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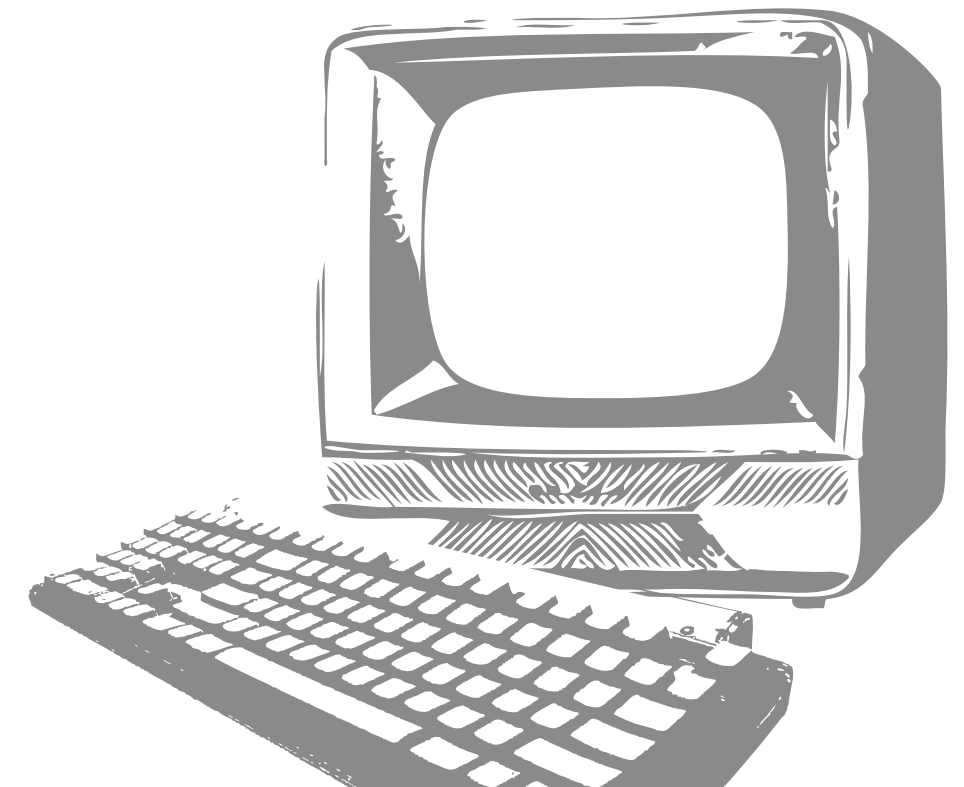
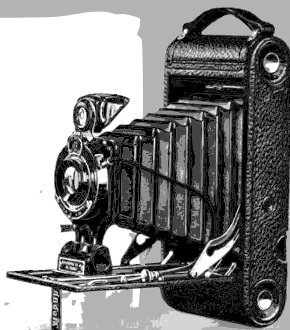


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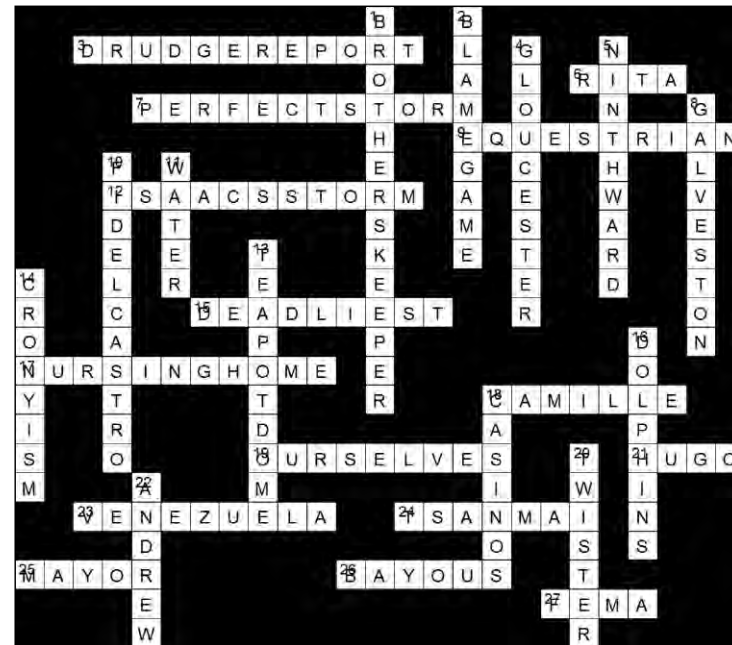
Andy Schlund, a Ravenna freshman majoring in history, excels to the next round after clearing the bar during the limbo competition on Monday.




