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Run With It

Quality cultural exchange brings students together

Campus Conversation Table draws crowd of more than 100

BY TARA PURDIE
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The Nebraskan Student Union Food Court brimmed with students from all over the world on Tuesday Sept. 23, for the second meeting of Campus Conversation Table. Over one hundred students assembled around tables and chairs with one thing in mind, quality conversation with someone from a different country and culture.

Education Specialist Lisa

George, who teaches for the English Language Institute on West Campus, is co-coordinator for Campus Conversation Table. George said that CCT benefitted the international students by giving them opportunities to practice their English skills, to make new friends and learn about the American culture.

George said that native-English speaking students benefitted because CCT gave them a chance to learn about differences and similarities between cultures, provided them with

the ability to see things from a different perspective and it also provided them with the opportunity to make new friends.

“The goal of Campus Conversation Table is to create a more cohesive campus environment by helping our students be more aware and tolerant of the many different cultures we have represented here on campus. Like this campus, our country is becoming so culturally diverse and I think we all can benefit from programs such as CCT,” George said.

Peilin Zhang, a sophomore from an east coastal city of China majoring in accounting, said the atmosphere at CCT is relaxed, which helped her release some of the pressure of classes. Zhang said that meeting new friends and learning about different cultures were two main reasons she attended Campus Conversation Table.

Elizabeth Thomas, a junior from Omaha majoring in secondary English and speech education said she attended Campus Conversation Table because of the extra-credit opportunity that was offered by her professor.

Thomas said that her group started out with three people, but it ended with seven, which made the conversation more challenging but worthwhile. Thomas said that her group talked about everything from majors and hobbies to boyfriends and fears.

Josh Moody, a sophomore journalism and political science major from Orleans, said there were several benefits from attending CCT,

Photo by Kevin Whetstone

Students from many different countries gather in the Student Union on Tuesday afternoon for the Campus Conversation Table. The conversation tables aim to increase English vocabulary, as well as allowing participants to make some new friends.



Photo by Kevin Whetstone

UNK freshman students Jungmi Kim, Shunsuke Takabayashi and Hamdan Alamri flash a peace sign during the Campus Conversation Table.

were several benefits from attending CCT,

“I enjoy meeting people from other cultures and learning more about those cultures. I have a lot of respect for international students because they move to a part of the world that is often very different from their own, and oftentimes they have to learn another language in order to be able to study abroad.”

Moody said he is considering spending a year abroad teaching English as a second language before directly jumping into the job market, and attending CCT helped make his decision on teaching English

overseas.

Moody said that students interested in other cultures should attend, and that he feels it is a good way to raise cultural awareness and form a bond of solidarity with those in the international community.

“The great thing about the conversation table is that it allows everyone to share a very basic skill, language. Anyone can take an hour out of their week to sit down and help others further their understanding of another language and it’s as simple as just holding a conversation,” Moody said.



ソーランナース、ジャパニーズフェスティバルに向けて練習開始

BY 高橋 尚三郎
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四方を海に囲まれていることから、大昔の日本の生活において狩猟よりも漁業がとても重要なものであったことを想像するのは難しくない。漁師たちが魚を多く捕らえてくる度に、何らかの形で海からの恵みを祝い、感謝することが必要だった。日本の伝統的な民謡、そーらん節はそのように始まったとされている。

そーらん節は流し網の中の鯨を小船の中に移す際に歌われた。いくつもの歌詞が即興で作られ、中には官能的であったり、こっけいであったりするものも存在する。夜通し働く漁師たちが何日もの間目を覚ましていられるように歌われていた、という説もある。

そーらん節はソーランナースというグループによって発表されており、ジャパニーズフェスティバルやインターナショナル・フードフェスティバルなどの異文化交流を主な目的にしたイベントでの目玉となっている。踊りの中には、波に似せた動きや網を引く動作、そして魚を掴むしぐさなど、漁を表す動きが数多く見られる。漁業は男たちにとっての重要な仕事であったため、動きはどれも力強く、エネルギッシュなものである。

「中学の時から、よさこいそーらんをやってました」とソーランナースのリーダーの一人、直井祥起さんは言った。「やっぱり(日本には)いろいろな文化あるじゃないですか。そーらんのダンスとか。やっぱりマイナーだけど。でもぼくは今までやってたから、そういうの好きだったから、アメリカでやってるってのはやっぱりうれしいですね」

「目標は、よりよいパフォーマンスです」同じくリーダーの一員である 伊藤優香さんはこう語った。「踊りも去年と変わっていないし、曲も一緒に分、それでも来てくれる人たちが満足

できるように、よりよいものを踊りたいと思っています。

「私は、後輩や外国の方が少しでも興味を持って、やりたいって思えるようなステージにできたら、って思ってます」三人目のリーダー、向田彩恵さんはこう語る。「予想以上に人数が集まってくれたので、フォーメーションをしっかり考えて、それと踊りの中のいろんな動きで、魅力的なものにしたいです」

静岡県出身のアスレチックトレーニング専攻の二年生、澤田菜季さんはソーランナースの一員としておよそ二年ほど活動している。「パフォーマンスがやりたかったからです」と澤田さんはそーらんを始めた理由を語った。澤田さん曰く、そーらんはかなりのいい運動になるという。そーらんの動きは力強さが要求されるため、メンバーは筋力とスタミナが必要なのである。そんな澤田さんは、本番でメンバー全員が完璧な踊りを披露できた時のことをよく覚えている。「そーらんやってよかった、と思った時でした」と彼女は語る。

一方、埼玉県出身の経営学専攻の4年生、田村卓巳さんはそーらんが勉強の合間の気分転換に最適だとしている。「そーらんはリフレッシュになる」とは彼の弁である。「体を動かすのがもともと好きで、キャンパスの周りをランニングしたりしてるけど、そーらんはその代わりにちょうどいいですね」

田村さんは、彼自身が相当に真面目なリーダーの下にしていると語った。「何かと駄目だしをもらってます」とのことである。「リーダーはみんな、メンバーの本当に細かいところまで注意して見てるのがわかる。一度、手首がちゃんと曲がってないっていう注意をされたこともあったし。でも、そのおかげでもっとがんばろうという気持ちになれた」

ソーランナースは、現在10月26日に予定されているジャパニーズフェスティバルに向けての練習を行っている。そーらん節を作り出した



漁師たちが多くの魚を得てきたように、ソーランナースのメンバーも多くの人が踊りを見に来てくれることを望んでいる。



Photo by Sanam Bhalla

ABOVE: Maiko Oku (left front), Sae Mukaida (right front), Sean Takahashi (left back) and Cake Okubo (right back) practice the middle section of the Soran.

そーらんの動きを確認する奥舞子さん(前列左)、向田彩恵さん(前列右)、高橋尚三郎さん(後列左)、大久保慶紀さん(後列右)

LEFT: Yuka Ito (left) shows Takahiro Sakai (right) how the pose should be.

そーらんメンバーを指導する伊藤優香さん

鯨来たかと鵜に訊けば
あたしゃ発つ鳥波に訊け
男度胸は五尺の体
どんと乗り出せ、波の上
千両出しても乗せない船だ
おらが北海道の鯨船

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Meet the 2008 Homecoming royalty. Check out all the homecoming events next week.

Coming soon to UNK:

UNK Fall Career Fair
Thursday, Oct. 2 @ 10 a.m.
Nebraskan Student Union

Homecoming Hustle
Monday Oct. 6 @ 6 p.m.
Health and Sports Center

Homecoming Spirit Competition
Tuesday Oct. 7 @ 4 p.m.
Amphitheater

Women’s Center alerts students about sexual assault and stalking

BY KAYLIE PERRY
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While walking through campus, some may not think that rape or sexual assault will happen to them, but in reality, sexual assault in America happens 78 times an hour, 1,871 times a day or 683,000 times a year.

Christine Carberry from Nebraska Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition from Lincoln presented both shocking statistics and helpful information at the Women’s Center Sexual Assault and Stalking seminar held in the Zikmund Conference Room at noon Sept. 24.

According to Carberry, sexual assault is a trauma of unparalleled depth and potentially long-lasting impact, and is the most common cause of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in women.

