazy exgirlfriend," said Sam Seina, sophomore business major from Elkhorn.

"One Tree Hill" premiers Sept. 14 at 7 p.m..



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## Research symposium gives students opportunity to shine

**BY KAITLIN DOTY** 

Antelope Staff

Students who wish to participate in the Fall Student Research Symposium must apply by Oct. 1 to get their spot on the agenda.

The Fall Student Research Symposium challenges students with the opportunity to present their research and scholarly projects to the UNK campus and Kearney community. The symposium will be held 1-5 p.m. Oct. 24 in the Ponderosa Room of the union.

The symposium has around 50-75 participants each year. Many of the students

who participated in the Summer Student Research Program (SSRP) will be presenting their projects. The SSRP grants students \$3,000 to spend their summer doing intense research and complete a project. They attend meetings, field trips and group activities, which assist in their research project.

Although many students from the SSRP will be presenting their projects at the Fall Student Research Symposium, any student who has been working on a research project is allowed to apply to present their research project.

Students who take part in the Fall Student Research Symposium range in a

variety of majors and have a variety of research topics.

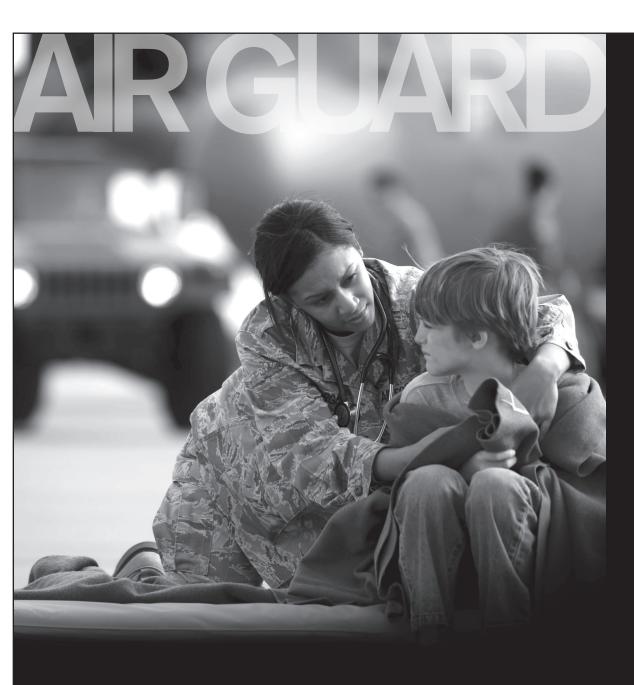
"Last year we had a variety of interesting projects, everything from text analysis of news articles, chemistry solar cell projects, and social work projects on adoption in different countries," said Dr. John Falconer from the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity.

"UNK likes to promote this because a project like this shows great research. Twenty-five percent of students do undergraduate research, and this shows evidence on how well students can apply what they learn in classes. This program really separates Kearney from big institutions," Falconer said.

#### **APPLICANT INFO**

Students who wish to participate in the Fall Student Research Symposium must **apply by Oct. 1** to **Dr. John Falconer** in the office of undergraduate research and creative activity at **308-865-8894**. Please include when applying:

Student name, mentor name, presentation type (oral or poster) and project title.



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