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Hurricane Crossword answers from last week

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Aqualopers ready to begin

Chris Parks
Staff Writer

The UNK Swimming and Diving team got their season underway last Friday, with the Intersquad/Alumni Meet held at Cushing Pool.

The teams began practice after Labor Day and are looking forward to the season to come.

At homecoming time last year, the Aqualopers didn't even have a roof over their pool, but it's a new year and a new team.

Cushing pool has a nice new roof that was completed in September 2004, and the 2005-2006 Aqualopers have a lot of new faces on the team.

Scottsbluff junior Becky Tompkins said, "The freshmen are doing well and the returning swimmers' times are ahead of last year, so overall we are doing very well."

Head Swimming Coach, Teresa Osmanski, said the team has been working hard to prepare for the season by running a lot of drills, practicing stroke techniques and getting ready for the endurance phase of their training. The two divers on the team are working on learning new dives.

One of the Aqualopers top returnees is Jen Atterbury, a senior diver from Haysville, Kan. She qualified for the NCAA Championships last season in the three-meter board.

Atterbury continues to improve her diving by focusing on small details.

"I really have to think about the little things, like keeping my form tighter and

Graphic by Jaime Flores

UNK alumni returned to compete in a friendly meet with UNK's Swimming and Diving team during Homecoming weekend.

pointing my toes better," she said.

Atterbury said getting back to nationals is a personal goal for her.

Right now, though, she is happy with the new girls on the team and she is looking forward to a lot of fun and just hoping the team swims and dives well.

Working with the team is a job Coach Osmanski enjoys.

"It's a challenge, but enjoyable, to work on making their workouts, see what they do everyday and then see how they apply that in a meet."

Osmanski said the team puts a lot of emphasis on individual achievement since it is often difficult to compete with bigger



schools that have large teams. Expectations for the team are to be competitive and perform well.

"The girls put a lot of work in and it's rewarding to see the swimmers get good times and see the divers perform well," she said.

The Aqualopers will compete in their first competitive event on Oct. 28 and 29 in Colorado Springs, Colo., at the Air Force Academy.

Chris Parks
Staff Writer

The scene Friday at Cushing pool was a friendly atmosphere of past and present Aqualopers taking part in friendly competition. Current team members knew alumni by name and cheered as they swam by.

Friday night was the UNK Swimming and Diving team's annual Intersquad/Alumni meet, held during homecoming weekend.

The current UNK athletes and alumni showed off their skills in the water and on the boards, in fun competition.

The meet was a reflection of the team's personality. The Aqualopers exuded a sense of team unity, shown by them sitting together and gathered together during breaks to converse.

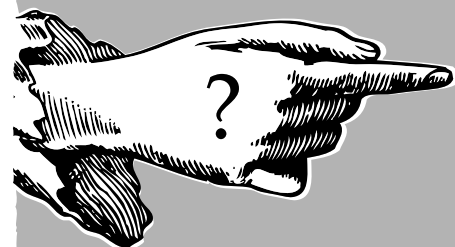
Lakewood, Colo., senior Jesslyn Hackman said, "The team is like a family. I'm excited about getting the season going. Team enthusiasm is up."

Coaches Teresa and Duane Osmanski showed some of that enthusiasm as well, walking around Friday's event with big smiles, cameras and cheers of their own.

Scottsbluff junior Becky Tompkins likes being on the small team because of the unity.

"We get to know each other well," she said. "We are a lot closer than a big team."

No matter how the Aqualopers perform this season, their sense of team unity doesn't appear to be going away.



the bottom line

How have the recent assaults on campus affected you?



"I'm one of those girls who believes it will never happen to me so I haven't done anything."

Natalie Waters
Biology



"I'm more aware of who's around when I walk at night. If my car is parked far away, I move it closer to campus if it will be dark when I walk to it."

Erica Chu
English



"I make sure that I don't walk by myself in the evening and never run alone at night."

Erin Riedel
Public Relations



"I went to the SHARP meeting and don't go out alone at night. Because biking is my main transportation, I put lights on my bike and call someone when I get home."

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Goldenstein is also the National Co-Offensive Player of the Week, as selected by D2football.com

Tennis Update

The Loper men's tennis team picked up wins in Topeka, Kan., at the Wilson/ITA Challenge last weekend.

William Jacome, Cory Ciccone and Nate Wiegand all had singles' wins. Jacome and Jorge Ramos and Ciccone and Wiegand also had doubles' wins.