Carberry shared some shocking national statistics. Only one in five rapes are reported to law enforcement, one in six women will be sexually assaulted and one in 33 men will be assaulted sexually. Also, more Native American women are raped by non-Native Americans.

If you are a victim of sexual assault or domestic violence, one of the places you can go is the S.A.F.E Center.

This organization can provide information and resources to help create positive changes in a victim’s life. They are available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week at 1-308-237-2599.

Carberry talked about ways to prevent or deter sexual assault, being careful about how you present yourself because you could be giving off signals that you don’t mean.

“There are many things in today’s culture that promote sex such as, music, movies, pornography, and magazines,” Carberry said.

Statistically, an overwhelming 70 to 84 percent of victims know the rapist in some way. One in eight women will be

victims of rape in their lifetime here in Nebraska.

Statistics show that 80 percent of campus stalking victims were acquainted with their stalkers. According to The National Center for Victims of Crime, a stalker can be someone you know well or not at all. Most have dated or have been involved with the people they stalk.

Carberry pointed out the risks of being part of online chat communities such as Facebook and MySpace, sometimes putting too much information about themselves on these Web sites not understanding that it could lead to personal harm if read by the wrong person.

What to do if you’re the friend of a rape victim ◀ ◀ ◀ ◀ ◀

- ▶ Believe her
- ▶ Consider that her memory may not be accurate
- ▶ Don’t judge her response
- ▶ Maintain her safety
- ▶ Get medical attention immediately

Source: Christine Carberry

Upcoming Event

The Women’s Center will present “Sex Signals: The real life funny sort-of-improv show about sex and stuff” Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Recital Hall in the Fine Arts Building. This presentation will highlight the good, the bad, and the ugly sides of the college dating scene.

UNK selected as one of few area schools to participate in St. Jude cancer fundraiser

BY MEGAN WENZ
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Can you imagine needing treatment for a disease and being turned away because your insurance doesn’t cover your hospital stay? Well, neither can St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

St. Jude is a hospital that treats children who are affected by cancer at no cost to the family past what insurance will cover. It is a non-profit hospital that depends solely on donors to run the facility.

“When you go to any hospital, you expect crying and sadness; you walk into St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital and it’s such a happy place. Everything is set up to ensure that the children enjoy every moment there the best that they can,” said senior Tyler Macke from Grand Island, Neb. and Co-Executive Director for the Up ‘til Dawn fundraiser.

It costs around \$1.3 million dollars a day to run St. Jude’s. Since they do not turn down anyone based on income, the Up ‘til Dawn event was put into effect to try and get donations to help run the hospital. Participants in the event write letters to potential donors in an effort to raise money for the hospital. UNK is one of very few campuses that have been chosen to participate in the event due in part to a few UNK students.

“UNK students will have the chance to send letters to their family and friends asking for a one-time donation to the hospital to help alleviate the \$1 million daily operating cost,” senior Kendra Franke from Waverly, Neb. and Co-Executive Director said.


At the Mid-America Greek Council Association conference in Chicago, the students met with a St. Jude representative

and explained how UNK’s campus is a great asset to the fundraising effort. Upon returning to Nebraska, Macke began sending e-mails to try to stay in contact with St. Jude’s hospital. His hard work and dedication to the cause has lead St. Jude to chose UNK as a college to help them fund-raise.

“A group of students last February went to MGCA in Chicago and it was there that St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital had a presentation. Some of us felt that this would be a great organization for UNK to become involved with,” Macke said.

Up ‘til Dawn is an event that is only utilized on college campuses and about 180 campuses in the U.S. participate. St Jude Children’s Hospital is located in Memphis, Tenn. and was founded by Danny Thomas.

St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital

 **Quick Facts**

- ✦ St. Jude treats an average of 215 patients each day.
- ✦ St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatment not covered by insurance. No child is ever denied treatment because of the family’s inability to pay.
- ✦ On average, 5,400 active patients visit the hospital each year, most of whom are treated on an outpatient basis.
- ✦ For more information please visit <http://www.stjude.org>

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Kendra Franke Senior

County Government Day



Photo by Sean Takahashi
Sergeant Jimmy R. Tallent talks to high school students about being in the United States Army for County Government Day on Sept. 23. The presentation was held in the Ponderosa Room of the Nebraskan Student Union.

Dancers practice translated from Japanese page 1

Soran: Time to celebrate

“Have the herring come?” I asked a sea gull. He replied, “I am leaving. Ask the wave.”

Public Health minor added to meet need

BY AMANDA BAILLIE
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Both the public health system and the American public continue to be challenged with issues such as obesity, new illnesses and diseases, new immunizations and a lack of knowledge about them.

Knowledge is needed to help our society cope with these changing times.

“Obesity levels have reached the highest levels ever in the U.S. College students are becoming more aware of these issues and need more information to help educate the world,” said Deb Mowry, assistant professor in biology.

UNK recognizes the need for this knowledge and for the first time this fall is offering a minor in public health.

As public health emerges as an excellent field at colleges and universities, this new minor will add a new dimension to students’ degrees and may open

more job opportunities. Some majors that would find this new minor beneficial might include business, marketing, economics, education, journalism, nutrition, natural sciences, health sciences and exercise physiology.

“Graduates of this minor will become better informed consumers and leaders, as well as advocates of good health practices,” Mowry said.

The minor requires 24 credit hours. Nine of those 24 credits are in required courses and the other 15 credits can be obtained through a variety of

electives to allow for a depth of knowledge to fit any students particular needs.

HSCI 430, Introduction to Public Health, will be the first class offered under this new minor.

“We have 16 students enrolled in this program already this fall. We hope to see more in semesters to come,” Mowry said.

For more information concerning this new minor contact Peggy Ables, health science programs at (308)865-8260 or Deb Mowry at (308)865-8415.

The FDA is calling for public opinion on genetically engineered animals. UNK’s new public health minor students will be researching this topic and sending their information and opinions to the FDA at the end of this semester.

BY SEAN TAKAHASHI
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In a country surrounded by sea, naturally the lives of ancient Japanese people depended upon fishing, not hunting. Each time when the fishermen made a good catch, there had to be a way to celebrate and give thanks for the abundance of the seafood. That is how Soran Bushi, a Japanese traditional dance, began.

“Soran Bushi” was sung while transferring the herring from large driftnets into small taxi boats with giant hand nets. The abundant lyrics are often improvised, erotic or comical to help keep workers awake during several days without sleep. An example can be found at http://www.komuso.com/pieces/Soran_Bushi.html.

Soran dance as performed by the UNK So-Runners has been a major attraction of events sponsored by international organization such as the Japanese Festival and International Food Festival.

In this dance, movements represent fishing, like waves, pulling the fishing net and catching fish. Because fishing was an important task for men, the movement of this dance is powerful and energetic.

“I danced Yosakoi Soran when I was in middle school,” Yoshiki Naoi, a co-leader of So-Runners, said. “There are various cultures in Japan, and Soran is what I enjoyed doing. It is not a major one, but it is nice to be able to perform the dance in the U.S.”

Yuka Ito, one co-leader of So-Runners, said she wanted to draw the audience in even more than they did last year.

“The movement is the same as last year, and the music is also the same. But I want to satisfy the audience with our dance. To do that, we must have a better performance.”

“My aim is to make more people interested in dancing Soran by watching our performance,” Sae Mukaida, another leader of So-Runners said. “The group got larger than I expected, so I want to make our performance really appealing with movement and formation.”

Maki Sawada, a sophomore athletic training major from Shizuoka, is one of the dancers. Sawada has been dancing in So-Runners for two years.

“I started Soran because I wanted to have some chances to do performance,” Sawada said.

For her, Soran is a really good workout. Because the movements of Soran are powerful, the dance requires

muscles and stamina. Sawada said she remembers the actual performance last year when all dancers did a perfect job.

“It was the best moment I had in doing Soran dance,” Sawada said.

Takumi Tamura, a senior business administration major from Saitama, said he enjoys Soran because it is good for relieving stresses of studying.

“It is kind of refreshing,” Tamura said. “I like to exercise, and Soran is as good as jogging around the campus as an exercise.”

Tamura said the leaders are really serious about dancing.

