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High waters cancel classes in Copeland

BY ERIK DODGE
Antelope Staff

If someone was wishing for class to be canceled in Copeland Hall that wish came true in an unexpected way Sept. 16. Classes were canceled due to a water leak that left standing water in classrooms on all three floors of the building.

"The break was on third floor in the east wing of the building and the water made it down to the first floor in almost all the rooms on that wing of the building, most of which are classrooms, taking down ceiling tile and raining down water all over various parts of different rooms," said Dr. John LaDuke, Copeland Hall building supervisor and dean of natural and social sciences.

A braided hose broke under a sink on the third floor of the hall, leaking water into several east wing rooms on all three floors, as well as out windows and down the north wall, according to LaDuke and Lee McQueen, director of facilities man-



Photo by Erik Dodge

Classes were canceled Friday Sept. 16 in Copeland Hall due to a water leak. The leak came from a third floor sink which burst and spewed water in several rooms on each floor of the building. Classes resumed the following Monday, while clean up continued in the building.

agement and planning.

Classes were canceled Friday and resumed Monday as UNK staff and members of Yellow Van Cleaning and Restoration worked to dry carpets, sheet rock and walls. Damage to the building was es-

timated between \$5,000 and \$7,000 with damage to electronics at a minimum, according to McQueen.

The leak was discovered at approximately 5 a.m. Friday morning by the custodial staff according to LaDuke, who arrived at the building around 6:30 a.m. to help assess the damage.

"I walked around all the rooms with (environmental health and safety manager) Lee Purdy, and we sloshed through the water. When I got here, probably the deepest places were a couple of inches. There was still water coming down from the ceiling, also down the north wall," LaDuke said.

Each classroom computer was checked and found to be working, though computers in the computer lab in room 240 still need to be checked, as do several in a storage room on the same floor. Two wireless hubs are no longer functional.

No evidence of water was noticed when the last event in Copeland Hall ended at 11 p.m. on Thursday, but the hose which was slightly smaller than a garden hose, may have run for six hours or more. Despite its small size, the hose released a large amount of water, though no official estimate was available.

"Think about putting a garden hose in your bedroom and turning it on for six hours. It would release a fair amount of water even though it's a relatively small diameter," McQueen said.

HOMEcoming ROYALTY



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Katie Swett, a junior organizational communication major from Ericson and Blaine Drozd, a senior recreational management major from Genoa were crowned as UNK Homecoming King and Queen on Sept. 22.

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Drug violations on the rise on campus

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Eight drug violation citations have been issued this semester to four individuals who each received a citation for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. This is more than half of the 15 citations reported in 2009 along with four reported in 2008, the most recent years for which official statistics are available. UNK Police has also issued three conduct summons for smoking marijuana this semester, compared to four



issued in 2009, and one in 2008.

Michelle Hamaker, police and parking services director said the increase follows an unusually slow fall semester for drug citations the previous year with one issued the previous fall. The addition of one police officer, and the emphasis

placed on reporting suspicious activity by Dr. C. Anthony Earls, the new director of Residence Life may be leading to more citations, said Hamaker.

"Another thing that has been very helpful for us this semester is (Residence) Life has a new director, Dr. C. Anthony Earls. One of the things he has really stressed with his department is to call us in for any criminal matter. They have been very good this semester about calling in anything that they believe is a criminal matter. They're our extra eyes and ears," she said.

Violations this semester have been issued in Mantor Hall, Centennial Towers East, and parking lot 16 outside University Residence North.

CAMPUS CRIME LOG

Police Log Sept. 19-25

Sept. 19: A bicycle was reported stolen from the bike rack east of Mantor Hall. The bike lock was removed and placed on another bike.

Sept. 19: Kevin Scheidmann and Trevor Stec were issued conduct summons for alcoholic beverages containers in Mantor Hall.

Sept. 20: Dewayne Roth was issued a citation for MIP and Richard Kamke was issued a citation for Procuring Alcohol to Minors.

Sept. 20: Megan Coy was issued a warning for a stop sign violation on Highway 30 and 12th Avenue.

Sept. 21: Adam Redinger was issued a stop sign violation after he failed to stop at the intersection of

25th Street and 9th Avenue.

Sept. 21: A vehicle was reported damaged by someone hitting or kicking it in Lot 12.

Sept. 23: Mengting Zhang was issued a citation for driving without an operator's license.

Sept. 23: Cythia Cruz Lopez was issued a citation for a stop sign violation.

