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Relief coming at the pump

It may be close for Kearney residents

Amanda Baillie
Antelope Staff Writer

Remember the good old days when you could get a gallon of gas for less than a dollar? Well, those days are long gone, and have been

for over a decade. Gasoline prices have been on a steady incline since 1994 and haven't slowed over the years.

This week, there are several things that can be bought for three dollars: a gallon of milk, three candy bars, a pound of hamburger, and

finally, a gallon of gas.

Gas this week was hovering around \$2.87, but there are some signs of relief in sight for gas prices during the fall and winter months of 2007-2008.

The steady rise of gasoline began in February of this year. It

reached three dollars per gallon in about the second week of May and only continued to rise from there. Throughout the month of May, gasoline prices climbed as high as \$3.45 per gallon in the fourth week of that month. Over the next couple of months, gas prices would jump around the three dollar per gallon mark but never drop below.

From around the end of June through the beginning of July, gas prices did a steady climb back up to \$3.31 per gallon. Then relief came in August, and gasoline prices finally dipped below the three dollar per gallon mark, only to be followed by a jump right back up to over three dollars per gallon. The projected average price per gallon for the 2007 summer driving season was \$2.93 per gallon, according to the National Petroleum News, a nine-cent per gallon increase from the 2006 summer driving season.

Though the future looks bleak, there is hope for gasoline consumers in the following months. According to National Petroleum News, \$2.64 per gallon is the projected average price for December 2007.

The steady decline from the ridiculous high of three plus dollars per gallon is projected to keep declining throughout the fall and winter months.

"I can only hope that gas prices will keep declining. This three dollar per gallon stuff is getting really old and very expensive," commented Kevin Robinson, a junior Exercise Science major.

It seems that different gas stations in town charge close to the same price but there is a little variation from pump to pump depending

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Junior, Exercise Science Major

on where the business is. The Holiday gas station, for example, on Hwy. 30 is in the middle of town and have set their prices at a fair market price. Right now they are set at \$2.84 for regular, \$2.79 for plus, and \$3.17 for diesel. While Bp on W. 56th Street is charging \$2.91 for regular, \$2.85 for plus, \$3.20 for premium and \$3.16 for diesel. This price variations could be due to the fact that Bp is located

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Photos by James Chramosta
The Holiday gas station on Hwy. 30 is one of the many gas stations in Kearney affected by changing prices.

Iguana is absolutely fantastic

UNK Theatre department begins season with Williams

Sarah Schreiter
Antelope Managing Editor

If a trip to Mexico is out of the question, make time to see a performance of Tennessee Williams' "The Night of the Iguana," the first show in UNK Theatre's 2007-2008 season.

The play, directed by Jack Garrison, takes place on Sept. 7, 1940 at the Costa Verde hotel—not far from the more popular beaches of Acapulco. The Rev. T. Lawrence Shannon, jaded minister turned tour guide on the edge of a nervous breakdown, lands on the steps of the hotel and in the arms of its proprietress, newly-widowed Maxine Faulk. Neither he nor Maxine expect Shannon to turn to fellow hotel-goer Hannah Jelkes, a self-described "New England spinster who's pushing 40," while he decides whether or not to "take the long swim to China."

Garrison said that it was one of his life's ambitions to direct this show.

"It's a lot of hard work, but it's also a lot of fun and a great experience, thanks to the people involved," James Jelkin, a sophomore organizational communications major from Kearney, said. "I'm thankful for the people who have done this with me and have helped me grow as a performer."

The poignant scenes between Hannah and Shannon draw the audience in to the play's end.

The performance itself is a delight: Kearney sophomore James T. Jelkin brings Rev. Shannon's plight to life, and Elwood senior Lauren Blessing's Maxine Faulk is perfectly earthy. Hannah Jelkes, portrayed by Ord junior Chelsa Petska, is a seemingly diaphanous entity whose inner strength begins as a light under a bushel and ends a shining star in a perhaps partly-cloudy sky.

The ensemble cast works well together. The characters in the play weave in and out of Shannon's reality just as Shannon weaves in and out of mental stability. In Shannon's own words, the play is "[f]antastic. Absolutely fantastic."

Performances run today through Oct. 7 and Oct. 11-13. Sunday's performance is a 2 p.m. matinee, and all other performances are at 7:30. For more information, contact boxoffice@unk.edu or call 865-8417.



All photos by April Refior
Above, the elderly Nonno (Bonk) receives help from Shannon (Jelkin).



Top, Hilda (Garnett) and Wolfgang (Kuypers) frolic on their way to the beach. Below, Charlotte (Hoefler) tries to hold on to Shannon.

The cast is as follows:

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Lauren Blessing | Maxine Faulk |
| Paul Bonk | Nonno |
| Jakob Enzminger | Hank |
| Meg Garnett | Hilda |
| Krystine Hoefler | Charlotte Goodall |
| David Hotsenpillar | Pancho |
| James T. Jelkin | Rev. T. Lawrence Shannon |
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Sunny
High 82
Low 56



SATURDAY

Thunderstorms
High 65
Low 37



SUNDAY

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High 60
Low 40



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CSU newspaper directs four-letter word at Bush

Mark Hayden
Antelope News Staff

This past week, the campus newspaper at Colorado State University, the Rocky Mountain Collegian ran a story that included a four-letter word in their headline—and that word was directed at President Bush.

The other day while I was watching the news, CNN informed me and the rest of the country that editor-in-chief, David J. McSwane wrote an article that actually had nothing to do with President Bush, but had decided to attack him in the headline, which contained a four-letter word. It read, "Taser this ... f--- Bush."

The story was about a Florida man who was shocked with a stun gun by police at a student forum where Sen. John Kerry was giving a speech. It kind of makes you wonder why he even mentioned Bush in the headline in the first place. I guess he might have felt like that the only way the public was going to

listen to him.

I take my free speech rights very seriously, just as seriously as any other free American does. But when McSwane was writing this headline, what could have been possibly been going through his mind? There are other routes to take when it comes to wanting your mind to be heard on a certain issues, especially when the reputation of your newspaper is on the line.

He obviously did not take his fellow colleagues into consideration when he wrote the headline. At press time, the newspaper had received calls from 18 advertisers who have threatened to pull or have pulled ads, which could result in a loss of \$50,000 in advertising. The staff of the paper has taken a pay cut due to all the money that has been lost. Some members of the staff and one photographer have already quit.

The school is now taking this matter into its own hands and will decide if they should fire the editor or not. A Republican student organization has put together a petition and has received more than 300 signatures from students who demand

that McSwane resign.

Can we cut McSwane any slack? After all, he claims that he did not think that this action would not get all the national media attention that it has. He wanted his voice to be heard, and it was certainly heard.

Kearney Hub managing editor Michael Konz, feels that like its author, the headline is rather confusing.

"If you just see those four words, 'Taser this ... f--- Bush,' what does it mean, really? Unless you know what happened with the taser incident, to me, the message is lost," said Konz, in an interview.

We have the freedom to speak our minds in this country, and we should absolutely exercise that right, but some people forget about that imaginary line that exists between free speech and censorship.