“They are trying to fix almost every movement of mine,” Tamura said. “I feel they are watching everyone’s movement very carefully. One of them picked on me because my wrist was not bent in the right way. But it is good, because their attitude made me more motivated.”

So-Runners are currently practicing for The Japanese Festival scheduled for Oct. 26. Participants hope that this dance grabs more people’s attention and makes them more interested in Japan. Just like the Japanese fishermen who created the dance caught a lot of fish, the So-Runners say they are hoping to draw in a large audience.

International students by the numbers

▼ Top countries with five or more students at UNK



Machida urges all students to seek out, learn from other cultures on UNK campus

Dr. Saoshi Machida Photo by Sean Takahashi



Antelope photographer and Japanese international student Sean Takahashi also added an independent study in Advanced News Writing this term and is covering news from the large

8.9 percent of the student body made up of Japanese students. Takahashi will cover the various contributions both students and staff make to the Japanese community.

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UNK is blessed with cultural diversity because of the many international students on campus. The rate of Japanese students is especially high.

According to the International Student Services, there are 237 Japanese students among 595 international students overall. They have a lot of influence on campus as well as in the Kearney community. However, such influence is no longer brought by students only.

Dr. Satoshi Machida is an assistant professor of political science who joined the faculty in the fall of 2007. Although he is still new to UNK, Nebraska is not his first American college experience.

He studied abroad at Earlham College, a liberal arts college located in eastern Indiana near Cincinnati in Richmond, Ind., when he was a sophomore at Waseda University, one of the most prestigious universities in Japan.

“It was the first time I came to the U.S.,” Machida said. “After graduation from my (Japanese) university, I enrolled in University of Kentucky and received my masters and PhD.”

Machida came to Kearney simply because there was a job for him.

“UNK was looking for a professor and the subject was just my special field,” Machida said. “So, I applied and luckily, I got a job here.”

His teaching and research interests include comparative politics (Asian politics), international relations and globalization. Machida’s current research focuses on the relationship between social capital and political institutions.

“I think students should get out of their own world, be open-minded and talk to people from other countries. A lot of opportunities can be found on this campus, so that everyone should take full advantage of it.”

Dr. Satoshi Machida
Political science professor

His other research analyzes how globalization affects citizens’ attitudes.

Finding the large population of Japanese students on the UNK campus was a surprise to Machida. In fact, when he first arrived in Kearney, he did not expect to meet any Japanese students.

“There were some Japanese students where I used to be, but not as many as UNK,” he said.

Machida says that U.S. college students and Japanese students are different in the way they deal with their classes.

“Because U.S. college students have more assignments, they study more. Besides, they speak more during class, and they are good at expressing their opinions. On the other hand, Japanese college students spend their time more on having fun, and they study only before the exams.”

Machida thinks students should get out of their own world, be open-minded and talk to people from other countries.

“A lot of opportunities can be found on this campus, so that everyone should take full advantage of it,” Machida said.

As an instructor, Machida believes he needs to be fair to everyone.

“I want to have discussions

Watch the 52nd All Japan Kendo Championships
<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oh2TNO5CGXQ>>

政治学科の日本人教授、町田氏が二年目に突入
町田哲教授が見たUNK

BY 高橋 尚三郎
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UNKにはとても多くの留学生が在籍しているおかげで、異文化交流の機会に恵まれている。中でも日本人は特に多く、国際交流課によると、全部で593人の留学生のうちの236人が日本人だという。彼らはUNKのキャンパスとカーニーの人々に数々の影響を与えてきた。しかし、カーニーの街を感化するのは、もはや学生のための役割ではなくなったようだ。

町田哲教授は、政治学科の助教授として2007年度からUNKに在籍している。彼にとって、UNKはまだ新しい職場だが、ネブラスカ州は彼が最初に経験したアメリカではないそうだ。

彼はインディアナ州の東部、シンシナティ近郊のリッチモンドというところにある、アーラム大学というところで一年間の交換留学を体験している。その頃、彼は大学二年生。日本有数の大学、早稲田大学の学生だった。

「それが、最初のアメリカ経験でしたね」と彼は当時を思い出す。「その後、早稲田を出てから今度はケンタッキー大学で修士号と博士号を取得したんです」

町田教授がネブラスカ州のカーニーに来るに至ったのは、「そこに仕事があったから」だそう。「UNKが教授を探しているのを見つけて、その科目が専門分野だったので応募してみたんです。そしたら運よく『いらして下さい』という連

絡があったのでここに来ました」町田教授の専門分野は、アジアにおける比較政治学、国際関係学、国際化。彼はさらに社会関係資本と政治的組織の関連性について研究している他、国際化が人々の姿勢にどのような影響を与えるかについての分析も行っている。

実は、ネブラスカ州のカーニーにまで来て、まさかこんなに多くの日本人に会うとは思わなかった、とは彼の弁である。「今までいたことがある場所にも日本人は何人かいましたが、さすがにUNKほどではなかったですね。」

アメリカの大学生と日本の大学生の違いは、履修している授業とどう付き合っているかであると彼は考える。「アメリカの大学生は課題がたくさん出るから、勉強量が多いですね。授業中の発言も多いし、うまい。逆に日本人の学生は、よく遊んでいますね。勉強はテストの前にやるだけ、だったりですし」

「日本人には、自分の殻を破って、外に出てもらいたいですね」UNKに在籍する日本人に対して、町田教授はこのようにアドバイスした。「もっとオープンに、他のいろいろな国の人との交流を持ってほしい。ここにはいろいろなことが出来る機会がいくつもあるから、できるだけいろいろなものをつかんでおくべきです」

そんな彼が、教鞭を振るうにあたって心がけているのは、フェアであろうということ。「講義中、皆が公平に話す機会

を持てるようにしています」同時に、彼は授業の効率を良くすることも重要だと考えている。「学生が勉強する目的は、クリアにしないで、思っ

てますね。そのためにシラバスを丁寧に作ったりして、学生が何をすればいいかわかりやすくなるように気をつけています」と彼は言った。

町田教授は、このキャンパスで楽しめることを見つけた人間の一人である。UNKには日本の伝統的な武道、剣道に励む学生の集まりがあり、町田教授も参加している。中学校の三年間と、ケンタッキーにいた頃の剣道の経験が役に立った。

「剣道のいいところは、精神性を重んじる場所ですね」と彼は語る。「最近、ラストサムライのおかげでアメリカでも剣道の人気が高まっているようです。しかし、先ほど言ったような剣道の特色がアメリカ人にもいいアピールになっているんだと思いますね。昔からあまり変わっていない、武道らしい武道ですから」

町田教授は、UNKを『いい学校』だと考え、気に入っている。「大きすぎず、小さすぎず、ですね。それに、教授のみなさんは皆、いい授業をしようと頑張ってくれているから、勉強するにはとてもいい環境ですね。UNKはいいチョイスだと思います。いろいろな機会が持てるので、ここにいる間に何か好きなものを見つけてもらいたい。もし何かを見つけることができれば、大学生活もずっといいものになるでしょう」

町田教授は日本人に大人気

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Antelope Staff

町田教授の講義を履修したことのある日本人学生は、町田教授のことをとてもいい先生だといひ、大いに気に入っているようです。

東京都出身のコミュニケーション学専攻の4年生、粕美彩子さんによると、町田教授はがんばる生徒にはやさしい人だそうです。「それと、フレキシブル。私、ファイナルペーパーを出すのを待ってもらったこともある。セメスターの終わりで、私風邪でダウンしちゃって。そ

れをちゃんと聞いてくれて、締め切り延ばしてもらえた。しっかり、言い分をきいてくれる人だよ」

「質問がしやすいですね」と大阪府出身の国際関係学専攻の2年生、田中亮さんは語る。「日本語で話せるし、ずっとやりやすい。まだ、アメリカ人の教授に質問に行くのは緊張するんで。それに、町田さんはだいたいいつもオフィスにいてくれるので、助かりますね」

横浜出身の国際関係学専攻の4年生、増見理花さんは、町田教授は質問などをしに行った際に、しっかりとレスポンスを返し

てくれるところが良いと言った。「ペーパーに、何を書いたらいいかとかまで教えてくれるしね。そのペーパーのことだけじゃなくて、書き方全般についても教えてくれる。私はペーパー書くのがそんなに得意じゃないから、うれしかった」

粕さんは、アメリカ人の教授が日本人学生が苦勞していることは知っているけれど、本当に理解しているわけではないと感じている。「その点、町田さんは元留学生だったこともあって、本当に大変ってことをわかってれている、真の理解者って感じがします」



Photo by 高橋 尚三郎
東京出身の粕美彩子さん(左)、横浜出身の増見理花さん(中央)、大阪出身の田中亮さん(右)は日本人の教授が助けになると語った。
Misako Koma from Tokyo (left), Rika Masumi from Yokohama (center) and Ryo Tanaka from Osaka took Dr. Machida’s courses and appreciated his effort.