Sept. 24: A juvenile non-student was stopped for a liquor violation.

Sept. 24: Coby Neijjahr was issued a warning for a tail light out and not having his drivers license on his person.

Sept. 24: A bike was reported sto-

len from the bike rack on the south side of the Nebraskan Student Union.

Sept. 25: Yusek Ramirez, Bianca Renteria, Jose Guerrero, Jean Krejci, Jose Ramirez, and one juvenile were issued conduct summons for MIP after they were found in possession of alcohol in Nester Hall North.

Sept. 25: A female subject reported being harassed by her ex-boyfriend and was worried he would show up at her residence. The suspect was advised to leave the female subject alone.

Sept. 25: A bag was reported stolen from a vehicle while parked in Lot 14.

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Fourteen bikes stolen from campus

Officials suggest U-locks, chains

BY ERIK DODGE
Antelope Staff

UNK Police issued a crime alert on Sept. 13, after four bicycles were reported stolen the previous day. The thefts, which included incidents starting on Aug. 12, occurred throughout campus. According to the crime alert, a majority of the stolen bicycles were not secure. Director of Police and Parking Services Michelle Hamaker encouraged students to lock their bicycles when parking on campus.

“Whether it’s your bike or any other property, when you bring it onto campus make sure you take precautions to protect those items,” she said.

The crime alert suggested several steps “to assure your property is safe from thieves.” Bicycles should always be locked to a rack when parked, preferably with a U-lock or heavier chain as opposed to a cable lock, which can be cut. The lock should be attached to the back tire, as the front tire can easily be removed. The seat, if easily removable, should be removed at night to make the bike a less desirable target. Owners should take close-up photographs of their bike and record a description including details such as the brand, style, speed, color and serial number.

UNK Police will impound bikes found abandoned on the grass or not secured to a rack, according to the crime alert. Anyone who thinks their bike may have been stolen or impounded should contact Police and Parking services or the Kearney Police Department if the bike was abandoned somewhere else in Kearney.



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Erik Dodge

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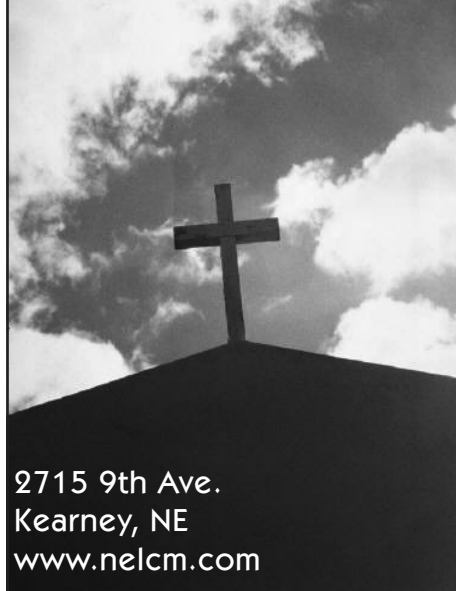
- Always lock your bicycle to a rack with a sturdy lock. Cable locks that can be cut with a bolt cutter may not be enough. Although U-locks are more expensive, they are less apt to be cut. Heavier chains with a key padlock may be less expensive but just as safe.
- Lock your bike through the frame or rear tire as the front tire can be easily removed allowing your bike to

- be loaded into a vehicle.
- If your seat is easily removable, remove the seat at night, making your bike less desirable to steal.
- Write down the descriptions of your bike, brand, style, speed, color and serial number.
- Take close-up photographs of your bike for easy identification.

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Wild Homecoming ends with ROAR

BY LACEY MCPHILLIPS
Antelope Staff

It was a wild homecoming week at UNK, and the spirit of competition between campus groups was high but always in good fun. Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Phi, Sigma Tau Gamma, TIARAS and Sigma Lamda Beta emerged as victors of the homecoming sweepstakes scores.

After receiving first place in Battle of the Brains, Spirit Competition and Canned Food Build, they were almost unreachable by Wednesday. Placing second in Lip Sync, first in Capture the Flag and fourth in the Parade sealed the deal. Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Gamma Delta and Alpha Tau Omega were 210 points behind, finishing with a score of 1,190. They received second place in Battle of the Brains and the

Parade, third in Lip Sync and Capture the Flag, and fourth in the Canned Food Build. Antelope, Nester and Martin finished in third place with 1,165 points, receiving first place in Lip Sync and the Parade, and third place in the Spirit Competition. Randall Hall finished fourth with 985 points, followed closely by Mantor and Men's Halls with 980.