It is a very special right, and sometimes we need to protect it by not saying what is on our minds.

In this instance, McSwane said what he wanted to say because he felt like there was no other way for him to express his mind. He is finding out the hard way that some-

times freedom of speech should not be used just because it can be.

Using an expletive the way he did might have worked better if the topic wasn't so highly controversial. On a more united subject, expletives have been used by other journalists to great effect.

"He did what journalists should do, be bold and take a stand, but he did it in such a sophomoric way that it is a fire storm and the message was lost," Konz said.

Konz went on to use an example of how the San Francisco Examiner used an expletive in one of their headlines that described what they felt about the bombers of the World Trade Center.

"In that instance, it seems to encapsulate, and it seems to express of what had been on the minds of many Americans at the time, so the use of profanity in that instance seems to be effective and also probably sanctioned," Konz said.

The difference is that they utilized the explicit in such a way that it seemed to be the only word that could have been used in this situation. It was something along the

lines of "those stupid heads," except it was only one word and I probably would not say it around my three-year old niece. There was no widespread outcry over the headline, because that was probably the exact word that was also going through a lot of the general public's collective head.

The expletive was used in a headline in an issue that came out during an unstable time in American history. The normal rules did not apply, and many Americans agreed with the sentiments expressed. While shocking, the taser event didn't affect as many people on the same scale as 9/11.

These are the kinds of reasons that people go to college, and that is to learn.

"College newspapers are learning environments, and he might be learning the lesson of his life," Konz said.

McSwane might bounce back from this: after all, he is still in the learning phase of journalism.

The school will be holding a hearing next week to decide his fate as the editor-in-chief.

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“STUDENTS SPEAK” What do UNK students' think about the Colorado State University newspaper printing: "Taser this ... f--- Bush" in an editorial



Dan Sewell
Sophomore
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“ I agree that people should call out an ineffective public official—it's the peoples' rights. People should never be punished for speaking their minds.



Sarah Jensen
Junior
Major: Communication Disorders
Wayne, NE

“ While this may be causing a controversy, it could also open people's minds. If there really is freedom of speech in this country, it shouldn't be a controversy at all.



Cody Klein
Sophomore
Major: Biology
Hastings, NE

“ I believe we all have our rights to say what we want, but I think they went too far with this. There are certain limitations to what we should say. Get your point across and leave it at that.

Debate over war in Iraq continues

Elizabeth Weaver
Antelope News Staff

Today, nearly four and a half years later, the war in Iraq is still being waged, and many people are wondering if there is an end in sight.

The political dialogue surrounding the war in Iraq has increased as the war has progressed, but little has been done to change its course.

In the 2006 election, the Iraq war was one of the most frequently-debated subjects. Democrats

campaigned on a promise to end the war, and Republicans promised to not give up.

Fast forward to the 2008 election, and the same promises are being made. Since the 2006 election, Senate Democrats, along with a handful of Republicans, have introduced legislation to end the war in Iraq, but the bills continue to fail.

Dr. Diane Duffin, professor of

political science at UNK, said that is has been difficult for the Senate to pass legislation regarding the war because all Senators have equal power to obstruct the process due to the partisan divide. In the Senate there are 49 Democrats, 49 Republicans, and two Independents. In order for legislation to pass, 60 Senators have to support the bill.

Duffin said that Democrats in the Senate do not have the 60 votes needed to pass legislation to end the war, which leaves them with very few political options to change the course of the war.

On Jan. 10, 2007, President Bush addressed the nation to present a new strategy for the war in Iraq.

Bush said, "The situation in Iraq is unacceptable to the American people—and it is unacceptable to me. Our troops in Iraq have fought bravely. They have done everything we have asked them to do. Where mistakes have been made, the responsibility rests with me. It is clear that we need to change our strategy in Iraq."

The new strategy included 20,000 additional troops and the establishment of benchmarks, which were designed to make the Iraqi government more accountable.

Debate over the war intensified last month when Army General David H. Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan C. Crocker reported to Congress on the progress in Iraq.

Petraeus and Crocker were

brought before Congress on Sept. 10 to provide two days of testimony regarding the current situation in Iraq and to report on the progress of the Iraqi government.

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President George W. Bush

Petraeus and Crocker reported that the troop surge had been effective and security in Iraq was improving.

Petraeus and Crocker also outlined a partial troop pullout plan that would return the level of US forces in Iraq to 130,000, the pre-surge level, by mid-July.

They cautioned against a larger and speedier withdrawal, which has been proposed by Democrats in the Senate several times.

Overall, the report presented by

Petraeus and Crocker had both positive and negative implications about the current situation in Iraq. Democrats and Republicans are both using the report to support their positions on the war.

Duffin said, "The report contained enough ambiguity about the situation in Iraq that anybody could pull evidence from it to support their point of view."

The report from Petraeus and Crocker has not stopped Senate Democrats from introducing legislation that calls for the full removal of US troops in Iraq.

A bill calling for the removal of US troops from Iraq in nine months failed by a vote of 47-47 on Friday Sept. 21.

A bill sponsored by Sen. Jim Webb, D-VA, that guaranteed troops more time at home failed by a vote of 56 to 44 on Thursday Sept. 20, and a bill proposing the cutoff of war funds by June 2008 failed by a vote of 70-28 on Wednesday, Sept. 19.

Many Americans are wondering if the war can really be won. Duffin said, "Iraq is going to require a political situation." In order for the fighting to end, the United States must reach a political solution that ends fighting between the Sunni and Shia. The conflict in Iraq is likely to continue, especially with the current political situation in Congress and George W. Bush in the White House. If there is an end in sight, it's a long way around the bend.