Japanese students appreciate Machida’s helpful support

Japanese students say they find Dr. Machida to be especially helpful, because he understands how hard it is to study in a foreign country.

“He is kind to those who study hard,” Misako Koma, a senior organizational communication major from Tokyo, Japan, said. “He is also flexible. He waited for me to hand in a writing assignment. I got really sick at that time and could not finish it up. It was nice of him to take that into consideration.”

“It is easier for me to ask questions,” Ryo Tanaka, a sophomore international studies major from Osaka, Japan, said. “I can talk to him in Japanese, so that is helpful for me. I still have little bit of hesitation about

“Dr. Machida really knows what it is like to be an international student because he also went through the same thing.”

Ryo Tanaka
Senior from Osaka, Japan

asking American professors questions and speaking in English. Besides, he is usually in his office and available to help us.”

Rika Masumi, a senior international studies major from Yokohama, Japan said Machida gives her feedback when she

goes up and asks questions. “He suggested what to write for a writing assignment. He advises me not only what I should do with his assignment, but also how should I write all the papers. It is helpful because I am not that good in writing papers.”

Koma said American professors might know international students are having a hard time, but they may not understand how they feel.

“On the other hand, Dr. Machida really knows what it is like to be an international student because he also went through the same thing. He is a man of keen understanding for us,” Komo said.

Outhwaite advances to finals of ITA Regional Tournament

BY CALLIE ERICKSON
Antelope Staff

The UNK Women's Tennis Team gained experience and motivation for the spring season playing in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Tournament over the weekend in Kearney. Though they didn't bring home first place trophies, one Loper did make it to the finals.

UNK's "Aussie," sophomore Katie-Mary Outhwaite of Kojonup, Australia, made it to the final round of singles play on Sunday. After breezing through her semi-final match earlier in the day against conference rival Mesa State (6-0, 6-2), she fell just short of the title, losing (2-6, 5-7) to Minnesota State Mankato's Marina Bugaenco.

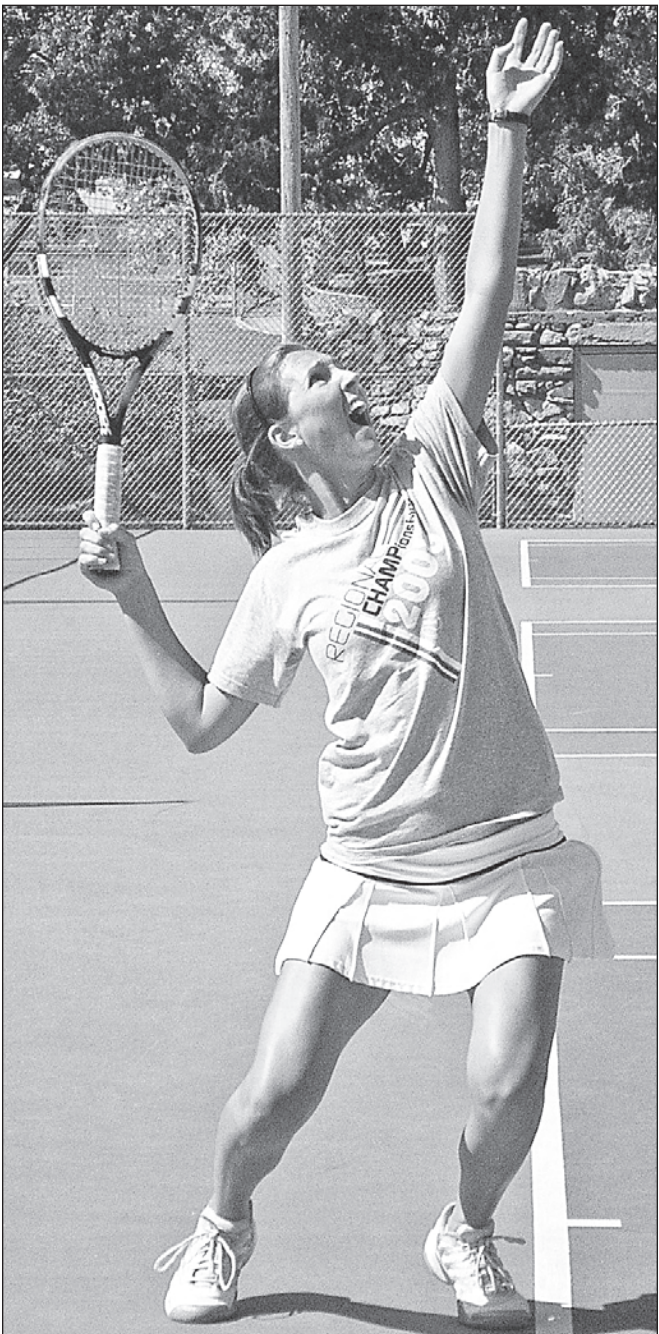
"I didn't feel as comfortable on the court my last match as I had all my matches previous to the finals. My footwork felt off, but the crowd and my teammates and having the professionalism feel that match did with the umpires made it so exciting to play," Outhwaite said.

If Outhwaite had won her final match she would have advanced to the national tournament in Alabama Oct. 16-19.

"I have never played a match that meant so much to me," Outhwaite said.

If she had continued on to the national tournament in Alabama, her mother would have flown over from Australia to watch her daughter play.

"It has been quite some time since my family has been able to see me play, so more than anything I wanted to take control of



that final singles match."

Outhwaite definitely put up a great fight and made her oppo-

nent fight for rights to the title. Almost every time Outhwaite served and volleyed she would

Photo by Callie Erickson

Sophomore Katie-Mary Outhwaite of Kojonup, Australia serves the ball in her final singles match at the ITA Regional Tournament. Outhwaite's serve and volley game were the reason she advanced to the tournament finals.

win the point.

"The two battled it out until the very end," assistant coach Kelli Holl said. "Mary was right there with Bugaenco, and if she had a few more closed points here or there the match score easily could have been switched," said Holl.

As the Lopers continue to prepare for the spring season, each team member has something they took from this tournament to focus on during the off-season. For Outhwaite that something is taking advantage of opportunities given to her and finishing off points.

"Mary should definitely not be disappointed with the way she played. She came out and was aggressive, playing with determination to defeat her opponent," Holl said.

Outhwaite said having her teammates and coaches present helped her play some great tennis.

"I loved hearing everyone there cheering for me and pumping me up throughout the match. Our assistant coach kept me with a new plan of attack each time we switched sides, which helped me so much, especially when I would drop a game. I just had a game plan to focus on instead of a past mistake I had made," Outhwaite said.

Due to the fact that this

tournament was held in Kearney, Head Coach Kent Shultz was unable to do much coaching because he was busy running the tournament.

"Chad and Coach Holl stepped in and really motivated and pushed us to play some good tennis," Outhwaite said.

The lady Lopers now turn their focus to preparing for the spring season. With a Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference

title to protect, you can be sure the women will be giving it their all each day on and off the court.

UNK men gear up for their coming ITA tournament this weekend, Oct. 3-5, starting with a warm-up match against Mesa State on Thursday at 12:30 p.m. Regional play begins Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. in Kearney at the Harmon Park tennis courts.



Photo by Callie Erickson

Sophomore Katie-Mary Outhwaite receives pointers from assistant coach Chad Melone. Outhwaite fell short of moving on to the ITA National Tournament.