Photo by Skylar Loseke

Andee Bubak, a senior elementary education major from Cozad runs to get the flag from the other team during the Capture the Flag event. Bubak participated with the Alpha Phi Sorority.



Photo by Skylar Loseke

Antelope, Nester and Martin won first place at Lipsync on Thursday and finished third place overall for Homecoming



Photo by Adam Konruff

3-year-old McKartni Norton, younger sister of sophomore pre-vet major, Brittani Clarkson, enjoys some candy while watching her big sister march with the UNK Pride of the Plains band in the parade.



Photo by Adam Konruff

A giant American flag hangs over the parade route Saturday.



Photo by Adam Konruff

Several sororities and sponsor Central Nebraska Spinal Surgery submitted this fun float during the Homecoming parade with fraternity members and gorillas sharing the same cage.



Photo by Adam Konruff
Running back Ricky Trinidad burns the last defender to put the Lopers on top of the Western State Mountaineers, 26-7, in the second quarter.

HOMECOMING ATHLETICS

- Football: 55-14 Homecoming win over Western State College of Colorado Saturday
- Volleyball: 25-19, 25-15, 25-21 Loper sweep over the University of Colorado – Colorado Springs Saturday
- Women's Soccer: Lopers were defeated 1-0 by Colorado State-Pueblo Sunday
- Men's Golf: Lopers score 18 hole total of 303, finishing in seventh in first round of RMAC/NSIC tournament Sunday



Photo by Adam Konruff
Quarterback Jake Spitzlberger keeps the ball for a short run into the end zone to put the Lopers on the board Saturday against the Western State Mountaineers. The Lopers, coming into the game ranked seventh in their division, easily defeated the Mountaineers 55-14.



Photo by Adam Konruff
Students from the Asian American Student Association display several flags from their countries of origin as well as a Chinese dragon, seen behind the group.



Photo by Adam Konruff
The flag team leads the UNK Pride of the Plains marching band down the parade route.



Fans came out in full support of their Loper football team, who are ranked seventh in their division, Saturday. UNK defeated Western State 54-14 to keep their undefeated record alive.



Photo by Adam Konruff
UNK Wrestling and the Kearney Mat Cats submitted this float together for the Wild About UNK parade Saturday.

Five players join Loper gridiron after UNO football program ends

BY BROOKE ALSTROM
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Last spring, Kelby Seyl, Trey Wilberger, and Dex Schwieger were planning to be on the University of Nebraska-Omaha Maverick gridiron this fall. Little did they know, their plans were about to change. As UNO planned the move to Division I, the coaches and players on the Maverick football team were originally told they'd be part of the transition. Come to find out, their program would be shut down altogether.

Many of the players found out about this news that would change their lives in unlikely ways. Seyl, for example, was texted by a player on the Maverick volleyball team after "The Omaha World-Herald" ran a story on the sudden change of plans. Wilberger was similarly informed but by another member of the football team. Rather than hearing through the grapevine of other UNO students, Schwieger was leisurely browsing "The Omaha World-Herald's" website when he came across an article on the sports page that informed him of the change.

The following day, coaches met with their players and much to their dismay, the news was confirmed. So what do you do when your plans for the future are suddenly altered without your knowledge and consent?

For Seyl, a sophomore from Norfolk, it was time to get selfish. Then a freshman, the defensive back started making calls as he tried to find somewhere that would take his talent and give him the opportunity to play football for the rest of his college career. At first, Seyl verbally committed himself to the University of Colorado-Pueblo, but luckily he ended up choosing to spend the next few years in blue and gold as a Loper.

Not that Seyl's choice was an easy one, but for Schwieger it was even more difficult. At first, UNK wasn't even thought of as an option as the soon-to-be senior from Aurora was about to enter his junior year of play. He considered the University of Minnesota Duluth and the University of Northern Iowa as possible programs to transfer to. Ultimately though, Schwieger decided that both of those schools would be too far from home. He had high hopes that knowing other players from UNO would also be transferring to UNK would make the transition easier.

While UNO and UNK might not necessarily have been considered "rivals," there was definitely a level of in-state competition between the two schools while both programs were running. Contrary to popular belief, the transition has been

pretty smooth. It's "not as bad as everyone thinks," Seyl said. "(The) coaches and players have made it really easy. They were really welcoming, even though I may have been a rival before." Similarly, Schwieger said that "coming in you didn't know how you were going to be accepted. [But] everybody was pretty willing and excited to take us in."