Lady Lopes lose starting setter



Ben Goetz, Brandon Wright
Guest Columnists

Sad news in Loperville: the top volleyball team in the region will be without its starting setter for the rest of the season. The UNK Lopers, the second ranked team in the country, lost their captain, Bethany Spilde, to a foot injury last week in practice, prior to their road trip to Western Colorado. Spilde was one of the many stars of this UNK Loper volleyball dynasty.

In practice, a day before the team's trip to play Mesa State University, Spilde suffered the injury in a simple agility drill, according to the UNK Sports Information

Office. She fractured the first metatarsal, while stepping wrong on her right foot.

Just seconds after the fracture, Spilde landed on her foot again, tearing ligaments - effectively sidelining her for the season.

In a press release, head coach Rick Squires said, "Being a senior and a four-year starter, we feel very badly for Bethany. This obviously isn't the way to end a great career. We'll support her anyway we can."

Coach is right, Spilde has had a great career - "great" may be an understatement. Spilde is quite possibly the best setter in UNK history.

Last year, when the Lopers made it to the volleyball final four, Spilde earned first-team all RMAC honors and was recognized as a third-team All American. The third best setter in all of NCAA division II volleyball-that's impressive.

Spilde was on pace to break the all time UNK assist record of 6,307. Bethany will finish her career with 5,392 assists, 915 short of the record. Spilde has been aver-

aging 12.53 assists per game.

When would Spilde have broken the record if she kept up her pace? Let's say the Loper volleyball team averages 3.5 games per match. Assuming the Lopers make it to the regional final, they will play 21 matches without Bethany.

Simple math tells us she would have surpassed current record holder Danielle Shum in the third game of the regional final. How perfect would that have been? The all-time assists leader sets the ball to Erin Gudmundson, the all-time kills leader, to secure the Lopers third consecutive trip to the Elite 8.

How much will the loss hurt the Lopers? At first glance, losing the All-American captain may seem too devastating to overcome. However, backup-turned-starter Rachel Gerdes, and the rest of the Lopers, are strong enough to withstand both this loss and their competition.

Gerdes came to UNK from Johnson as a

right-side hitter, but picked up the setter position before the 2003 season, and became a dependable, if rarely used, substitute. Up to date, she's appeared in 150 games for the blue and gold.

Certainly losing Spilde will not help the team, but Gerdes can still set the ball to the front-row attackers, led by Erin Brosz and Gudmundson. Defensive specialist and libero, Mikala Gleason, will step into the backup setter role for the time being.

It will be odd looking at the court at the Health and Sports Center and not seeing No. 7 hustling to the ball, twisting her body and setting up another gorgeous kill for the Lopers.

Surely UNK will miss her skill and raw talent on the court, but Bethany Spilde's leadership and encouragement will remain a constant on the bench, during practice and in the locker room for the duration of the Loper's title run.



Volleyball fundraising

Megan Kulhanek
Staff Writer

UNK PE 429 students helped raise money for Hurricane Katrina victims.

The sports marketing class, in conjunction with the UNK Athletic Department, raised \$488 at the Sept. 22 Loper volleyball game.

The funds will be donated to the American Farm Bureau Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund, and distributed to rural families that were affected by the hurricane.

Runza donated 10 percent of the night's concessions to the effort as well.

Shawn Fairbanks, assistant to the athletic director, said, "This shows the kindness of the community. We are helping other people who live in a place like Kearney."

Fairbanks also said, the weekend before the Chadron State volleyball game, the fans of Loper football and volleyball raised about \$1,500 to be donated for hurricane relief.

UNK athletes hit the books

Megan Kulhanek
Staff Writer

Student athletes at UNK work extra hard to maintain a 2.5 grade point average, attend class and practice, and get all their homework done.

Logan Brodine, a redshirt freshman on the football team, said, "I study for about five hours a week. I do a little reading and it takes a while to do my lab write-ups."

"With practice and school, it really isn't that hard to balance it all," Brodine, a junior exercise science major from Elm Creek, said. "Most of the time I have evenings to study, and it's not like I have homework every night."

Dan Huffman, a senior from Harrisburg majoring in athletic training, said, "I study around five hours a week at my house. I study best at my desk at night."

Huffman, who runs for the cross country team, is also in the Honors Program at UNK.

As freshmen or first-semester transfer students, athletes are required to attend study table at the Calvin T. Ryan Library for so many hours a week to help maintain the required GPA.

