



UNK REMEMBERS



Photo by Adam Buerer

Cadet Brady Plunkett stands in front as he listens to the speeches given in remembrance of 9/11. First, LT David Stott with the Kearney Police Department also gave a speech during the campus ceremony.



BY ADRIANNA TARIN
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Homecoming week is here.

"To UNK and Beyond," is the superhero theme for the 2013 University of Nebraska at Kearney Homecoming Week, Family Day and Band Day events, which started on Monday.

The Loper Programming and Activities Council (LPAC) aims to keep the Loper spirit alive with high-energy competitions and dynamic entertainment during homecoming week, said Heather Wolf, assistant director for student activities.

"Homecoming is important for so many people on and off campus. Alumni love coming back and seeing what's changed on campus and seeing one other," Wolf said. "For students, it's become a really big competition that they start plan-

**See candidates on p. 6.
and Battle of the Brains
photos on p. 12.**

ning for during the summer. It's a pretty exciting time."

This year's superhero theme is meant to appeal to everyone involved in homecoming: students, alumni, athletics, faculty, staff and the community, Wolf said.

There will be events each day of Homecoming Week.

On Monday, a Lawn Display Competition and Battle of the Brains took place at the residence halls, Greek houses and Campus Greens. The Spirit Competition was on Tuesday at the Health and Sports Center.

"It was a good way to show the rest of campus that it's homecoming week," Wolf said.

A Canned Food Build will allow students to compete to create the best sculpture at 7 p.m. Wednesday on the Campus Greens. Teams are given

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UNK ranks 15 in Midwest Top Public Regional Universities

UNK PRESS RELEASE

The University of Nebraska at Kearney is ranked 13th in Midwest Top Public Regional Universities in the 2014 U.S. News and World Report annual Best Colleges rankings. This is one spot out of being in the Top 10, with four Midwest universities tied at ninth place ahead of UNK.

Among all regional universities (public and private) in the Midwest, UNK was ranked 48th.

The rankings, published since 1983, are not a comprehensive indicator of quality, but do provide magazine readers a glimpse into comparable data. The data includes the subjective peer assessment, and objective measures such as freshman retention rate, graduation rates, class size and student to faculty ratio, SAT or ACT scores and class rankings of incoming

freshmen, acceptance rates and alumni giving rates.

According to U.S. News and World Report, UNK scores well on a student-to-faculty ratio of 16 to 1, with a graduation rate of 56 percent. Forty-three percent of freshmen finished high school in the top fourth of their class. Among other measures: 41 percent of UNK classes are smaller than 20 students, and only 5 percent of its classes are larger than 50 students. UNK's peer assessment score was 2.9 out of 5.

UNK Chancellor Doug Kristensen said the annual rankings have become a "barometer" for university quality, despite their focus on measures that may or may not have a direct impact on a student's experience.

"Visiting campus, meeting faculty, examining the programs one is interested in and hearing first-hand from students,

REGIONAL, PAGE 11

ANTELOPE OPINION: We should not go to war in the Middle East again

Right now, the whole world is debating the turmoil in Syria where our fellow citizens are killing people in completely inhumane ways. As the world, the U.S. and the Antelope staff, both Republicans and Democrats, continue to debate this issue we can't help looking back.

We don't know about anyone else, but we are reminded of a time not too long ago when there was talk of U.S. intervention in Iraq.

The country held extremely strong opinions on whether or not there should be intervention in Iraq. Not a whole lot of

middle ground existed. People were either gung-ho for intervention or thought that we should mind our own business.

We think that with what happened in the past, the U.S. should definitely take it easy when it comes to Syria. A strike against Syria could really screw things up for us.

Intervening in internal conflicts in foreign countries has become a pattern for the U.S., but we're not really sure that's really good for our world reputation.

Other countries, major political leaders and even the Pope, speak against such

an attack.

A strike could lead to so much more than just the chance of resolving the ongoing conflict. A strike could lead to even more innocent victims. Any type of bombing could lead to escalation of the conflict, maybe even expanding the conflict outside of Syria.

Such action would most definitely increase violence and possibly create an entirely new wave of terrorism; it could have a negative impact on problems in other countries like Iran and Israel; and it could affect the system of international law.

We think there are other solutions to help the situation in Syria rather than just using force. The U.S. could send aid or use other diplomatic solutions. We should avoid the danger of possibly killing innocent Syrians and possibly losing some of our own troops in the process. Force is not the answer.