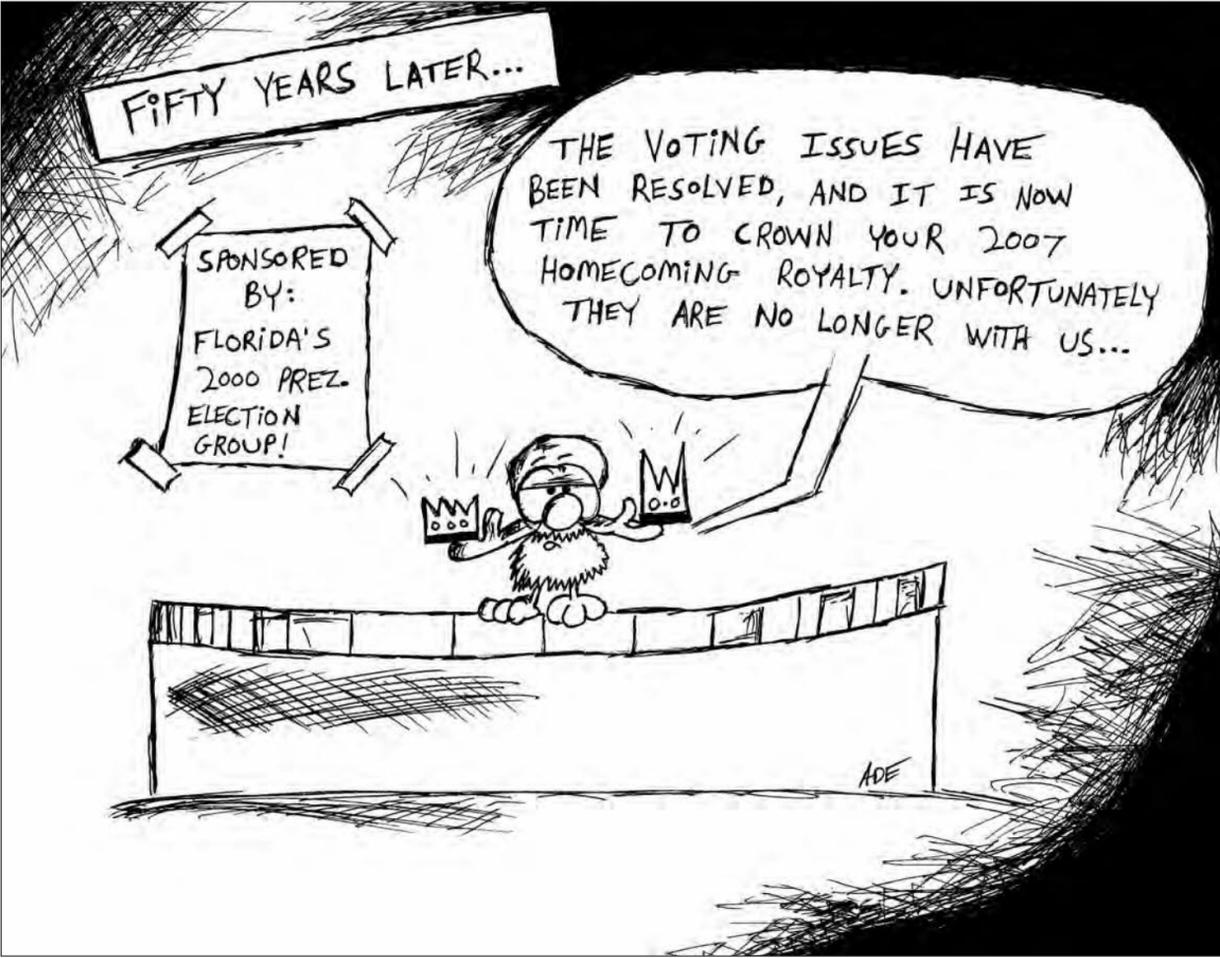
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Gas Prices

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on the outskirts of town and isn't near other gas stations. If we go to the far south end of town to the Thirsty's Valero station, prices are still even higher. Regular is \$2.97, with \$2.92 for premium and \$3.30 for diesel. This is probably affected by the store's proximity to the interstate.

Employees declined commenting on changing gas prices without managerial approval, and no attending manager was available for comment.

Then who are the real experts on changing gas prices? There's no one better to ask than the consumers who frequent their stores.

"This isn't my usual filling station. I only come here on my way out of town," said Kate Walker, while at Thirsty's Valero station. "It seems that the closer to the interstate you get the higher the prices. Guess the oil companies have to make their money somehow."

So hold on, SUV drivers and gasoline consumers everywhere, hopefully there will be some relief for you at the pump over the remainder of 2007 and on into 2008.

Local gas prices as of Sept. 30, 2007

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\$3.30 diesel

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\$2.82 plus
\$3.20 diesel



Lopers go around the world

Vicki Althage
Antelope News Staff

their resources to put together the best team or project in hopes of winning the Homecoming Sweepstakes Competition.

The Sweepstakes Competition is composed of the seven different competitions mentioned above and scored according to the level of effort involved in winning each competition.

Points awarded range from 300 points for the winner of the float competition to 50 points for participating in the Limbo Competition or the Trike Race.

Mantor Hall and Men's Hall were the 2006 winners and hope to keep their title for another year.

This year, the Loper Programming and Activities Council chose "Lopers Around the World" as its theme for Homecoming Week.

The Students of LPAC annually select a theme that will be fun and students can follow it during the week for cheers and decorating ideas.

"Each organization shows strong support for the Lopers and all of UNK," said Tim Danube, LPAC advisor.

The LPAC advisors and members thought the theme would fit UNK perfectly.

"UNK has students from across the globe, so hopefully student organizations and halls are able to help represent some of that through the different events during homecoming," said Michelle Thoene, the LPAC Homecoming chair.

To conclude the 2007 Homecoming festivities, the UNK Football team will take on the 0-5 Mountaineers of Western State.

The UNK Lopers are 2-2 and are coming off of an 18-19 loss to Mesa State and hope to keep the Mountaineers winless.

The UNK Volleyball team will also be active during Homecoming, traveling to take on the Skyhawks of Fort Lewis.

Information about events and rules during Homecoming week can be found on the UNK website in the Student Life Section or by calling 308-865-8523. A copy of the 2007 UNK Homecoming Handbook is available at: http://www.unk.edu/studentlife/student_org/LPAC/index.php?id=584

Thursday, Oct. 4

Lip Sync
Health and Sports Center,
7 p.m.

Coronation of Homecoming Royalty
by last year's royalty Joel Hochstein and Stacey Jegel

Friday, Oct. 5

Lawn Display Judging
Decorate the Campus, 2 p.m.

UNK Volleyball at Mesa State
7 p.m.

UNK Swimming and Diving
7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 6

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UNK Volleyball at Fort Lewis

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9:30-11 •Penny Mix Wells

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University Grill now open

Across-the-street diner expands on Kirk's Korner menu to offer more diverse foods

Derry Stover
Antelope Staff Writer

at the diner, Khayat works as an intensive care nurse at the Good Samaritan Hospital and has 15 years of nursing experience.

He's not new to the restaurant business, either. Khayat has restaurant managing experience in his hometown in Israel.

Customers who were fond of Kirk's Korner will find that University Grill offers a very similar menu, which includes hamburgers, hot dogs, sandwiches and breakfast items.

Khayat and wife Doreen, who

helps manage the store, have expanded on the K menu with many diverse foods.

"We're trying to mix Mediterranean cuisine to the restaurant's flavor," Khayat said.

Aside from the American foods,

the diner sells gyros with homemade pita bread. They also plan to add Greek salads and falafel to the menu.

"We will be the only place in Kearney to offer falafel," Khayat said.

University Grill is more than a diverse restaurant. The convenience-oriented store sells a wide variety of pre-packaged foods and snacks, as well as coffee and sodas.

The business has many plans for the coming months, including

adding lottery tickets and replacing its gas pumps. The store does not currently sell gas, but Khayat hopes new pumps will benefit customers.

"We want to make it more convenient for the people," Khayat said.

Photo by James Chramosta

University Grill is located at 1300 W. 24th St, which is the former location of Kirk's Korner gas station and convenience store.



“
Students want good food that's cheap, so we're trying to combine quality and good prices
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Robert Khayat
Owner, University Grill



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Five ways to study better in the library

Klarissa Bellamy
Antelope Staff Writer

Studying might seem like an obvious part of school, but if the truth is to be told, some students actually find it hard to do. Finding the right time and place are just a few of the steps students can take to become a successful studier. The school library can make this chore a little easier to do. Here are five ways to study better in the library.