Mike Saniuk, a senior from Bellevue majoring in business administration, said, "During my freshman year, it [study hall]

helped me get in the habit of studying. It was a great way to meet other people who are studying the same thing and can help with questions."

Saniuk is a former tennis player for the Lopers. He now helps the team during practices.

While the life of a student athlete can be difficult and time consuming, the athletes at UNK prove every week that it is possible to study and play the sports they love.

Chelsea Bellamy, a freshman from Elwood majoring in management, is impressed by the way athletes handle the extra time commitments.

"Athletes have a lot of discipline," she said. "They have to coordinate their schedules to fit in school, sports and a life. Honestly, it's pretty amazing."



Photo by Megan Kulhanek

Student athletes log study hours at the study table in the basement of the Calvin T. Ryan Library. The study table is open Monday through Thursday evenings from 6 to 10.

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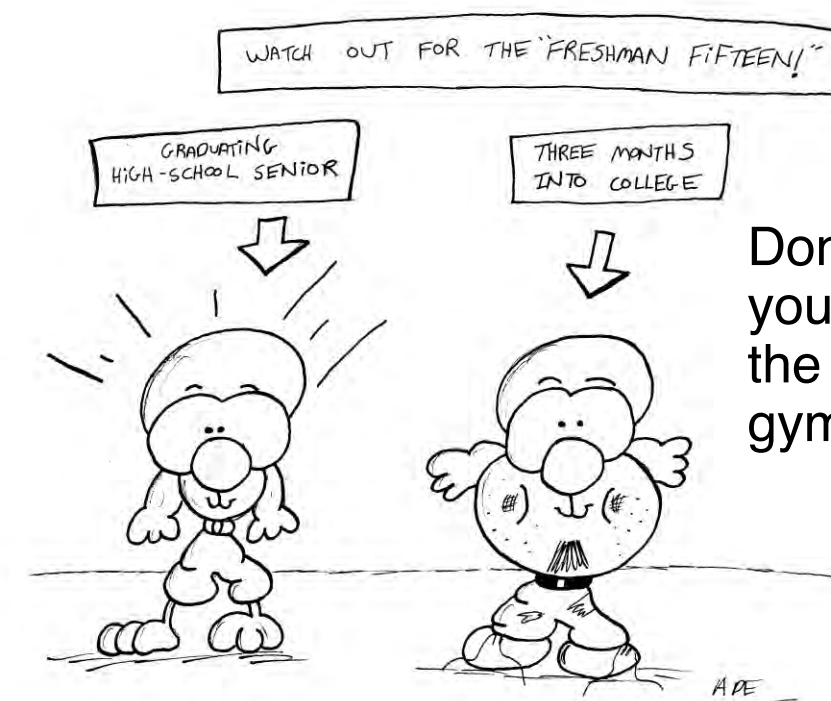
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News

Assaults raise ideas of new services

Heather Berney
Entertainment/Layout Editor

Organizations such as Peer Health Education and Public Safety provide students with information regarding rape prevention and safety on campus. When these prevention efforts fail, many UNK students and staff members are left wondering what to do next.

Fliers were posted across campus by Public Safety warning everyone to be on the lookout for suspicious activity. These fliers were posted as a result of two incidents that took place on campus during the month of September, one of which involved inappropriate touching, the other sexual assault.

According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, sexual assault is defined as "any genital, oral or anal penetration by a part of the body of the accused or by an object, using force or without the victim's consent."

Jon Wheeler, UNK judicial officer, said, "No suspects have been found at this time."

Two reports have been issued since the time of the incidents from students who said they saw the perpetrator on campus. Wheeler said that he takes the reports seriously and is heartened by the lack of reports regarding an actual assault.

Wheeler reported that on Sept. 14, after the attack, the victim was taken to the hospital and submitted for counseling.

Many believe that this situation could have worsened if it had gone unreported.

Dr. Diane Kholos Wysocki, co-director for women's studies, explained the many reasons why



Photo by Daniel Nickel

Tessa Gifford, a UNK junior majoring in women's studies, displays a petition stressing the need for a women's resource center as response to the sexual assaults on campus last month.

the victims of assaults remain silent.

"Women are often frightened to report sexual assault because of the way they are sometimes handled," Wysocki said. "A language barrier, fear of not being taken seriously or fear of a false-reporting violation could prevent a victim from speaking out."

Wysocki also referred to Public Safety's responsibility to report incidents to the campus.

"When an assault takes place on campus, whether it be assaults of women, assaults against homosexuals . . . any kind of assaults, we need to know about it," she said.