We want to know: What do you think? Write in and tell us your view. antelopeneews@unk.edu

YOUR SAY

What do you think about US policy regarding Syria?

Photojournalism students hit the campus asking for opinions about possible military action as advocated by President Obama. Write in, antelopeneews@unk.edu



Duane Bierman

Director of bands

"It should be a United Nations action, not just one country.... That's why the UN exists, isn't it?"



Gunwoo Kim

*Sophomore
Biology, chemistry
Seoul, Korea*

"I am a person who pursues 'peace.' I care about peace the most."



Sean Frederickson

*Junior
English, political science
Kearney*

"No, because you look at the Russians in Syria. It is just not good. I'm not agreeing that we should let that group use chemical weapons. It is not good either way around. But with the breakthrough to hand over weapons to Russia, that should be interesting."



Tyler Anderson

*Sophomore
English
education
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"No, but that is under the assumption that we are already involved more than we should be. It's not our conflict."



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Scrape, shake, measure

Project Clean Plate hopes to slow waste, donate to local charities

BY AUSTIN KOELLER
Antelope Staff

Jayce Harders, a sophomore secondary education major from North Platte, wanted to make sense out of the amount of food wasted at the Market at 27th on Tuesday, Sept. 10. "A whole slice of pizza someone just threw away because they didn't want it," Harders said. "Why did they take it?"

Ross Nicklos, a sophomore economics major was also amazed by the amount of food waste.

"You look at some people and there's literally nothing on their plate. They scrape everything off and eat it all," Nicklos said. "Others, there's an entire salad that they didn't even touch or a full glass of milk wasted."



JEN KACERE

Harders and Nicklos were two of the Residence Hall Association members who volunteered to help with Project Clean Plate this year.

RHA and UNK Dining Services sponsor Project Clean Plate, a program with the goal to make students more aware of the food that they take, compared to what they eat, RHA adviser Jen Kacere said.

"Ultimately, we do a week of educa-

tion, and during that week of education we are also tracking how much liquid and food waste we use in the Market at 27th during our lunch and dinner periods," Kacere said.

The week of education began on Sept. 9 with diners pledging to limit portion sizes and reduce waste. "They could write their name on a spoon and drop it in the pool or the bucket," Kacere said.

UNK dining also set out food portions for students to examine before getting their food.

"They were portioning out the food for students because I think students have a tendency to come through a line and put more on their plate than they're really going to eat or what is recommended for them to eat," Kacere said.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Harders, Nicklos, and other RHA members volunteered to stand at the dish room, wiping and scraping plates off into a large trashcan to measure the accumulated amount of food waste.

"We divide the liquid and solid waste," Nicklos said. "Then, we measure how much food is wasted each time."

As she scraped food waste into the trashcan, RHA member Hannah Beck, a freshman elementary education major from Central City, realized how much food is regularly wasted.

"It's been kind of shocking to see all



Photo by Austin Koeller

Ross Nicklos, a sophomore economics major from St. Francis, Kan. scrapes food waste off of a plate into the trash as part of Project Clean Plate. The project aimed to educate students on food waste.

the waste, and to know that it happens on a daily basis and a weekly basis, and more than likely, a yearly basis," Beck said. "I think we should be more aware of the things that we take and throw away and learn to portion."

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CAMPUS CRIME LOG

Aug. 25: Female subject reported her back window and driver's side taillight were smashed some time between Sept. 24 and Sept. 25.

Aug. 25: One minor student was found in possession of alcohol.

Aug. 29: After an investigation, one male was issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident.

Aug. 30: Subject was observed driving the wrong way out of lot 9 onto Lot 32. Subject was issued a verbal warning.

Aug. 31: Two male subjects had electronic and clothing items taken from their rooms in CTW between 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Sept. 3: Male subject was issued a written warning for speeding on 29th Street at 10th Ave.

Sept. 4: Female subject was issued a verbal warning for a stop sign violation in Lot 32.

Sept. 4: Male subject was issued a citation for a stop light violation at the intersection of 25th Street and 5th Avenue.

Sept. 4: Male subject reported his phone was stolen from WSTC sometime between 2 and 2:20 p.m.

Sept. 6: Female subject issued a defect card to have taillight blackout paint cleaned off.

Sept. 9: Male subject was issued a citation for traveling the wrong way in a one way in parking Lot 5.