1. Find the right place. Sitting down to study in the dorm lobby or in the cafeteria might help get a date, but it's not very likely to help you ace a test. The library really is one of the best places to study. Dr. Ronald Wirtz, Head of Services and Education for the University of Nebraska Kearney, suggests using a study room.

"We have no restrictions right now on our study rooms," Wirtz said. "Some study rooms can be used to work on group projects effectively."

Proper lighting is also important for effective studying. "Find a place in the library with good lighting and lots of seating," Wirtz said. "Where you choose to study should have an adequate level of both for what you are working on."

2. Don't distract yourself. Sometimes students sit down to study with good intentions, but get caught up in their own actions. Bringing electronic devices such as MP3 players, video games, and laptops to study only tempts students to spend more time on those than on the homework they brought with them.

"Listening to music is OK if you can tune out the music, but often students can't and it disrupts their concentration," Dr. Wirtz said. "Choose music that doesn't interfere with concentration, like

classical music. Heavy rap does not help."

3. Use available resources. When faced with writing a paper or doing research, students know help is nearby but often don't know where. Instead of using an Internet search engine, try using the school's database. Most colleges have a reference section in the library that covers a wide variety of topics.

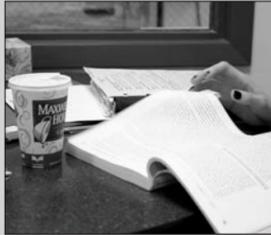
"We never close. We're open 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Dr. Wirtz said. "Our electronic resources are available to students anywhere in the world as long as they have their student I.D. and an Internet connection."

4. Be polite. Just because there are other people in library, doesn't mean it's social hour. The problem with studying around friends is that many students use it as a time to mingle instead of getting to work. Using cell phones and text messaging not only stops one student from studying, but also everyone around him.

"It's a real problem if someone's trying to study and someone's on the phone. You can ask them to stop," Dr. Wirtz said. "A person's right to free expression actually ends when it impedes on someone else's right to quiet."

5. Ask for help. The UNK library contains over 12,000 hard copies of resources, and about 30,000 electronic resources. Locating these resources can be somewhat difficult, but don't be afraid to stop by the reference desk and ask for assistance.

"We have a lot of resources in the library that are not always visible, so always ask if you don't see what you are looking for," Dr. Wirtz said. "We are here to help, that's our job. Service is the most important."



Photos by James Chramosta
Asami Otsuka (left), a junior in speech communication from Okayama, Japan, and Machaela Langin, a junior in organizational communication from Kearney, are studying in the library's Internet Cafe lounge.

People person

Returning to campus in her second year as an R.A., Kristi Scott said people drew her to job

Kaitlyn Noone
Antelope Guest Writer

"I love getting to know new people. That's my favorite part," said Kristi Scott.

Involvement is the name of the game for Scott, a second-year resident adviser. She pursued the position not just for the free room and board, but because she enjoys interacting with people.

Scott, a junior from Belgrade, Neb., has always liked being involved. As many who have attended a tiny high school know, the students have to wear many hats to keep the activities running. Scott did it all.

"I was involved in about everything in high school. It was so small that I had to be involved. Also, I just enjoy working with people," she said.

She participated in high school volleyball, basketball, track, one-act, speech, FBLA, band, choir and student council. Her desire to continue being part of a team further influenced her decision to become an RA.

Scott's first year spent as an RA was in Centennial Towers West. She had to learn to be tough right from the start.

"CTW is known for being the 'rowdy' hall, so it was kind of fun. There was always something that you would deal with on rounds. Because there were a lot of freshmen, there were a lot of mistakes and a lot of learning from them."

Scott now is the RA for the second floor in Antelope Hall. She described the new hall as challenging, as all the residents have everything they need in their unit with no reason to leave; and said that it would be difficult to have people mingle and build a community. The negatives didn't outweigh the positives, however.

"It's fun to think that everything here is the first," Scott said. "We're

the first to do everything: to start traditions and have the first memories in this building. Everything is so nice, even the smell."

Scott finds the RA position very rewarding, saying that all the connections she makes during the year are really "neat."

"I don't mind doing rounds at all. They'll last all night because I'll talk to everybody," Scott said. "You also establish really tight, close relationships with the staff and really become a family."

Her position is also helpful for learning about people and how they interact, which will come in handy after graduation. Scott, a family studies major, is still planning out her career path.

"I'll get my master's, probably, in social work or family studies. Then I'll possibly go into counseling, or work in some sort of family-based agency," she said.

Scott is looking forward to the future when RA duties will be shared with the two residence halls currently under construction instead of Conrad and Martin halls.

She's also excited to see how the rest of the year will go as she has a co-ed floor with more mature students.

"The residents are different in this building because there's not one freshman here. Everybody knows the rules," Scott said. "It's nice, it's a good mix."



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Top right: Kristi Scott, an RA in Antelope Hall, distributes the mail for the day.
Bottom: Kristi Scott checks out a package to Stephanie Cunningham, a resident of Antelope Hall.

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Apple offers more iPod variety

Technological advances provide compelling products for UNK students

Jared Hoff
Antelope Staff Writer

Lincoln resident Brian Holliday loves his iPhone. "It really is great. At first I was like this is too much money and effort to operate. Now though, I can't imagine not having it with me everyday," he said.

Entertainment is everywhere in our society. One of the most innovative forms of entertainment came with the production of the Wii by Nintendo. Released last November in the United States, the Wii is the most interactive game system ever. It uses a remote and it allows users to control the game using physical gestures as well as traditional button presses.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln student Austin Martin recently received a Wii as a gift. "I think it is absolutely great! The tennis game is the most fun to play. It is kind of a workout to play it! Your arm will get tired. It really encourages physical activity, which is good for young American kids," he said.

Martin's roommates Justin Graham and Marco Pedroza, both of Lincoln, agreed. "I will dominate anyone at tennis!" Pedroza said. "It's much easier to get excited and involved while playing the Wii, because you don't just sit there and stare at the screen while moving your thumbs."

Graham said that he is glad that Martin received the Wii. "We all play each other all the time. I am pretty good at bowling. Its just like real life in that you want to have good form and curve your wrist," he said.

There are many options out there for consumers around the world. Some people say that technology has made our world better than ever. While others insist that it has only complicated things more. One thing is for certain, technology isn't going anywhere and it continues to be interesting.

Ever stop and think about some of the amazing products that are offered to us consumers right now? Many devices are developed for us to help enhance our lives in any way possible.