Volleyball wins pair away from home

The 10th-ranked Nebraska-Kearney volleyball team ran its win streak to 15 straight matches by winning at rival Metro State Sept. 26 (-19, -18, -23) and then holding off Regis Sept. 27 (-16, -21, 19-25, -23) in Denver.

UNK (15-1, 6-0 RMAC) has dropped only five sets during this long win streak. In the Rick Squiers era (1999-present), this is the sixth different win streak of at least 15 matches.

Against the Roadrunners (7-6, 5-1 RMAC), UNK got 13 kills from sophomore middle Jeri Walkowiak, and 10 from sophomore outside Chelsie Carson, to record another sweep.

Hitting .250 on the night, the Lopers also recorded seven team blocks and took advantage of 10 Metro service errors. There were 19 ties and 11 lead changes throughout

the match but the 'Runners couldn't overcome 22 errors, and a .144 attack percentage, to record a set victory.

Walkowiak, hitting .526 en route to her 13 kills, also provided a team-best four blocks and two digs. Carson also was efficient on offense (.350) with junior middle Nikki Scott chipping in with seven kills and two blocks.

UNK hasn't loss to Regis since Squiers' first RMAC match back in 1999 but the Rangers (7-7, 3-3 RMAC) almost ended the long drought.

The Lopers pretty much controlled the first two sets but Regis bounced back and hit .517 (17-2-29) to win the third set by six points.

In the pivotal fourth set, UNK led 20-13 but the Rangers got within two, 24-22, after a kill by Maggie Workman.

An unforced Loper error brought Regis even closer but a Scott kill ended the set and match.

Scott (15) led the team in kills while hitting .370 and having three blocks at the net. Walkowiak (12 kills, three blocks, three digs) and Carson (10 kills, five digs) were again productive.

Facing her older sister, freshman Shelby Workman had nine kills and 11 digs. Maggie Workman, a Creighton transfer, had seven kills, six digs and three blocks.

Finally, junior libero Kelli Wemhoff had 19 digs in the two matches to push her career total to 1,459. That moves her past two more Lopers into seventh place on the career list.

She'll likely pass Meghan Stewart (1,461/'99) and Missy Obermeier (1,464/'96) this week.



Photo courtesy of Lopers.com

Jeri Walkowiak, a sophomore from Grand Island, racked up 13 kills in the sweep of Metro State. UNK has now won 15 consecutive matches.



Photo courtesy of Lopers.com

Nikki Scott, a junior from Broken Bow, led the Lopers over Regis 3-1. Scott led the team with 15 kills while hitting .370 and adding three blocks.

Women's golf takes 3rd at Wayne St.



The UNK women's golf team shot a 364 to place third out of four teams at the Wayne State College Invite Sept. 26 in Wayne.

The 18-hole event was added late to the UNK schedule.

Nationally-ranked Nebraska-Omaha easily won the tournament (312) with the host Wildcats second (347) and

Photo courtesy of Lopers.com

Megan Marshall, a senior from Kearney, finished fifth individually and led the Lopers to a third place team finish at the Wayne State College Invite.

Northwestern of Iowa fourth (380).

The Lopers were led by Kearney senior Megan Marshall (85/39-46), who tied for fifth place. Erin Ommen of UNO was the medalist with a four over par 76 (39-37).

Also for UNK, Hastings freshman Sara Wissing placed 11th (88), Norfolk freshman Nicole Erwin was two strokes back in 12th place and Norfolk sophomore Thea Baum tied for 22nd (101).

UNK heads to Minnesota Saturday to take part in the NSIC Invitational.

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Upsets bring change to polls



BY ERIC KORTH
Guest Writer

1. Oklahoma
2. Alabama
3. LSU
4. Missouri
5. Texas

What’s wrong with this picture?

Absolutely nothing! Needless to say, I was shocked to see Oregon State pull off the upset Thursday night. I can’t remember a moment from all of last season that equaled my excitement as the time ticked away on the clocks at Reser Stadium. Finally it feels as if college football is worthwhile again. I’ve been sick of watching USC and Ohio State slide their way into BCS Championships after easing their way through their conference schedules and not having to end their regular seasons with a conference championship like everyone else has to.

But if I’ve learned one thing from college football as of late, it’s that anything can happen, and will in fact happen. So as excited and optimistic as I am now, I should just prepare myself for USC sleazing their way back into the title game because somehow they’ll find a way. If not, I’m sure their boosters will make an attempt to buy a championship, just as they do their players.

Anyway, enough of my USC-bashing. On to this weekend’s Nebraska/Missouri game. I think it is safe to say that Missouri is going to walk away from Lincoln with a victory on Saturday. Chase Daniel and Jeremy Maclin had an off week to look over the Husker defense and find their ways to exploit it. True, Daniel can’t run like Tyrod Taylor can, but you better bet that Jeremy Maclin can, and he can do it even better. But I think Nebraska can still walk away with a few moral victories if they can win the small battles. For example:

Limit Daniel to four TD passes

-That’s correct, I’m predicting Daniel will throw at least four touchdowns on Saturday. We all know he is capable of throwing even more than that, but I think it’d be impressive of the Husker defense to hold him to four or less.

Hold Missouri to 350 yards passing

-The Tigers average 400 through the air every game, whereas the Huskers give up an average of 250 yards passing, and we haven’t played a team with a quarterback like Chase Daniel. If the ‘skers can limit Daniel’s aerial assault, they can at least walk away from the game feeling some sense of accomplishment.

Score a rushing touchdown

I feel like I’m writing the Campus Challenge points for NCAA football for Playstation here! Though this one may sound easy, it’s not going to be. Missouri has only given up one rushing touchdown all year and gives up less than 100 yards rushing a game.

This weekend is going to be brutal, but then again, I’m sure there were several Ole Miss fans thinking the same thing when they faced Florida on Saturday. Maybe everything will fall in to place and the Huskers can squeak out a victory. And if not, don’t take it out on your television, cell phone and/or pets. With the shape our economy is in, these things are quickly becoming expensive to replace.

MUST SEE GAME OF THE WEEK No. 13 Auburn at No. 19 Vanderbilt

This should be a really good game, Auburn has hit a few road blocks so far this season, and Vanderbilt is the SEC team that no one knows about. What it’s going to come down to is whether or not Auburn’s defense can stop Vandy’s rushing attack, and force them to throw the ball. Auburn’s defense has an impressive average of holding opponents to ten points or less a game. Look for this game to be separated by less than a touchdown.

My prediction... Auburn 21 Vanderbilt 17

WHO CARES GAME OF THE WEEK No. 14 Ohio State at No. 18 Wisconsin

Ohio State wins in what should be a blowout, but both team’s offenses struggle and the game becomes closer than what it should be

My prediction...I will be changing the channel if I see this game on TV.

UPSET OF THE WEEK Oregon State at No. 15 Utah

Last year it was the curse of the No. 2’s, this year it is the curse of playing on Thursday nights. So far, West Virginia and USC have already fallen victim to the curse, and look to Utah to be the next prey. Who better to keep the streak of upsetting ranked teams, then Oregon State, the undisputed upset-king thus far?

My prediction... Oregon State 35 Utah 24

Jolly awaits return to the gridiron

▼Freshman lineman recovering after knee injury takes him out

BY ADAM McLAUGHLIN
Guest Writer

As the clock slowly turns on a rainy Monday morning, it’s a shady and dismal start to a new year on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

For most, it’s a new beginning of a chapter with a life and career on the brink. When students leisurely trail into their first class of the day, empty seats start to crowd until they are almost full. Finally a big six foot three, 270-pound young man wanders in glancing for a spot to sit. Unfortunately for him, it’s in the back of the room. A hard spot to weave into for a man injured and on crutches.

Welcome to the life of being late. For Parker Jolly, it’s something he’s getting used to. He is an 18-year-old, incoming freshman majoring in pre-law and an offensive lineman on the Loper football team. For about five weeks, Jolly has been supporting a knee brace and maneuvering around on crutches due to a recent injury.

“It hurt, and I knew I wasn’t going to get back up,” Jolly said. “You always think the worst. You know, am I done forever?”

Football is life and death for Jolly. It’s a game he has always had a passion for. Since he was young and growing up in Fort Collins, Colo., Jolly has always been big and built. Throughout the years, football was his game, and he caught on easily and quickly.