Sept. 9: Female subject was issued a defect card for having an expired driver's license. She was further given a written warning for driving the wrong way in a one way and failing to stop at a stop sign.

Sept. 9: Female subject reported that her car was run into in parking Lot 14. An accident report was taken.

Sept. 9: Female subject was issued a written warning for failure to yield right of way to a pedestrian in cross walk and no license.

Sept. 9: Received report of a possible suicidal student. Upon further investigation it was determined she was not suicidal.

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What grinds my gears:

A movie watcher's guide to pet peeves



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I am a nerd and a movie buff. These two things are sometimes synonymous with one another. You will find that people who genuinely enjoy watching movies and discussing movies generally don't like to do those things at the same time. There's a special place in hell reserved for people who talk in theaters, but that's not the only way to be a disruption while the rest of us are trying to kick back and forget about the world for while.

The Naysayers

There will always be that one person who will watch a comic book movie (or any movie) and say, "Well, that's not possible. There's no way that guy could have the hand-eye coordination to catch that girl in free fall."

It's usually at this point that I want to turn around and politely remind that person we are watching a movie where the protagonist was exposed to radioactive material and inherited superpowers.

If we're going for realism, the movie studio should've

given the character radiation poisoning instead.

The Text Junkies

Ever notice how some people will still whip out their phones during a movie?

They don't answer a call. No.

Instead, they decide to bring their smartphone up to eye level and blast the row behind them with a distracting conversation about how Becky totally made out with Tommy and now there's all this drama that will probably result in the apocalypse.

Note: If do this, remember that people can see what you're doing and may mock you accordingly.

The Impatient

One thing I will never understand will be the people that have to ask about the plot of a movie while they're watching it.

For the love of all that is sacred, please just watch the movie. I promise all of your questions will be answered by the time the credits roll at the end.

The Opinionated

This elite group of people seem to think that when dialogue is being preached onscreen that everybody needs

to know what they're thinking at all times.

For instance, I have a friend, who shall remain nameless, who always has to interject his own brand of social commentary into every film we watch together. I don't particularly care about the social devolution of this sci-fi movie that is entirely fictional.

Professors have the right idea when they say things like, "Please hold your questions or comments for the end of the lecture."

This may seem a bit obnoxious to some of you, but I take the cinema experience very seriously.

Scratch that, I don't take much seriously, but I understand that watching a movie is an escape from the mundane reality of everyday life and I don't need people reminding me about the accuracy of physics in a movie, nor do I need badgering from people who can't wait to experience something for themselves. Certainly, I'm not going to put up with a pre-teen with an iPhone spilling their heart out over the 4G network.

Consider all of these things the next time you watch a movie and remember, if none of these things have ever bothered you, you're probably guilty of all of these sins.

Sudoku ★★★★★

How to play: Sudoku is a placement puzzle. The aim of the puzzle is to enter a numeral from 1 through 9 in each cell of a grid. Each row, column and region must contain only one instance of each numeral. Completing the puzzle requires patience and logical ability. The puzzle initially became popular in Japan in 1986 and attained international popularity in 2005.

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Find answer on page 9

www.sudoku-puzzles.net



BUST A MOVE

Photo by Adam Buerer
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UNK Graduate student Carlos Tapia performs a dance move outside of the student union. Tapia is a member of a dance group called Organix Crew.

Check out next weeks issue for more on Organix Crew.

"West of Last Chance" now at MONA

Acclaimed writer, photographer pair up to tell fresh story of hope and the present and future of the plains

BY HANNA JORGENSEN
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"West of Last Chance," a collaboration of work by acclaimed author Kent Haruf and award-winning photographer Peter Brown, aims to capture the historical, as well as the modern-day, tenor of the Plains while focusing on the lives of Native Americans, modern farmers and the simplistic lifestyle in the West. The photographs paired with the captions express the quiet, beautiful and sometimes hauntingly difficult life on the plains.

"West of Last Chance" is on display at MONA now through Oct. 20. MONA is open Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

"You have to know how to look at this country. You have to slow down. It isn't pretty, but it's beautiful," wrote Haruf, co-author with Brown, of the book "West of Last Chance," from which the exhibition originated.

Haruf and Brown's collaboration of "West of Last Chance" won the Dorothea Lange-Paul Taylor Prize from the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University. The style of the book and the exhibit is similar to that of renowned Mid-century American novelist and photographer Wright Morris, creator of photo-text. Photo-text was a new genre that combined photos and captions to tell a story which is exactly what "West of Last Chance" does quite well.