You might speculate that staying within the Nebraska system would be an easy transition no matter what. Nebraska football is Nebraska football, right?

Wrong. In truth, it seems as though the football programs at UNO and UNK were similar in very few ways, if at all. For Wilberger, a junior from Scottsbluff, this may have made the in-state exchange easier. According to Wilberger, the whole football program is different.

"There're a lot more differences than similarities in the way things are run," Wilberger said.

As an example, Wilberger noted that the coaching staffs have different coaching styles. The more laidback style of coaching at UNK and the contrast in the two locker room atmospheres has made becoming part of a new team easier for Wilberger, who is a safety in his sophomore year of play.

It's always difficult to find a place within a set team, many of whom are already acquainted with each other before



Photo by Adam Konruff

These five players decided to make the switch to UNK when UNO ended its football program: Freshman Kelby Seyl from Norfolk; sophomore Jordan Boston from Omaha; junior Rex Schwieger from Aurora; sophomore Calvin Zoucha from Albion; and sophomore Trey Wilberger from Scottsbluff.

they arrive at UNK, as they came from smaller towns sprinkled throughout the state. Having to reacquire yourself with an entirely new system and team takes a certain level of understanding.

"Obviously it's going to be different, and we miss the guys we played with (at UNO), but the hardest part

was that we didn't have an option," Schwieger said.

Despite a few minor difficulties here and there, as you look for new faces on the Loper gridiron this fall, you won't be able to tell whether the player came from Omaha, Florida, California or were homegrown in Kearney.

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Five new members welcomed into athletic hall of fame

Strand looks back at memories from time as a Loper

BY ERIK SWAZO
Antelope Staff

On Sept. 24, UNK welcomed five new members into the UNK Athletic Hall of Fame. The members included athletes Mike Asche (Class of 1994) of Milton, Pa.; Jessica Kedrowski Carlyle (Class of 1998) of Tyrone, Ga.; Jenni Mau Luke (Class of 1991) of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; and Eric Strand (Class of 1999) of Seattle, Wash., along with softball coach Dan Simmons (Class of 1975) of Sumner. Eric Strand, originally from Grand Island, played basketball for the Lopers from 1995-1999, leaving UNK as its leading scorer with 2,173 points during his career. Strand joined the Lopers mostly because of the young talent that was already there.

"Most of the players that were there, I had played against or seen play in high school, and I knew that we would have a chance to have some good teams while I was there with the returning players," Strand said.

Strand was introduced Friday night by his former head coach, Tom Kropp. Strand was happy to find out that Coach Kropp would be the one who would be introducing him. "Coach Kropp is probably the most respected guy I know," Strand said. "To have him give the induction speech is going to mean a lot to me."

It is a given, Strand said, that Coach Kropp is one of the best basketball players to come out of UNK. But



"(My former coach) always said we would remember those relationships and the experiences we had more than...points, rebounds, etc."

Eric Strand
UNK Athletic Hall of Fame

Strand says there is much more to coach Kropp. "Coach Kropp was a great player, but also a great person."

Some of Strand's memorable moments come from the 1996-1997 season, where the team beat Fort Hays State when they were trying to beat the consecutive wins streak. "Beating Fort Hays State was probably the most memorable game that I was a part of during my time at UNK," Strand said.

Strand was also a part of the 1998 RMAC championship team. But winning those games weren't all that stuck out in Strand's mind.

"Even more important and more memorable than of any of those on-the-court accomplishments were the relationships we made with teammates, coaches and others involved with the team," Strand said. "Coach Kropp always said we would remember those relationships and the experiences we

had more than how many points, rebounds, etc. that we average or had in a particular game, and he was spot on."

Strand now lives in Seattle, Wash. The last time he was back for a Loper game was in 2003, where Nick Svehla hit a game winning shot against Metro State to win a regional tournament game. Strand said the excitement for Loper athletics is still there for him.

"That game has to be one of, if not the most exciting, memorable basketball game that has ever been played at UNK."

Huskers Big 10 vs. Badgers preview



BY AARON URBANSKI
Antelope Staff

Like the change of the seasons from summer to fall, Oct. 1, 2011 marks a new chapter in Nebraska football history with the beginning of Big 10 conference plays against the #7 University of Wisconsin Badgers.