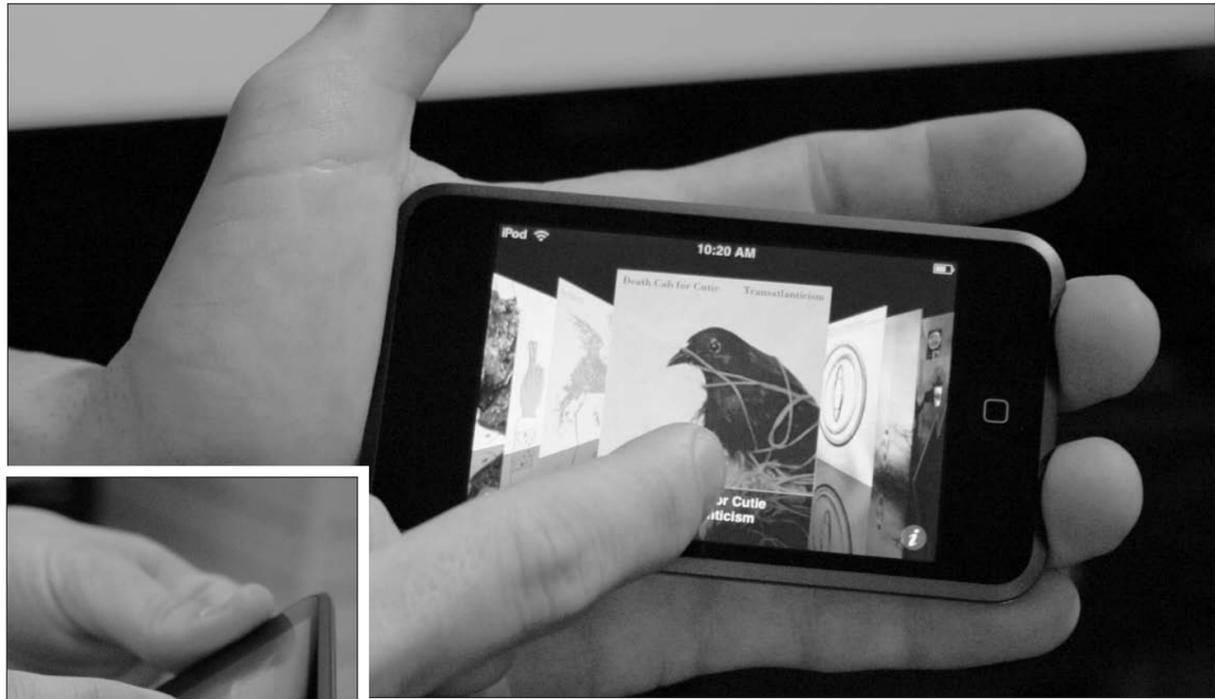
Take the iPod for example. Apple delighted us all when it introduced the iPod in October 2001, and has only continued to improve features and upgrade capabilities. This past July, a slimmer and more streamlined iPod hit the market.

Kearney resident Harley Gant recently picked up a newer iPod. "I like how I can create multiple play lists on the go," he said. "There is also less thumbing required to get to my favorite stuff."

The menus are more efficient in the latest edition of iPod. What is really cool is the fact that the battery life is longer in the new iPods. Now you can rock for up to 12 hours before charging is necessary, a 50 percent increase from the older ones, which allowed 6 hours.

The new and improved iPod is also cheaper. A 40 gigabyte model is now \$399. For a 20 gig model, it is \$299. Both models had their prices reduced by \$100.

Want more options than just music playing? Apple also released its new iPhone back in June. The phone offers a look at the future of cellular phones. Apple released two editions this past summer, a 4 gigabyte model and an 8 gigabyte model. The phone has complete internet capability, and also features a touch screen scrolling capacity, allowing users to flip through music, answer calls, and surf the web all with the touch of a finger.



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SPORTS

Breaking the culture barrier Part Two

KOJI KUWAHARA
Sports Columnist

Sports are Greek in origin. Over two hundred countries play sports and have national sports teams. Sports can communicate information about a country's culture. They express the characteristics and attitudes of society. Playing a sport is the beginning of creating a new worldview.

Wes Sanders, a senior member of the Kendo club from Eustis, Neb. said, "Experiencing Kendo has been very eye-opening for me. Originally, I just thought it was sword fighting. I was very wrong."

"Everything about Kendo is very significant, and its meaning is very deep," Sanders said. "Kendo is practiced to foster Bushido, the spirit of the Samurai. Among many other admirable virtues, the practice of Kendo develops courtesy, honor, sincerity, and a vigorous spirit as well as the mind and body. When sparring, the purpose is not to win or lose, but to develop such traits," Sanders said.

Kendo can help build new characteristics and familiarize people with a new culture. It teaches you meaning, knowledge, experience and sense of value.

"Both Takuya and Shudai Matsumoto, the president of the Kendo club, have spent many patient hours teaching me and many others the fine art of practicing Kendo," Sanders said. "Everything is fitting together. The

hours of practicing the steps, stroke, shoulder motion, and even voice all work together in one decisive stroke, or a reflexive block. Through the combining of cultures club Bushido has helped us to unite as a group and become good friends," Sanders said.

Kendo can teach people to appreciate foreign sport. People might be able to say that a lot of athletes from foreign countries have made homeland athletes better and stronger.

"Good food can taste bad just because it tastes different than we expected it too. The same is true of everything I think. When trying new things I now try to just experience them for what they are and then decide what to think. I knew that Kendo was about sword fighting and I have always wanted to learn to use a sword. Aside from that, I joined the club knowing almost nothing about Kendo and intending to learn about it," Sanders said.

Sports mean a lot of things, and they are more meaningful to some people than others. Sports give people a chance to study the world culture. Sports can offer a purpose. People have different lifestyles in each region, and there are no global standards in sports. Beginning a new sport is a big experience for people.

Lopers go 1-1 on the road

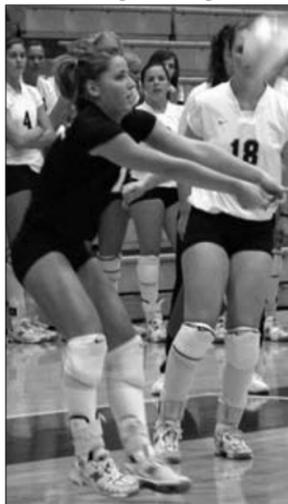
Werner comes up big at WNMU

Peter Yazvac
Guest Writer

The 22nd-ranked Nebraska-Kearney volleyball team got 13 kills from senior Alison Glidden and 12 from sophomore Nikki Scott to sweep New Mexico Highlands (-20, -25, -26) Saturday night in Las Vegas, N.M.

UNK is now 15-4 overall and 6-2 in RMAC play. The Cowgirls fall to 3-14 (1-7 RMAC) on the year.

The Lopers dominated the first set but had to battle HU to win the final two games. In game two,



(above) Photo by Rachael Cochran
Humphrey sophomore Kelli Wemhoff returns a ball against UNO. Wemhoff has played defensive specialist for two years.

(right) Photo by Brandon Moore
Elkhorn freshman Cola Svec sets the ball up for Beatrice junior Shannon Clausen last Tuesday night against UNO.

back-to-back service aces by Amber Pohl made the score 26-25 Lopers.

After a bad set by Highlands gave UNK a point, Glidden served up an ace and then sophomore Erica Burson (Gross Catholic) had two kills in a row to secure the 2-0 lead.

In the final game, UNK was clinging to a 25-24 advantage when another Burson kill opened up a two point lead. Down the stretch, three unforced Highlands errors, along with a Walkowiak kill, helped UNK wrap up the match.