Brown has a B.A. and M.F.A. degree from Stanford University and has taught in the art departments of Stanford and Rice Universities. He has received awards for his photographs and has had them shown internationally. His photographs have also been published in magazines such as "LIFE," "The New Yorker" and others.

Haruf has a B.A. degree in English from Nebraska Wesleyan University and a M.F.A. from the Writers' Workshop at the University of Iowa. He has also served in the U.S. Peace Corps. Haruf taught high school English in Wisconsin and Colorado as well as fiction writing at Nebraska Wesleyan University and Southern Illinois University. He is the author of five novels. Of those five novels, "Plainsong," "Eventide" and "Benediction" all became national bestsellers.



*Texas Theater, Bronte, Texas, 2003
by Peter Brown*



These large images allow viewers to step in and take a glimpse of life on the Plains.

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Royalty crowned Thursday night



STAFF

Every year UNK students select a Homecoming Queen and King from their peers. Preliminary voting for Homecoming King and Queen started last week and eight finalists for homecoming royalty were announced on Monday.

The king and queen will be crowned at 9 p.m. Thursday at the Health and Sports Center. They also will be recognized during halftime of UNK's football game on Saturday and oversee other homecoming week festivities.

Now, the drum roll starts and may the best man and woman win.

Queen candidates include:

Haley Allen, a junior music education major from Omaha, represents Gamma Phi Beta. She is a Chancellor's Student Ambassador and member of the Honors Program, Gold Torch Society, National Association for Music Education, Student Education Association of Nebraska and Music Teachers National Association. Allen was a New Student Enrollment Leader this summer and has been on the Dean's List four semesters while being involved in numerous music ensembles.

Rachel Harvey, a senior organizational communication/social work major from Scottsbluff, represents Loper Liaisons. She is president of the International Justice Mission campus chapter that works to raise awareness and join the fight against modern-day slavery. She stood 27 hours straight for the 27 million still enslaved today. Harvey was a New Student Enrollment Leader this summer and is active in Christian Student Fellowship, Overflow, Choraleers, Collegium, Loper Liaisons and as an Education Quest Ambassador.

Connor Schulte, a junior organizational and relational communication/advertising/public relations major from Kearney, represents Student Government. She has been on the Dean's List four consecutive semesters and is involved in Student Senate, the Honors

Program, Phi Eta Sigma and the Advertising and Public Relations Club. Schulte is also active in Gamma Phi Beta sorority and an executive officer on the Panhellenic Council.

Barbie Varon, a senior special work major from Papillion, represents Alpha Omicron Pi. Varon is a Chancellor's Student Ambassador and has served as a Student Diplomat for five semesters, including the current semester. She has been involved in her sorority for three years, holding different leadership positions and helping with several events.

King candidates include:

Daniel Carlson, a junior double major in music and organizational and relational communication from Grand Island, represents Mantor Hall. A Pride of the Plains Marching Band member, he also is involved in many music ensembles, including Symphonic Band, saxophone quartet and Jazz/Rock Ensemble. Carlson is a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, where he serves as the social chair and is a past resident advisor. He currently is president of Residence Hall Association and member of Thompson Scholars Learning Community.

Lanny Fuller, a junior business marketing major from Kearney, represents Sigma Phi Epsilon. A member of the Honors Program and a Student Diplomat, he has served as a New Student Enrollment Leader, participated in undergraduate research and was secretary of community relations for UNK Student Government. Fuller is also president of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

John Gibbs, a junior sports administration major from Lincoln, represents Phi Delta Theta. He has been on the Dean's List two semesters while serving as a Student Government senator and Student Diplomat. Gibbs is a former Thompson Scholars member, current member of the Newman Center Council and was part of the New Student Enrollment Team this summer.



Haley Allen



Daniel Carlson



Rachel Harvey



Lanny Fuller



Conner Schulte



John Gibbs



Barbie Varon



Wilfredo Lopez

So it begins...

Homecoming week

Photo by Adam Buerer

The crowd at Monday nights events goes crazy as one member of the scorekeeping team holds up the numbers. In the end, Pi Kappa Alpha, Gammas, and Gamma Phi Beta won the Battle of the Brains.