Jolly related to and had admiration for linemen in both college and the National Football League. Blockers like Jeff Saturday, the current center for the Indianapolis Colts, ran at the top of his favorite players.

Transitioning into his own position came natural as Jolly gained more experience of the game in his teens. At one point in high school, Jolly thought he could make a career out of it and pursue his dream.

Now, as Jolly attends his four classes at UNK, which in-

cludes math, English, speech and University Foundations, he can’t help but think of what it might be like to play football again.

“I got myself in the peak shape of my life to come here,” Jolly said. “Then I get hurt.”

It’s a big shift for a guy who came 361 miles from home. The big city to a small city is a new conversion, yet it is something Jolly is liking more each day.

“Everyone here is so much more personal,” Jolly said. “They’ll come up and talk to you.”

Despite the injury, a meniscus tear that Jolly suffered in practice, he admits he is getting comfortable with the team play-book.

“If I can’t play, I must know it front and back,” Jolly said.

For an additional three months, Jolly is expected to be sidelined by a common injury for guys who play the same position. Excessive twisting, turning and compressing on the knee in short periods cause the meniscus to wear down. For Jolly, it happened during two quick practice drills.

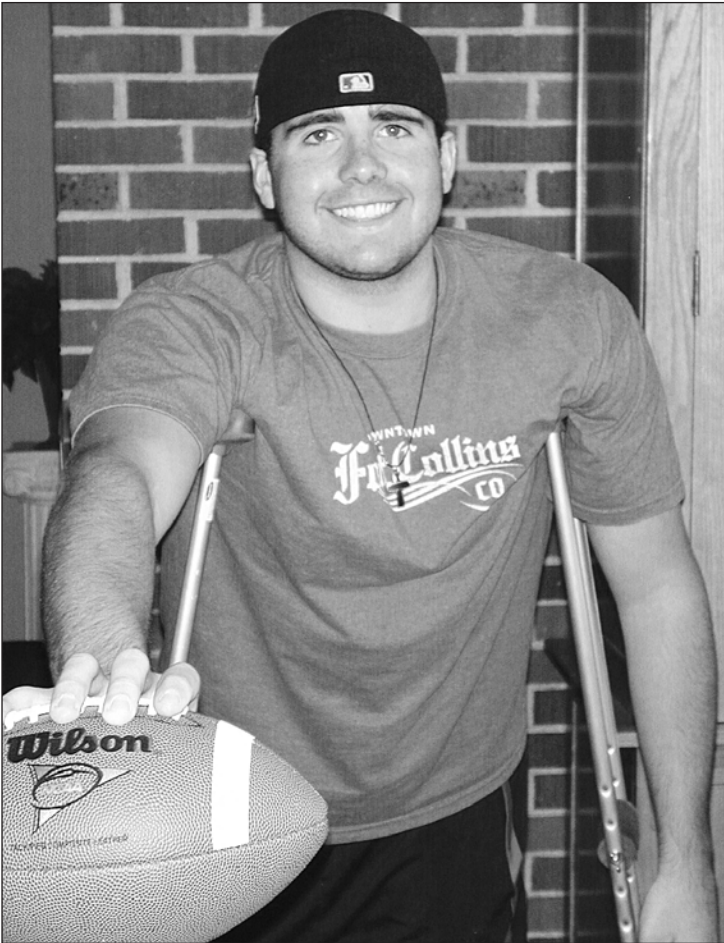
Still, Jolly is convinced he will come out of this a better man because of a quote his father often shared: “A step back is a setup for a comeback.” Jolly believes his time will come.

In Fort Collins, Jolly attended Rocky Mountain High School. For three years, he was involved in wrestling, track and football, representing the school’s cardinal red and gold colors.

Known to others as “PJ” or “P. Jolly,” he was an Academic All-State and All-Conference Student. He even holds school weightlifting records in the bench press and squat. The majority of his senior year consisted of competing on the 8-3 State-qualifying Lobos’ football team. In May, Jolly graduated with 588 classmates.

Jolly admits his misses his mother’s cooking back home, the environment and his friends.

“My mom’s cooking, that’s



second to none,” Jolly said.

A big meat and potatoes eater, his daily food intake is something he keeps a good eye on. For his size, he consumes around 7000 calories a day.

Even though his size is one thing you will notice about him at first sight, he says he has dropped 70 pounds in the past year. “I was working out 10 times a week there,” Jolly said. “I love working out. It’s like my solace.”

Sports have always been a major part to Jolly’s life. The home-state Denver Broncos is his favorite team. He has even met former Broncos like John Elway, Terrell Davis and Bill Romanowski. Jolly once communicated with basketball star Charles Barkley at a local golf meet, and a time before that he saw O.J. Simpson.

In Kearney, he is keeping himself occupied. Besides the busy student schedule, Jolly always spends some of his day enjoying “Family Guy,” “SportsCenter” and “The Simpsons.” Jolly enjoys classic comedy movies. The last movie he

Photo by Adam McLaughlin

Parker Jolly, a freshman offensive lineman from Fort Collins, Colo., is recovering from an injury suffered earlier this year. Jolly is patiently waiting for the time when he can return to the game he loves.

enjoyed was “What Happens In Vegas” with girls he met on campus.

On his iPod, you will not find much other than Lil’ Wayne, his favorite music artist. One thing Jolly avoids though is his cell phone. “I hate the whole phone thing,” Jolly said. “I like being around and interacting with people.”

Even in the generation of Facebook adiction, he limits his time there to 20 minutes a day.

As football season heats up in October, Jolly supports his team on the sidelines at Ron and Carol Cope Stadium at Foster Field. For now he is enjoying college life. Soon though, Jolly will be back on the field, doing what he does best: putting up blocks and winning games for his team.

UNK to add women’s soccer in fall ‘09; Recruits should contact athletic office

BY JENNY GIERHAN
Antelope Staff

UNK Athletic Director Jon McBride announced the addition of an intercollegiate women’s soccer team for the fall 2009 season, making UNK the 11th school in the RMAC to offer a women’s soccer program.

The team will play all their home games at the Ron & Carol Cope Stadium at Foster Field. Expect the first kick in late August or early September of next year.

The Division II intercollegiate soccer season runs from August through early November with the NCAA Championships the second week of November-early December.

“We anticipate UNK women’s soccer to be extremely popular right from the first kick. Soccer was the only championship sport sponsored by the NSAA (Nebraska School Ac-

tivities Association) not previously offered by UNK. Many of the top feeder high schools to UNK already have girl’s soccer programs. It’s a championship sport sponsored by the RMAC. So, it just makes a lot of sense to add this sport at this time,” UNK Athletic Director Jon McBride said in a press release.

No coach has been hired yet, but Jaime Lundgren, associate athletic director, senior woman administrator and chair of the search committee said, advertising will begin in the next two weeks with hopes to hire by December.

She also said there has been some interest in the position, but no names were given.

“We want to get a coach hired by December so that recruiting for the team can begin promptly in the spring,” Lundgren said.

Women’s soccer is well represented in the RMAC conference and by other area universities and colleges. Other area

schools with programs include Wayne State College, University of Nebraska-Omaha, Missouri Western State, NW Missouri State and nearly all of Nebraska’s NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) schools.

The Loper women’s soccer program will be self-sufficient, maintaining a budget of \$120,000 to cover expenses such as uniforms, coach salary and travel. The money comes from a combination of resources including private donors, newly created student fees and program revenue. At this time, scholarships are included in the amount; however, there will not be enough to fully fund any soccer player. The scholarships will be determined at a later date.

The process of choosing soccer as the next women’s sport was very long.

“Several surveys and interest forms were emailed to UNK students over the past couple years. The information was

gathered to see what the weaker represented sex, women, were missing. Soccer was the top choice of survey takers, because of interest and prior experience— ahead of field hockey,” Lundgren said.

Female students that have participated in high school and club level soccer have been calling and e-mailing the athletic department inquiring about the team.

Lundgren said about one woman per week calls or e-mails her office, and most of the calls are being directed to Peter Yazvac, associate athletic director/media relations. Information about interested athletes is held on file for the coach who will begin the recruiting process.