Both teams bolster 4-0 records going into Saturday's College Football game of the week, the Big 10 will begin conference play with two of its top teams squaring off in what looks like an early season preview of the inaugural BIG 10 title game in Indianapolis, Ind.

Wisconsin

The Badgers have blown through their first four games with ease. The addition of North Carolina State transfer Russell Wilson at quarterback has provided the Badgers yet another potent option to an already powerful offense.

Unfortunately, the daunting task of defending Wisconsin's offense isn't the only thing Husker fans should be concerned about this week. The Badgers have an impressive 48-4 record at home since the start of the 2004 season, including high profile wins such as last year's upset of then No. 1 Ohio State in Oct. 2010.

Nebraska

As the newest member of the conference,

it's no secret the Big 10 scheduling committee did No. 8 Nebraska no favors with contests featuring many of the perennial Big 10 powers including Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State and Penn State during its debut season.

At the same time, Nebraska's road to 4-0 has been, for lack of better words, awkward for most Husker fans this season with inconsistencies on both sides of the ball through non-conference play.

With a defense uncharacteristically struggling through the early part of the season, Nebraska has had to rely on the big play abilities of quarterback Taylor Martinez, running back Rex Burkhead and a handful of talented young freshmen playing in prominent roles throughout the offense.

If the Cornhuskers want to succeed in Madison, Wis., next week, offensive coordinator Tim Beck will have to dial up a heavy dose of the running game utilizing Nebraska's advantage of speed on the perimeter along with an effective short game for Martinez to pass in.

Huskers v. Badgers

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From one table to 167 people: *Conversation Table* growing

BY JAY SLOAN
Antelope Staff

Each year students from a multitude of different countries journey to America's heartland to pursue a degree in higher education. These students come from many different cultures, with different customs and norms. Learning to live in a foreign country with a totally different culture is no easy task.

Here at UNK, programs are set in place to make the transition a little easier. International students have the opportunity to interact with American students to practice their communication skills in a university program called Campus Conversation Table.

Conversation Table started in 1997 with a small group of international students in the English Language Institute (ELI) program. ELI is a program dedicated to improving communication and language skills among international students. A small group of students in that program wanted to have real-life conversation with native speakers.

ELI program director Lisa Terry said the group began Conversation Table with only seven or eight participants at a small coffee shop across from campus. In the weeks following, the group continued to grow in size.

"Week after week there were more and more students. Teachers were having more of their friends attend and that's when we said 'Okay, this is a viable part of our program and the native speakers who joined us,'" Terry said.

Terry and the students involved with Campus Conversation Table have had to

move to a number of different venues to accommodate the growing number of participants. Conversation Table is currently held at the Nebraskan Student Union food court, the largest meeting place on campus other than the Health and Sports Center.

Aside from helping international students improve their conversation skills, Campus Conversation Table also serves as a valuable learning setting for students to share about their cultures.

"Conversation Table allows students find out about the world face-to-face, one person at a time," Terry said. "The best way to become more accepting and tolerant of other culture is to just sit down and talk to them, ask them what it is that you want to know."

Senior business major Aaron Murray attended Campus Conversation Table as an incoming freshman.

"It was a good experience to see the different cultures and diversity we have here at UNK," Murray said.

Support comes from professors across campus who either require students to attend or award extra credit to students who join Campus Conversation Table. Murray was one of those students as a freshman and thinks it's a great experience for students new to UNK.

"I think it's a great idea that some teachers make students go and attend the conversation tables, especially freshman," Murray said. "New students need to learn about what other cultures are out there besides our own."

Terry explained that Conversation Table also serves as a venue to acclimate interna-



Photo by Adam Konruff

Education major Shannon Jarvi and accounting major Kelly Gentrup, both sophomores from Wayne, delight in the conversation they are having with Ko Muroga and Kohei Kawai, both senior aviation majors from Japan, at Thursday's Conversation Table.

tional students with the American culture, customs and norms. Many students coming to America have the same real-life fears that any American would have traveling to a foreign country.

"A lot of adapting and learning to cope to a new environment is watching what other people do and following," Terry said. "Conversation Table gives international students a good place to see what people do and ask why they do what they do."

Terry expressed her desire to have one native speaker for every international student attending Conversation Table. At the

second Conversation Table of the fall semester, 41 of the 167 participants were native speakers. This is a number Terry believes could be much higher.

"We have such a vast resource here," Terry said. "Students come to UNK to get an education, but the education that you get is not just in class. It's out of the classroom through the friendships and relationships you make."

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