Photo by Adam Buerer

A big crowd showed up Monday night as Homecoming Week began with Battle of the Brains in the Ponderosa Room. The Ponderosa Room in the Student Union saw



Courtesy Photo

As part of the Lawn Decoration Contest, the residents of Martin Hall brought Louie the Loper with cape in tow to their display. Residents said they were very proud of their "Loper Signal."

UNK hires new athletic director

Plinske to “put Loper athletics on the national map”



BY ANDREW HANSON,
TYLER CAVALLI
Antelope Staff

After a search that involved bringing four final candidates to the UNK campus, on Aug. 14, Paul Plinske was named the seventh director of athletics at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Plinske replaced outgoing athletic director Jon McBride who had served in that role since 2002.

Plinske had previously served as the director of athletics at the Division III University of Wisconsin-Whitewater since 2004. Coincidentally, at Whitewater, he replaced Shawn Eichorst who is now the director of athletics for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Like his predecessor, Plinske has Division I work experience. He was a graduate assistant with the University of Illinois football team, and he worked with the University of Minnesota athletic department while working on his doctorate.

Prior to his time at Whitewater, Plinske was an associate athletic director at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

I had the opportunity to meet Plinske at the beginning of August at a community forum UNK hosted for each of the candidates. From the time the forum began, it was pretty clear to me that this was the guy UNK needed.



Photo by Corbey Dorsey, UNK News 2013
Chancellor Doug Kristensen announces Paul Plinske as the University of Nebraska at Kearney's new athletics director during a news conference Wednesday. Plinske began his duties Sept. 1.

Questions were asked, and Plinske answered. When asked about fundraising and finances, which is the biggest challenge facing UNK, Plinske had an answer. He not only was able to secure more than \$12 million in funds at Whitewater, but he also mentioned that his dissertation for

his Ph.D. was on athletic fundraising.

Considering the finance issues facing UNK, it seemed very logical to me that Plinske should be the guy.

Plinske also spoke about the importance of working with the community and being able to work with the newly hired athletic director at the local high school. That statement could easily have been passed over, but it showed me that Plinske did his homework. This wasn't just another job to him. He cared about the community too, not just the university.

Plinske, whose wife has family ties to Nebraska, wasn't making his first stop in Kearney when he came to interview for the job. He had stopped through Kearney in 2010 on his way to visit family. He just didn't know he would go onto to become the athletic director here.

Plinske said, “The more I explored the campus of UNK and the city of Kearney, the more I felt like it was a place my family and I belonged.”

Raising funds for programs isn't the only thing Plinske is known for, though. He also has a reputation for putting fans in the stands. Whitewater's football at-

tendance exceeded an average of 7,500 fans a game. They also had games where attendance was recorded in excess of 10,000.

“We want the games to be an experience for the fans, and try to make it an event and not just a game,” Plinske said.

At Whitewater, Plinske was able to win nine national championships and 42 conference championships while also improving facilities and raising funds.

Plinske plans to continue that success at UNK. “My goal for the first year is to develop relationships with people, learn about the culture and develop a level of trust with everyone on campus,” he said. “Five years down the road I would like to be fully funded for scholarships. Ten years from now I hope Loper athletics will be infiltrated throughout the state of Nebraska.”

He said his number one goal, “is to put Loper athletics on the national map.”

If Plinske can carry out his plan and carry over the success he was able to have at Whitewater, the Lopers will be on the national map, it is just a matter of time.

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Olympic wrestling will be back

One year after UNK's Dlagnev competes at London Games, his sport was in jeopardy

BY ANDREW HANSON
Antelope Staff

Wrestling was a part of the Olympics when they first began in 708 B.C. at the ancient Olympics, but the future of wrestling at the 2020 Olympics and beyond was at risk when the International Olympic Committee voted to provisionally remove the sport from the games this past February.

After the decision to remove wrestling was announced, shock reverberated in the wrestling community.

UNK head wrestling coach Marc Bauer said, "When the original vote came through the FILA (wrestling's governing body the International Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles) representative wasn't even at the IOC meeting. The wrestling community thought they wouldn't get rid of it."

The wrestling community responded, though, and fought to get wrestling back on the schedule for the 2020 games.

"The backlash to eliminating wrestling is that it doesn't just affect the elite athletes, it can hurt the college level, which then can hurt the high school level and beyond," Bauer said.

The ramifications of the trickle-down effect that Bauer described affect all levels of wrestling. Bauer added, "At the collegiate level, one of the reasons our sport exists is because it is an Olympic sport. But if you didn't have that, the Olympics, it can hurt us."