If you are interested in the women’s soccer program e-mail Jaime Lundgren at lundgrenjl@unk.edu or log on to http://www.lopers.com/recruit_quest.htm to fill out a recruiting form.

Other RMAC Schools with Women’s Soccer

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Exchange students share experiences

Lopers from around the globe explain differences from home

BY SOPHIE LEE
Guest Writer

UNK has three exchange students from France. One of them, Nossek Vincent, from Clermont-Ferrand, France, will spend the term as an exchange student with two friends from home.

Vincent is majoring in finance. “I chose to major in finance because I can easily catch up with what happens all around the world,” Vincent said.

He came to Kearney to learn more languages for better jobs with many benefits and good salaries.

Vincent has studied English since he was 12 but can also speak French and a little bit of Spanish.

Vincent likes sports, especially swimming. Since he was 18, he has been a fire-fighter, which he prepared for by playing lots of sports.

When he decided to study in the U.S., he had two options: UNK and the University of Oklahoma. He put applications in to both colleges.

At the same time, his friends James Levin and Fabien Noel were accepted by UNK.

Even though Vincent had been accepted by both colleges, he wanted to be with his friends. All three live in Men’s Hall this semester.

Vincent is a senior, and he and his friends will go back to France at the end of this semester.

They are eager to be part of school and the community and participate in the Modern Language Department Conversation Table for students learning French.

Vincent said he likes making new friends and enjoys his college life in America.

However, the only thing that he is disappointed with is transportation.

“In France, public transportation is so developed and common. I can go anywhere, even other countries in Europe with our public transportation. But, here, without a car, I’m not able to go anywhere,” Vincent said.

He and his friends, Noel and Levin, have an international driver’s license, so they are planning on buying a car to travel here.

BY MATTHEW B. NOFFKE
Guest Writer

“It’s so huge!” Chris Schwarz exclaimed as he described the UNK campus, almost the exact opposite of University of Rostock in Rostock, Germany, where he studied last year.

This fall Schwarz is an exchange student in his first semester studying industrial engineering.

Schwarz described the differences between Kearney and Rostock academically as well as domestically.

“In Rostock, all the Industrial Engineering students are closed in one room, a room that takes up the whole building, and there are 500 people in the class,” Vincent said.

Furthermore, unlike the typical American university classes, the students don’t need to attend class. Same with homework.

“You do it if you want to,” Schwarz said.

Why Nebraska? With all the places to study in the U.S., what is so special about the corn capital of the U.S.?

Like many other exchange students, “university agreement,” rolled off Schwarz’s tongue. Often universities will create agreements with one another to encourage students to travel limiting the amount of hassle for the student making the experience easier. UNK has such an agreement with Rostock Univeristy.

Although he has not had a chance to travel yet, Schwarz wants to explore the vastness of the Midwest and U.S.

Schwarz is amazed at the large open spaces in Nebraska, describing Nebraska as, so huge with “so much space” compared to his hometown of Rostock with a population around 200,400 for its 70 square mile area.

He concedes Kearney may not be as exciting as the more popular universities, but Schwarz finds the University of Nebraska experience to be a good one, and so far, finds everyone to be friendly.

The ease of communication, waived tuition and good immediate help from his home university all help make the experience abroad easy Schwarz said.

BY REO SAKAMOTO
Guest Writer

Why would an 18-year-old kid decide to go to a university in the place where people don’t speak his language to learn a new way of life?

Yuya Tanebe, a freshman majoring in international studies from Saitama, Japan, said, “I thought I needed to learn new viewpoints to see the world differently and know how different people think about the same thing differently. And that’s why I chose to come to the U.S.”

Tanabe hopes his time here will improve his English. “I wanted to communicate with many people who come from various places.” Because, he said, he believes the more English-conversation skill he has, the easier he can communicate and understand other’s opinions. Right now, he is concentrating more on developing his English by talking to native English-speakers.

And, what would he do with the things he sees and learns?

“My dream is to be a diplomat,” he said.

Tanebe said that although there are over 1 million people in his hometown, Sitama-shi (nine to 18 miles north of central Tokyo), it is rare to see people from abroad in the city. Only 258 Americans and even fewer British who speak English live in the town of 1 million.

Tanebe said it’s sometimes amusing when he can’t understand others, and they can’t understand him. He said one day after he asked a student where the administration building was, they were both confused. Both ended up saying, “I’m sorry. Say it again.”

“When he understood my question and replied, I couldn’t understand what he said. He repeated again and again until I finally understood what he said. And he talked to me kindly, so I didn’t have to feel uncomfortable,” Tanebe said.

One of Tanebe’s hobbies now is talking to his American friends while playing pool with them.

“It’s been working for me so good,” he said. “The main reason is probably people in Kearney are so kind.”

BY EMILY WEMHOFF
Guest Writer

Going off to college can be a scary experience for most students, but imagine being thousands of miles away from home and trying to fit into a whole new culture.

Leendert de Die, a political science major, and a foreign exchange student from Maastricht, The Netherlands, is not only expanding his knowledge in the classroom, but outside the classroom he is learning the American way of life of college students.

de Die learned about the exchange program through a teacher at his school who is also a former UNK instructor. After receiving e-mails with more information, he made the final decision to study at UNK for one semester.

The first thing that de Die noticed when he arrived was the greasy food. He still likes American food, but misses his favorite dish from back home, lasagna.

“It’s kind of similar to the American version, but I prefer more vegetables in it,” de Die said.

So far he has been meeting other students, getting used to the dorms and signing up for various activities around campus including tennis and possibly the swim team.

Leendert said that college students here are completely different.

“People are not this friendly back home, and students are way more involved here in America, especially in sports,” de Die said.

During his time in Nebraska, de Die had an interest in visiting Indian reservations and possibly working at a few farms.

He already has plans to travel outside of Nebraska and see Chicago before the semester is over, possibly during fall break.

Although getting used to a new culture is difficult, de Die is finding his place at UNK and ready to take back what he is learning in America.

“Everybody in Europe is amazed by the U.S. Nobody understands the behavior, but I’m already learning the American way of life and how and why,” de Die said.

BY CRYSTAL KUZMA
Guest Writer

Except for the weather that is always changing, from one minute to the next, Emad Alghamdi, a freshman computer science major from Dammam City, Saudi Arabia, is enjoying his first month in Kearney.

Alghamdi is from the hot and dry desert country, so comparatively Nebraska is a sandstorm of different temperatures and weather happenings. Nebraska humidity, Alghamdi said, and the weather changes are the worst part of his visit so far.

Alghamdi said he is transitioning easily, thanks to his other fellow Saudis here in Kearney.

“The language has been the hardest part about moving here,” Alghamdi said.

He said that in Saudi Arabia they learned English in school but never practiced it out of class; therefore, he lost the language and feels like he is learning English all over again. With the help of his cousin and brother-in-law here in Kearney, he has had the opportunity to practice English more but also have a translator if needed.

Although this is Alghamdi’s first visit to the United States, the cultural differences do not shock him.

“I’ve traveled to Barhan, as well as the countries of Jordan, and Dubai.” Alghamdi said. Barhan is an island off the coast of Saudi Arabia comparable to Las Vegas.

The fact that there is no mosque in Kearney for Alghamdi’s Muslim practices has been a harder transition.

“I’m a pretty devout Muslim. I don’t pray like I should because I don’t have time with going to university. And since there is no mosque, sometimes we pray in the church,” Alghamdi said. Since Ramadan began Sept. 1, he has been fasting and praying daily as part of his Muslim religion.

When he was interviewed, he had just finished eating and was missing his favorite food back home. He said, “I miss Kasba,” (a spicy chicken and rice dish) but Alghamdi doesn’t mind the food here in the United States.

“I like Perkin’s, roast beef dinner,” he said.



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Emad Alghamdi

Working students play difficult

BALANCING ACT

BY AMANDA BAILLIE
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On high school graduation day, celebrating grads are excited to go to college and start their lives with hopes and dreams of meeting new people and having the time of their lives.

However, when reality sets in, college students soon find out that it is not all fun and games. There are piles of homework, term papers, midterms, hours of studying— not to mention holding down a job.