Glidden (Benkelman) hit .289 to reach her kill total with Scott (Broken Bow) hitting a team-high .346. Freshman Jeri Walkowiak (nine) and Burson (seven) combined for 16 kills as well.

Overcoming 11 service errors, UNK saw libero Kelli Wemhoff have a match-high 17 digs.

On Friday, UNK lost a heart

breaker at Western New Mexico (39-41, -27, 18-30, 28-30). The Mustangs, who were the No. 1 seed in last year's RMAC Tournament, remain unbeaten in league play (7-0).

The first set featured 24 ties and six lead changes. The highest scoring game in UNK history, the Lopers fought off three match points before serving three of their own. Western finally ended the saga with a kill and a Loper error.

The second game was a battle as well; 10 ties and another six lead changes. UNK rallied from a 20-16 deficit, getting back-to-back kills from Glidden and freshman Kelsey Werner (Grand Island) as part of the rally.

Western dominated game three with the fourth set being another barn burner. The Lopers held a 21-14 lead but saw the Mustangs storm back after a time-

out.

Two kills from Natali Murdock (20 kills, five blocks), along with a service ace, were the final three points of the night for Western and helped break a 27 all tie.

In a very even match statistically, UNK got 18 kills from Burson with Werner, a reserve on the outside, providing a season-high 13. Walkowiak (Grand Island) had another strong effort in the middle with 12 kills and a six-high team blocks.

Besides Murdock, three other Western players reached double digits in kills with Alzie Auelua (16 kills, 13 digs) recording a double double. Also, libero Jessica Lindgren had 29 digs.

UNK has another long road trip next weekend with matches at Fort Lewis and Mesa State.



Cross Country turning heads

Melissa Hinkley
Guest Writer

The UNK Cross Country team is turning heads as they continue to race through the competition. This past weekend, the men and women competed in the Roy Griak Invitational in Minneapolis, Minn.

The women finished the invite exceptionally strong by having three top finishers and finishing second overall. The men are still working with a talented, young team but still finished the invite tied for 15th.

"In all the years that I have

been at UNK, the women probably had the best performance that I have ever seen," Paul Zahller, senior from Yuma Col., said. "The women's race was before ours so it got me pretty excited for our race."

The invite was one of the biggest cross country meets in the nation and was composed of Division I, II and III colleges.

"This is my favorite race every year," Zahller said. "It is one of the biggest in the nation, and we get to see a lot of the teams from our region that we won't see again until Regionals. It is pretty intense because there are so many schools and the meet has a lot of prestige."

The women came into the race ranked sixth in their region, but finished the invite in second by

passing North Dakota and Minnesota-Duluth. North Dakota is ranked fourth in UNK's region and Minnesota-Duluth is ranked fifth, proving that the Lopers deserve a higher ranking.

Kaci Lickteig, a junior from Dannebrog, finished seventh while Jacquelyn Dibbern, a junior from York, finished tenth and Michelle Dill, a senior from Imperial placed 16th.

"The women's team is turning a lot of heads. They placed second, which is the highest UNK has ever placed in this meet before," Zahller said. "They beat a lot of teams that are ranked higher than they are so that will probably change their ranking significantly."

The men's team is replacing a

majority of their lineup due to graduating seniors, but they finished 16th place overall. Zahller, the team captain, led the way for the Lopers with a 35th place finish. Also for the men, Tanner Fruit, a freshman from Ogallala, finished in 43rd place.

"Each one of the guys is rising to their potential and improving," Zahller said. "I am really excited to see where we can finish at the end of the season. I am just excited to be a part of the tradition."

Zahller has high expectations for what is in store for the UNK Cross Country team. The Lopers look to continue their dominance as they travel to Fort Hays this weekend.

Five inducted to Hall of Fame

Peter Yazvac
Guest Writer

Four former athletes and one coach will be inducted into the University of Nebraska at Kearney Athletic Hall of Fame during the 2007 28th annual Homecoming Awards Banquet in October.

They are athletes Wayne Gappa ('66 of Kearney), Ted Mills ('58 of Buffalo, Wyo.), Kim Vokolek Peltz ('93 of Lincoln), and Gary Shubert ('62 of Lexington) and baseball coach Guy Murray (of Kearney).

The five will be honored at the Homecoming Awards banquet on Friday, October 5. Tickets are \$ 20.00 and are available by contacting the UNK Alumni Office at (308) 865-8474 or emailing Jim Rundstrom (jrundstrom@nkfoundation.org.).

Gappa was a three-year star as a defensive back for the Lopers from 1963 to 1965. He earned Nebraska College Conference all-conference honors in 1964 and 1965 and All-Nebraska and NAIA All-American honorable mention honors in 1965. During his three years, the Al Zikmund coached teams compiled a 23-4 record and

captured three conference championships. The 1963 team was ranked third nationally and played in the four-team NAIA playoff. The 1964 team was then ranked 12th nationally.

As a Kearney businessman, Gappa has been a long-time supporter of UNK athletics.

Mills was a three-year starter at tackle and defensive end who twice was an all-conference selection from 1955 to 1957. Those teams, coached by Al Zikmund, had a combined record of 25-3. He was a Williamson Rating System All-American honorable mention pick in 1957. He was also team captain and president of the letterman's club.

Mills went on to coach at Sutherland, Red Cloud, Blue Hill, Hebron and Holdrege before becoming a principal and activities director. In 23 years as a football coach, he had a 118-82-10 football record. In seven years at Hebron, his teams were ranked in the Top Ten in the state six times. Two of those years, 1969 and 1970, his teams were No. 1 in Class C. He also coached track for 25 years and wrestling for nine years.

Vokolek Peltz was a four-year letter winner and starter for the

Loper volleyball team from 1989 to 1992. She made an immediate impact, earning second team Central States Intercollegiate Conference all-conference honors as a freshman. Twice named to the conference all-tournament team, Vokolek set the school record for career kills with 1,526, a record she held until 2004. When she graduated, she also was second in games played and sixth in career digs.

Vokolek was a key player on the 1990 squad that compiled a 40-1 record for Coach Rosella Meier in UNK's first year as a member of NCAA Division II. Peltz has already been enshrined into the Lincoln Northeast High School Hall of Fame.

Shubert was an All-American in both track and cross country during his career from 1958 to 1962. He earned four letters in both sports and was captain in both his senior year. In cross country, Shubert was seventh in 1959 and eighth in 1961 at the NAIA national meet. He was district champion in 1961. In track, he earned All-American honors by finishing fourth in the steeplechase in 1959 and second in 1961. That year he also finished eighth in the two-mile and was a member of the

two-mile relay team that finished eighth.

While running for coach Charlie Foster, the cross country team finished in the top eight all four years including a national runner-up finish in 1959. At the national meet, the track team finished fifth in 1959, sixth in 1960 and third in 1961.

Murray joined the athletic staff in 1972 and served as head baseball coach the next 29 years. With 614 victories, he owns the most wins in UNK baseball history. Murray led the Lopers to 10 NAIA District 11 titles and was district coach of the year 11 times. His 1981 team set the school mark for victories in a single season with 37.