When administrators have to make decisions, the Olympics factor in. "They (administrators) go, 'We don't want to get rid



Courtesy Photo 2013

Trevl Dlagnev sealed the RMAC championship in his final collegiate bout. Dlagnev became the 2007-08 Division II Wrestler of the Year and became one of America's top amateur wrestlers during his five years at UNK. He finished his Loper career on a 71-match win streak and with a school record of 167 wins.

of that; it's an Olympic sport," Bauer said.

UNK has had a former student-athlete compete at the Olympics. Former All-American wrestler Tervel Dlagnev represented the U.S. at the London Games in 2012.

"It's significant that we have Tervel Dlagnev competing on the world team, and competing at the Olympics," Bauer said. "It's a one in a million thing. How often does a small school have someone compete at that level?"

Dlagnev, born in Bulgaria but raised in Texas, came to UNK in 2004. He didn't begin wrestling until he was 16 and a junior in high school. As a Loper, he ended his freshman campaign wrestling at 184 lbs. with a 10-8 record when he used a medical redshirt after breaking his foot.

Coming back for his redshirt freshman year, Dlagnev transitioned to a heavy-

weight. Bauer said, "His thighs grew a little bigger, he weighed 220 lbs., so we tried to see if he could go heavyweight."

Competing as a heavyweight, Dlagnev found nothing but success. He ended his college career as a four-time All-American and two-time national champion. He also helped lead UNK to its first national championship in wrestling.

During the latter half of his college career, he also spent time training with members of the United States Wrestling Team.

One of the people who Dlagnev trained with was, at the time, the U.S. heavyweight wrestler Tolly Thompson. Bauer recalled, "I got a call, and someone said Tervel had taken down Tolly Thompson. Thompson had gone down on the mat, and Tervel took him down."

After pinning Thompson, Dlagnev got

"in with the big guys because of how talented he was," Bauer said.

Following his graduation from UNK in 2008, Dlagnev had to transition to Olympic freestyle wrestling. "The transition to freestyle takes some getting used to, but you can pick it up within a year," Bauer said.

Dlagnev made the transition to freestyle and won a gold medal at the Pan American Games in 2011. He followed that performance up the next year placing fifth in the 120 kg weight class at the 2012 Olympic games.

Dlagnev is one of a very select group of Division II wrestlers to have represented the U.S. at the world level. "I'm proud we have him as a representative of our program," Bauer said. "He's not just a great wrestler, he's also a great human being."

On Sept. 8, wrestling was formally reinstated into the Olympics, beating out baseball/softball and squash. Nearly a year after Dlagnev's Olympic appearance, the future of wrestling is no longer in doubt.

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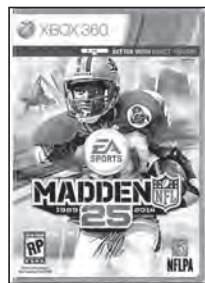
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Madden NFL: a game 25 years in the making

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"Madden NFL 25," named for the 25th anniversary of the famed video game, hit the market Aug. 27. The Madden series, first released June 1, 1988 is older than most UNK students but still draws fans who quickly purchased the anniversary edition ready to play. "Madden NFL 25" was No. 1 in August sales despite being released on the 27th of the month.



"College students love video games and love football. Combining the two seems like a no-brainer," said junior Nate Olson, Loper football player and industrial distribution major. "Madden 25 is easily their best release. The graphics are incredible."