This is the time struggling students trying to balance it all

think, “What am I willing to do to make it through college?”

For some UNK students, this means giving up the social life they had dreamed of having to achieve the ultimate goal, college graduation.

Wesley Pendergrass, a 24-year-old junior music performance major from Buzzard Roost, Ark., is a prime example of this type of student.

Pendergrass transferred to UNK in 2006 from Arkansas Tech University. He is a full-time student enrolled in 18 credit hours. These hours include geography, extreme biology, music

history, physical science, reading, writing and literature and independent study research.

He has to study hard to keep up with this tough load of classes.

“I study about two hours a day, and it probably should be more,” Pendergrass said.

In addition to classes, Pendergrass also participates in marching band, jazz band, orchestra, Choraleers and Collegium and is also in the fraternity Kappa Kappa Psi.

On top of all that, Pendergrass works three jobs, putting in time at Kearney Keno, Wiggins

Security and What-A-Maneuver Visual Consulting Company. Pendergrass works on average 64 hours a week. His jobs are all night hours, which allows him to take classes during the day.

With all that work, studying and classes when does he sleep?

“I take a lot of naps,” he said.

Alecia Laurent, a 22-year-old junior and psychology major from Bridgeport, Neb., is another example of a student who is willing to do whatever it takes to graduate. She too is enrolled in 18 credit hours, consisting of child development, anatomy and physiology, microbiology, learning and conditioning and economics. Laurent also works two jobs, at Kearney Keno and as a cocktail waitress at The Big Apple Sports Bar.

“It’s hard sometimes, taking all those credit hours and holding down jobs. There are groups that I belonged to that I now longer have time for, and when a study group wants to meet, more often than not I can’t make it because of work,” Laurent said.

Laurent uses what little free time she has to study, work and sleep.

“On occasion I make time to hang with my friends and visit family, but it’s not as much time as I would like,” Laurent said.

Pendergrass will graduate in

December of this year and Laurent with graduate in December 2009.

Both of these UNK students live off campus with roommates and need to hold full or part-time jobs to afford to live with little to no help from their parents.

Photo by Amanda Baillie
Wesley Pendergrass is taking 18 credit hours this semester and working three different jobs.

Photo by Amanda Baillie
Alecia Laurent holds down 18 credit hours and two jobs.

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More than just volunteering

UNK student creates lasting relationships with Campus Kitchen

BY SARA QUISENBERRY
Guest Writer

Volunteering brings satisfaction for UNK students

There are many organizations on campus willing to lend a helping hand to the community of Kearney. One such organization is Campus Kitchen.

Campus Kitchen is made up of students at UNK willing to take time out of their busy lifestyles to cook and prepare food for those less fortunate in Kearney.

Lindsey Wendt, a junior organizational communications major from Gering, Neb., has been a member of Campus Kitchen since her freshman year. Wendt helps deliver the food around the city and has recently joined the leadership team for the organization.

“Working with Campus Kitchen is very rewarding in the sense that it helps you grow as a person by seeing the suffering that goes on, even in a town the size of Kearney. I think it also helps you mature and realize that many people have problems that instead of ignoring, you can do something to make a difference,” Wendt said.

Twice a week students gather to prepare food donated from Chartwell’s, Farmer’s Market and restaurants from around the community.

After the cooking sessions

take place on Monday and Wednesday evenings, more volunteer students then transport the food around the community on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Citizens of Kearney who receive the food are those that are recommended to the organization by social services or people who have expressed a need for help with food.

Wendt stressed the

relationships that form over the course of volunteering for Campus Kitchen. Not only do friendships form with other students, but the students also bond with the residents they deliver food to.

“One time, an older man we delivered food to regularly celebrated his 95th birthday and invited us to his birthday celebration. It was a lot of fun to go and see him, and you

could just tell it made him feel good that we showed up, not because we had to but because we wanted to,” Wendt said with a smile.

Photo by Sara Quisenberry
BELOW: UNK junior Lindsey Wendt finds a sense of satisfaction in volunteering with Campus Kitchen to help those who need it in Kearney. Campus Kitchen delivers about 100 meals twice a week.



Get to know Campus Kitchen

- Only Campus Kitchen in Nebraska
- Started August 31, 2006
- Any organization on campus is welcome to volunteer
- Any student of any age can volunteer
- Meet twice a week to cook and deliver
- Deliver 100 meals twice a week
- Licensed by the Health Department
- National project since 2001
- 12 campuses across the U.S. have Campus Kitchen

Active shooter video now available

Police and Parking Services encourage students and faculty alike to watch

BY MEGAN OAKLUND
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Following the confusion and examination of the chaos following the student shooter at Virginia Tech two years ago, UNK is taking a pro-active approach. Police and Parking Services, formerly known as Public Safety, has purchased a new tool, the Active Shooter video.

“Everyone should see it,” said Wilma Heinowski, lead parking coordinator for the UNK campus. The video is about a 20-minute tutorial on what to do if a hostage or shooter situation should occur, giving options and valuable safety tips.

The video helps viewers consider whether to hide-out, get-out or take-out in the case of such an emergency suggesting closing blinds, blocking doors and spreading out to confuse a shooter

Another important reminder is to shut off or silence cell phones after 911 has been contacted. Although these tips seem like common knowledge to some, people who are more informed are more pro-active in an emergency situation. This video attempts to at least get viewers thinking about possible actions.

Heinowski said to compare watching the active shooter video to the steps flight attendants take when showing the emergency exits and how to use the oxygen mask before a flight. These steps are to inform not to cause fear.

“It gives you an idea of ‘what if’ happens,” Heinowski said.

The video also points out prevention tips. Profilers say people who are more likely to become shooters express certain behaviors well in advance. Watch for threats, unconventional actions or violent acts against others, and report these

actions to authorities.

Police and Parking Services encourage anyone observing signs like these to contact them or local authorities saying it is better to be safe.

The video points out potential shooters may do “dry runs” before the actual incident occurs. Out of the ordinary occurrences can be a sign. For example, blocked doors that usually aren’t blocked could be a sign of something to come. If you know of anyone who is exhibiting these behaviors, please contact the counseling center at 865-8248, student health at 865-8218 or Parking and Police Services at 865-8517.

Police Services offers training, classes and informational brochures, the Active Shooter video can be checked out for classes, faculty or students.

For more information including numbers and safety information, visit the Police and Parking Services Web site at: <http://www.unk.edu/offices/>

UNK Police and Parking Services Community Response Checklist

Secure the immediate area:

- Lock and barricade doors
- Turn off lights
- Close blinds
- Block windows
- Turn off radios and computer monitors
- Keep occupants calm, quiet, and out of sight
- Keep yourself out of sight and take adequate cover/protection, i.e. concrete walls, thick desks, filling cabinets (cover may protect you from bullets)
- Silence cell phones
- Place signs in exterior windows to identify the locations of persons. In large letters write “HELP”

What to report:

- Your specific location
- What specifically is happening
- Assailant(s) - location, number of suspects, race/gender, clothing description, physical features, type of weapons (long gun or hand gun), backpack, shooter's identity if known, separate explosions from gunfire, etc.
- Number of people at your specific location
- Injuries - number injured, types of injuries

Un-securing an area:

- Do not un-secure your room until law enforcement has instructed you to
- Remember, the shooter will not stop until they are engaged by an outside force or run out of ammunition
- Attempts to rescue people should only be attempted if it can be accomplished without further endangering the persons inside a secured area

Police Services response:

- Objective is to evacuate victims
- Facilitate follow up medical care, interviews, counseling
- Investigation

How to contact authorities

- Call 911
- 627-4811 Police Services
- UNKpd@unk.edu

Be aware that the 911 system may become overwhelmed. Program the Police Services cell number into your cell phone for emergency use and/or e-mail Police Services.

Source: Police and Parking Services Web site at http://www.unk.edu/offices/pub_safety/index.php?id=1206. Please visit the website for more information.

Talking the Talk



Photo by Jason Arens
Ben Cooney awaits Holden Armstrongs's comments during their talk show on the campus radio station known as “The Power.” The station, KLPR 91.3 FM, is stacked with abled UNK students as a source of entertainment.