Murray, who also served as an assistant football coach during his tenure, was inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1999. In 1991, he received the U.S. Baseball Federation Service Award. He has been a member of the American Baseball Coaches Association executive committee and Hall of Fame committee. A 1966 graduate of Montana State University-Billings, Murray now lives in Kearney.



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Tennis serves up success

Jacome wins ITA singles championship

Callie Erickson
Antelope Staff Writer

Strydom paired up for doubles play at the number two spot. After playing two close matches, the duo was set to play for third and fourth.

Senior McKenna Irwin from Bellevue, Neb. paired up with freshman teammate Katie-Mary Outhwaite of Kojonup, Australia to compete at the number one doubles spot. Irwin and Outhwaite played an intense first doubles match before losing in a tie-breaker to their opponents. The second match Irwin and Outhwaite swept their opponents away and were set to play for third of fourth. Due to the long trek back to Kearney, doubles teams of Bryan/Strydom and Irwin/Outhwaite pulled out of their final match.

Both Irwin and Outhwaite battled out their singles matches. After losing her first in a close tiebreaker, Irwin lost the second and went on to win her final match, placing fifth at the number four spot. Outhwaite lost her first match at number one singles. She bounced back to defeat her opponents in the next two matches and won the consolation bracket.

A success at number three doubles played by senior Jenna Eichman of Hastings, Neb. and Kearney sophomore Kristen Messbarger, earned the girls first place in the number three doubles bracket. Messbarger went on to win her bracket at the number two singles spot as Eichman won the number five singles consolation bracket.

This weekend wind was a factor. Thirty mph gusts of wind made it difficult for teams to show their top-notch abilities.

"I learned how to play in the wind this weekend. I have never experienced wind this strong before in Australia so it took me some getting used to," Outhwaite said. Outhwaite said more match play and footwork would be her two focuses at practice the next couple of weeks.

"I thought everyone played very well this weekend. We had a lot of fun but focused on playing when it was time for that," Outhwaite said. "I absolutely loved hearing my teammates cheer for me. When I was getting down in a match hearing the girls yell some of my native



Photo courtesy of Callie Erickson
Katie-Mary Outhwaite and McKenna Irwin, the women's number one doubles team, face off against Upper Iowa. Outhwaite and Irwin were 1-1 for the weekend.

slang was very encouraging."

The UNK women are scheduled to play Hastings College this week for their final competition for the fall season. The date is not yet known.

UNK men saw some action this weekend as they traveled to Topeka, Kan. for the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Tournament.

Senior Loper, William Jacome of Miami, Fla. won the singles championship. This allows Jacome to be eligible for the National Small College Championships, which will take place Oct. 11-14.

"This is a huge victory for William and UNK," head coach Kent Shultz said. Jacome had a bye first round and then defeated Lucas Ariboni of Northwest Missouri State, 6-1, 6-1. Passing by Washburn's Nathan Martin 6-1, 6-1, Jacome preceded to the quarterfinals.

Another 6-0, 6-2 win for Jacome over Emilio ElAlabi of Southwest Baptist, brought Jacome to the Semifinals. It was the semi's where Jacome may have seen his closest match, (6-4), (6-2) against Sacha Ruckleshausen of RMAC team, Metro State.

Jacome advanced to the finals where he again met up with Metro State only this time Brandon Lupo. Jacome took care of Lupo as well, winning 6-0, 6-2 winning the singles championship.

"With some of the top players represented in the region most of the players from three on down found the going difficult as did our players," Shultz said. "We still need a lot of work on placement and going to the net to close points out. We also need more work on how to build a successful points and return of service."

At number one in doubles, Jacome paired up with senior teammate Andres Espinosa of Bogota, Colombia. The two had much success before losing 8-6 in a close match to tournament champions, Emilio ElAlabi and Daniel Prerad of Southwest Baptist.

"I can tell that the drills on placement are starting to get players better at ending points for both the women and the men. We will continue to work on this throughout the off-season as we prepare for the spring season," Shultz said.



Big 12 Shake Up

ERIC M. KORTH
Sports Editor

If you read my columns, then I already assume that you are up-to-date on the subject of college football and are aware of all the upsets that happened this weekend. What came as the biggest surprise to me? The changes within the Big 12.

I'm sure there were quite a few people who would agree with me in saying that the Big 12 teams of the south came into the season expecting to be "hands-down" better than the northern teams. This weekend's events came as a shock to me, and I'm positive that I wasn't the only one.

The performances of Colorado and Kansas State will more than likely not be seen again. This leaves Husker fans everywhere asking themselves, "Which K-State/Colorado team will show up against Nebraska?"

This is a very important question but not the one that should be on the fan's minds. Husker fans need to be asking themselves, "Which Husker team is going to show up in Columbia this weekend?"

Sure the Huskers pulled out a win against Iowa State last weekend, but let me remind you that it was against a struggling Hawkeye team in Lincoln. This week, Nebraska matches up with the high-powered offense of Missouri, which ranks fifth nationally. The game takes place in Columbia, where Nebraska has a history of tough games.

To pull out a win this weekend, Nebraska needs to remain patient. Missouri, who averages at least 38 points a game, will put up their share of points. The Husker offense will need to remain unflustered and not get worked up each time the Tigers make it into the end zone.

If the Blackshirts play hard and the offense remains patient, the Huskers will give themselves a shot to come out victoriously.

•••KORTH'S HEISMAN WATCH•••

Instead of praising the same players each week, I've decided to focus on two candidates who have shown why they should be a part of the ballots come December.

OREGON QB DENNIS DIXON

Granted the Ducks were defeated by No. 6 California, senior QB Dixon still had a solid outing throwing for 306 yards. Dixon threw for one touchdown and also ran for one. Dixon threw two interceptions, but are Dixon's only interceptions thrown all year.

KENTUCKY QB ANDRE' WOODSON

Kentucky has been the Cinderella story of the season thus far, and Woodson has been a big part in their success. Woodson threw for five touchdowns on Saturday, leading the No. 14 Wildcats to victory.



Photo courtesy of Callie Erickson
Katie-Mary Outhwaite serves up another ace during her doubles match against Upper Iowa.

Heartbreak in Grand Junction

Kayla Laird
Antelope Staff Writer

throughout the game," said Kaiser. "We needed to come out of the gates swinging and dominated early. We weren't able to keep it up and as a whole, they wanted it more than us."

The Lopers came out of halftime down 9-7 but outscored Mesa 11-3 in the third quarter to gain a 15-12 lead. Jake Richards, senior running back from Littleton, Colo., scored on the Lopers' opening drive of the second half on a 25-yard carry to snatch the go-ahead lead.

"Our offense gave up too many key turnovers and that's what kept Mesa State in the ball game in the fourth quarter," Richards said. "Losing a game by one point is very difficult for me to accept, but as a team we need to get over this loss and continue on with our season."

Kaiser said, "We came out of the half and put together a great drive, going for it a couple times on fourth down and were able to score. Unfortunately, we couldn't hold on to that momentum."