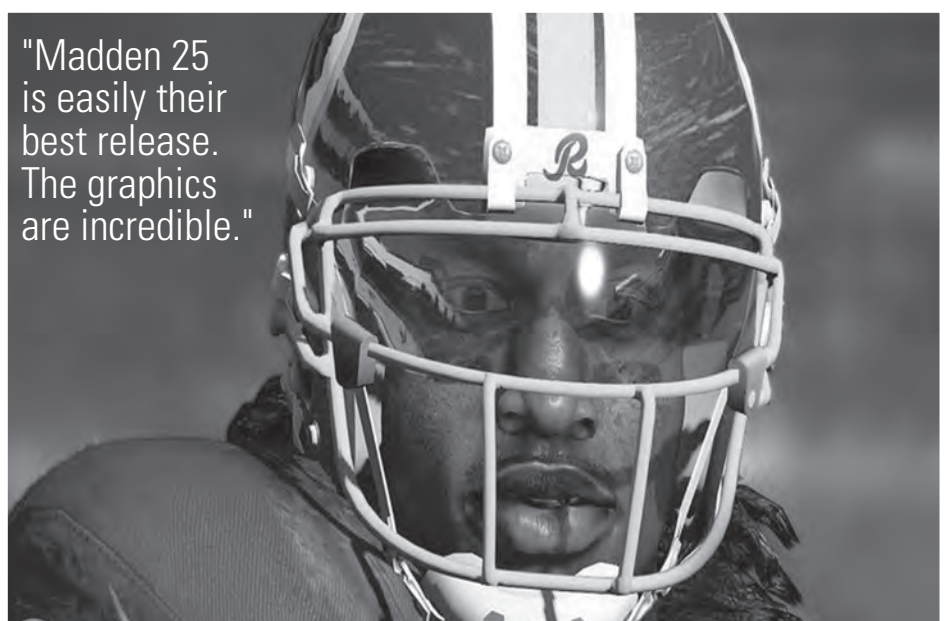
Football games aren't just for football players though. "I can't imagine my childhood or college career without the Madden release every year," said Austin Taibemal,

a senior business administration major and Phi Delta Theta fraternity member who gets together with friends to play. "It's a great way to take my mind of the stresses of school."

Every year, game improvements and changes make the game more realistic. No Madden is the same, says senior Michal Bohn. "I start to get really excited for the new features around June. My favorite part of the game this year is the Team Chemistry. It really brings some realism to the game. I know I'm not playing or coaching, but it's as close as I'll get right now," said Bohn, a psychobiology major.

"I love being able to compete with my friends and anyone online really," said Eric Ahrens, a senior business administration major and Pi Kappa Alpha member. "I'm really busy studying all the time, but there's always time for a quick game."

According to Forbes, the Madden NFL series has been a best selling game consistently since 2005, averaging nearly \$5 million sales per release. The Madden series has sold 99 million copies in a 25-year history.



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The legend and the game



- The game series is named after Pro Football Hall of Famer John Madden, a well-known former Super Bowl-winning coach of the Oakland Raiders and color commentator.

- In 1988, "John Madden Football" was released for the Apple II computer and became a modest commercial success.

- The game that made "Madden" a phenomenon wasn't the initial Apple II release, it was the Genesis follow-up.

- Madden himself graced the cover of the game until 2001.

- Last year's version was outsold in the United States only by "Call of Duty: Black Ops II."

- Madden says he originally conceived the game as a coaching tool.

- The original playbook came from Madden one day in the mid-1980s

- The "Madden curse" is real. Out of the 16 players featured, 14 have had bad years and received serious injuries. See more: <http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/nfl/photos/1205/madden-cover-curse/3/>

- Madden, 77, still keeps a close eye on the game to make sure it represents "real football."

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New, old, Sorority Alpha Xi Delta recolonizing



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Formal recruitment has come and gone; the new members are adjusting to their houses and working their way to become initiated. However, this year has been, and will be, a little bit different. The Greek community is growing, and we are getting a new sorority at UNK.

However, the sorority is not actually new; one of the first Panhellenic Chapters at UNK is "recolonizing." Alpha Xi Delta initiated their first members into the Delta Gamma chapter at UNK in 1962. The sorority thrived on campus and then closed sometime after. The sorority presented some extension presentations to various members of the Panhellenic council and members of the other houses on campus last spring. They were selected as the house that was able to recolonize.

Alpha Xi Delta had its official Bid Day on Sunday, Sept. 15 following recruitment the week before (Sept. 10-Sept. 14). The house also participated in the first round of formal recruitment with all the other houses.

On Tuesday, Sept. 10, Alpha Xi Delta held their first event "How Sweet it is to be an Alpha Xi Delta," which was an overview of their national sorority and what the colony process is like at UNK. On Wednesday, Sept. 11, the second event, "A Piece it Together Event," focused on their philanthropy, Autism Speaks. The women made puzzle piece key chains for Autism Speaks and watched Alpha Xi Delta's na-

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donations or purchase their own perishable food items to create structures based on the homecoming theme. Canned goods are then donated to area food banks. Last year, nearly 2,000 items were donated, Wolf said.

The Lip Sync Competition begins at 7 p.m., and Homecoming Royalty Crowning is at 9 p.m. Thursday at the Health and Sports Center.

The Lip Sync Competition, celebrating its 25th anniversary, will feature special performances by an a capella group. The group will also serve as the event's master of ceremonies. Former LPAC members who started the competition will return to campus as special guests at the event.

tional philanthropy video.

For the "Add a Chapter to Your Life" event Thursday, Sept. 12, the group Skyped in another colony, from Bucknell, Penn. that was just installed last semester and just completed their first recruitment. This gave the women an idea of what the colony at UNK would be like.

On Friday, Sept. 13, the group organized personal information sessions in the Cedar Room in the Student Union. During this event, the women were able to speak one-on-one with volunteers, get their personal questions answered and get to know a little more about them as an individual.

On Saturday, Sept. 14, the sorority hosted their preference round, which is similar to the preference round that the other houses do during formal recruitment, with a formal ceremony. Women from the UNL and UNO chapters came to talk with the women going through recruitment to have a more personal and heartfelt conversation about what Alpha Xi Delta means to them.

On Sunday, Sept. 15, on bid day, the sorority welcomed the new members. The UNL and UNO chapters attended bid day as well as members of UNK's Greek community. They had their pledging Sunday night, where the new members received their colony pins.

Alpha Xi Delta will have Amanda Torpey, an Educational Leadership Consultant, on campus with them for at least this semester, probably next semester as well, helping them get established and



**AMANDA
TORPEY**

On Friday, students will compete in an adventure race across campus beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday's Homecoming Week events feature the Homecoming Parade, Band Day and Family Day activities.

The parade begins at 10 a.m. at the Museum of Nebraska Art and progresses south on Central Avenue before finishing at the West Co. parking lot at 923 W. Railroad St. Special Assistant to the Chancellor Jon McBride will serve as the grand marshal for the parade.

Area bands taking part in Band Day will then participate in the Bearcat Marching Festival, which begins at 1 p.m. at Kearney High School.



Photo by Courtney Wagner

The new members of Alpha Xi Delta had their official Bid Day on Sunday, Sept. 15. The women received T-shirts and other goodies, they had a celebration during the day and had their formal pledging later that night.

serving as all executive positions until those positions are filled with members in November. Members of the FOX Program (Friends of Xi), also students at UNK, will help them get acclimated, help with a successful homecoming and with philanthropy events and refer women to Alpha Xi Delta.

Alpha Xi Delta will participate in Homecoming with everyone else on campus. They're also going to participate in all the events this year, such as Greek Week. They will also participate in formal recruitment next year with the other houses.

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faculty and staff remains the best measure of quality a potential student can obtain," Kristensen said. "Nevertheless, it's good to see that our retention and graduation rates are among the very best of our peers. Those are definitely indicators of quality."

In the rankings, UNK outranks all of its MIAA athletic conference college and university competitors with the 48th place ranking among regional universities. The nearest to UNK in the rankings in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Conference is Missouri Southern at 64th. There are no other MIAA universities in the Top Public Regional Universities.

UNK had been ranked three consecutive years in the top 10 Top Public Regional Universities.

The rankings were released Sept. 9.

The rankings also include other listings on criteria such as diversity, price and student debt, focus on students and commitment to teaching. UNK made a list of "A-Plus Schools for B Students... (where non-superstars have a decent shot at being accepted and thriving).

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Nicklos said that the group will sponsor this project again in November. He added that whatever the difference is in food reduction, Chartwells and UNK Dining Services would donate that amount of canned food to a local charity.

The total food waste for Tuesday was 275 pounds of food waste and 179 pounds of liquid waste for 1,953 students. On Friday, the total waste was 349 pounds of food waste and 203 pounds of liquid waste for 1,863 students.

On Thursday, students were given the opportunity to sample items at the Market at 27th before taking them. The project wrapped up on Friday as students were taught about the importance of drinking more water, as well as introduced to the new dish machine.

RHA has a delegation of 18 students and an executive board of five students. The organization meets at 5:15 p.m. on Mondays in the Cedar Room in the Nebraska Student Union.

Megaminds battle it out

Photos by Adam Buerer

Despite the rain on Monday, Battle of the Brains kicked off Homecoming Week. Teams were put to the test and answered random trivia questions.



Two teams battle to advance to the next round. In the end, the team including Pi Kappa Alpha, Gammas, and Gamma Phi Beta won the show.



With superhero capes in tow, Monica Mueller, assistant director for the Office of Multicultural Affairs, and Luke Saulsberry, Antelope/Nester complex director, read trivia questions to the groups of teams competing in the Battle of the Brains.