UNK ended the afternoon with 134

yards rushing on 41 carries. Richards led the way with 86 yards and one touchdown. "Personally, I want to continue to work hard and get better for my teammates and the coaching staff so I can help contribute to our talented football team," Richards said.

Junior quarterback Dennis Havrilla, a Concord, Calif. native, completed 11 of 26 for 88 yards and had one touchdown and two interceptions. Senior Cory Sleeth out of Westminster, Colo., was Havrilla's main target, having four catches for 31 yards.

Defensively, McCook junior end Nate Reicks and Boys Town junior linebacker Cheikh Fall led the Lopers with 10 tackles each.

"We have a really good football team," Kaiser said. "Expect us to bounce back and get back on track starting this week in practice."

Richards, Kaiser and the rest of the Lopers will get their chance to get back on track this coming Saturday as they

host Western State for Homecoming.

"We need to continue to work hard as a team and get better so we can beat a respectable Western State football team," Richards said.

Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Foster Field. "Western States' head coach used to coach here so there is more at stake," Richards said.

The UNK football team lost 19-18 in a close contest between the Mesa State Mavericks Saturday afternoon in Grand Junction, Colo. The Lopers, now 2-2 and 1-1 in the RMAC, were plagued by costly turnovers throughout the game as the Mavericks went on to remain undefeated, improving to 5-0.

"Turnovers hurt us and we gave up too many opportunities to score," said redshirt freshman Kyle Kaiser, a Broomfield, Colo. native.

"The match-up was a defensive clash with both teams known for their defensive efforts. UNK held Mesa State to 204 offensive yards while gaining 222 total yards.

"Our defense came out playing hard but our offense struggled at times

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¹⁰ Oklahoma at ¹⁹ Texas

¹⁵ Va. Tech at ²² Clemson

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Striking Gold in Nebraska

California natives Marlon Lucky (left) and Maurice Purify (below) have combined for nine touchdowns this year, including a passing touchdown, from Lucky to TE Sean Hill last weekend.



The Pride of Nebraska

Cortney Grixby, of Omaha, looks to the crowd after making a play against Iowa State.

Unnecessary 'ref'ness

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Antelope Staff Writer

Sports today are played on a whole new level: AstroTurf, new equipment and gambling officials?

Professional referees and umpires are supposed to keep the athletes in check and make sure that the game flows smoothly. They shouldn't be talking trash to the athletes or betting on games, which happened recently in the NBA and MLB.

In April of this year, NBA veteran referee Joey Crawford was suspended for the remainder of the season and fined. He supposedly challenged 6'11" Tim Duncan to a fight during a game. Duncan was sitting on the bench and received his second technical foul from Crawford. Duncan was laughing on the bench and Crawford thought it was about a call he had made. "He looked at me and said, 'Do you want to fight? Do you want to fight?'" Duncan said.

Tim Donaghy, also a referee in the NBA was suspended but for a different reason. Donaghy was betting on games that he officiated and ones he didn't. He was under federal investigation along with other referees. Donaghy pled guilty in federal court on Aug. 15 and his court date is set for Nov. 9.

The most recent incident with an official was Sept. 23 when San Diego Padres outfielder Milton Bradley was arguing with the first base umpire Mike Winters about

throwing a bat at the home plate umpire. The argument started when Bradley got to first base and the two were bickering back and forth. Bradley called time and the argument started from there. Bradley was being held back by his manager, who spun Bradley around and hurt his knee.

"If this costs me my season because of that, he needs to be reprimanded. I'm taking some action. I'm not going to stand back and accept this because I didn't do nothing wrong," Bradley said.

It did end his season with a torn ACL but the good news for him was that Winters was suspended also. Padres claim that Bradley was baited into the argument.

A MLB official said "Winters used profanity towards Bradley."

These examples of referees and umpires gone badly are ridiculous. These are supposed to be the men in charge of games and then they act like they are invisible. All officials have received the right punishment for what they have done. Sometimes officials will get heated just like athletes do, especially in an argument and there is no excuse for these actions.

Donaghy's situation is arguably the worst. NBA referees earn \$90,000 to \$225,000 annually and he seems to think he needs more money along the way? ESPN.com reports that a veteran like Donaghy would receive over \$200,000 plus bonuses coming in the playoffs.

After all, it is just a game, or is it?



A day at the game

photos by John Reed

Golden Arm

Sam Keller, a senior transfer from Arizona State, has helped lead the Huskers to their 4-1 record



In the Trenches

Nebraska opened up Big 12 play last week against Iowa State. The Huskers fought hard and pulled out a 35-17 win over the Cyclones. The Huskers have won their conference opener 11 out of the 12 years the Big 12 has existed.

OSU coach under fire

Nathan Osterloh
Antelope Staff Writer

Being a part of a nationally recognized football program doesn't mean mom can't still rule. After a 49-45 win over Texas Tech, Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy, addressed the media in a different way than usual. With the help of a player's mother, Gundy was informed of an article that had been released in a column of the Oklahoman, a major newspaper in the state of Oklahoma.

The article criticized former starting quarterback Bobby Reid, for his lack of performance on the field. The part of the article that started the post game tirade was about more than Reid's performance it was a personal attack on the player and his family.

For a large part of the post game rant, Gundy was looking directly at the columnist who had

written the article, Jenni Carlson. "Do you have any kids?" Gundy said. Carlson responded with a no. "Then you wouldn't understand how I feel." Gundy said.

The article attacked the player for who he is as a person and not for how good or bad he plays. Since all athletes in the NCAA are considered to be amateurs, Gundy feels it is inappropriate to attack them like Carlson did.

During all the yelling, Gundy said, "If you want to comment on his play, comment on his play. But don't comment on something that's outside of his play that is downgrading or belittling to a young man who is trying to do things right and he has to get splashed all over the newspaper in the state of Oklahoma."

Gundy even mentioned that three fourths of the article was full of inaccurate information and quotes by him and his fellow coaches. Some of the article criticized Reid's mother and his family.

Gundy mentioned that he wished he had thought about the problem more and what he was going to say. He did not regret going on the tirade and he wished he had said more.

Carlson stands by her article and stands by the facts of the article. This whole dispute about players and the rights of the media to downgrade them has turned into a small disagreement between the reporters and the coaches.

Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops said, "I find it hard to read the sarcasm in those articles. They're student athletes. They're not professional players. They're just playing for their school, trying to do a good job." In turn, a lot of the media related people are standing by the article and Carlson.

Around the UNK campus there are disagreements also. Derrick Drohman, a senior Agribusiness major, said "He was right in getting upset about that. It shows he is ready to stand up for his

players and the reporter has no right to attack a player's mental ability or his pride. If the reporters have the right to publicly criticize people then the coaches should too."

Nathan Schreier, a sophomore Sports Administration major said, "it was a good thing to happen for the program and it shows there are a lot of strong relationships on the team."

Seth Maschmeier, an Elementary Education major said, "It was the wrong place at the wrong time. Gundy should have addressed the problem in a more private, one on one, place."

Gundy felt bad that he took the attention away from the game and his players. During the conference, Gundy took questions and called the article "garbage".

"I felt it was the right thing to do and I had to be the one to do it. I did not intend to take away from the players or the game." Gundy said.