The first incident was reported to Public Safety on Sept. 3. The bulletin issued by Public Safety was posted on Sept. 15. Calls to Public Safety and the Kearney Police Department were not returned.

In wondering what UNK should do as a

result of the recent events, many students and faculty members

"UNK needs to take initiative and make something positive stem from this tragic incident."

Tessa Gifford
UNK junior

have presented the solution of a women's resource center. A petition describing the need for such a center was recently presented to UNK students.

Tina Chasek, a UNK counselor, said, "UNK offers many resources that students don't always take advantage of. As a campus, we can never do enough. We need some kind of coordination for the services provided so they will be more frequently used

by students."

According to Tessa Gifford, a UNK junior majoring in women's studies, the coordination of services is exactly what a women's center would provide. The center would utilize services already available to students including counseling, Student Health and Public Safety. The center would also present crisis intervention services and information about the many issues confronting men and women in college.

"It is important to have all of these services located in one place so victims are treated quickly and efficiently instead of being constantly referred from one organization to another," Gifford said. "UNK needs to take initiative and make something positive stem from this tragic incident. UNK needs a women's resource center."

Jan Deeds is the director of the Women's Center at UNL, a full-service resource center available to all male and female students on

campus. The Women's Center, in existence for 30 years, has recently developed a task force that specializes in working directly with campus police to improve communication and campus response to events similar to the recent attacks on UNK students.

The Women's Center also employs a "victim advocate" who walks people through the process of reporting the event and seeking physical and psychological treatment.

"I think a resource center for women is very important to any campus," Deeds said. "Women have many more opportunities than we did 30 years ago, but as long as women fear for their safety or worry about harassment and discrimination, a women's center needs to exist."

She added that as the UNL Women's Center director, she would be happy to assist the "sister campus" in developing a women's resource center.

Lopers vs. Huskers: Football

Megan Kulhanek
Staff Writer

Blue and gold, and scarlet and cream, are the colors competing for fans on Saturdays in Kearney.

Many UNK Loper fans also subscribe to Husker fever.

Most children in the state of Nebraska become Husker fans at a very young age. The highlight of children's lives is that first Husker game, and why wouldn't they be excited? Surrounded by 75,000, (soon to be 80,000 in 2006), fans dressed in Husker red, is almost every Nebraska child's dream.

Every Saturday during football season, Nebraskans across the state gather around a television to yell and scream and cheer on their favorite team. Fans sit with one eye trained on the television, and the other on their own kids playing high school sports.

Fans who are out during the game, walk through the mall and automatically stop at the sports store to see how the game is going.

If someone on the street asks, 'How are we doing? What's the score?,' clarification isn't needed to know that Big Red is being asked about.

But in Kearney, why isn't the big game the UNK Lopers?

It's possible UNK football is simply an extension of high school football. The games aren't televised, the team doesn't hold press conferences after each game, and the talk of the nation is not who Coach Morris will recruit for next year.

The Lopers play NCAA Division II football. While they are not the Big 12 Huskers, the team is just as important, if not more so.

Loper football games involve the heart of an athlete, and the heart of a school. UNK fields a team of athletes who don their uniforms with pride, and play every game

with all their hearts.

The UNK roster is filled with "home-grown Nebraska boys." Of the 104 players listed on the roster, 61.5 percent are from Nebraska.

Only 41.4 percent of UNL players hail from Nebraska hometowns. The Lopers have all the right ingredients for Nebraska pride in the UNK Loper Foster Field, and yet one thing stands in the way: the Huskers.

UNL has the draw of Memorial Stadium, a stadium that has been sold out for more games than it has not. Prior to last year, the Huskers also had the better field.

UNK has changed all of that with the FIELDturf, identical to that in Lincoln, that was installed last summer and the new stadium features in progress.

When completed, Foster Field will be every bit as glamorous and glitzy.

Already Loper fans can begin to see the architecture of the new buildings, the ath-

letes have played on a quality field and still the fans do not pack the stadium.

Mike Saniuk, a senior from Bellevue majoring in business administration, said, "UNL football is more popular because of the tradition of excellence. It's far more exciting to see a sea of red versus a creek of blue and gold."

Memorial Stadium, dedicated Oct. 20, 1923, was built in about 90 working days. Since that time, UNL has made numerous changes, modifications and upgrades to the facility.

In contrast, Foster Field, named for Charlie Foster in 1960, long-time coach and athletic director, was built in 1938 or 1939. The stadium has a capacity of 8,000 fans, including standing room.

While the Huskers are a phenomenal team worthy of their fame, the Loper team is equally impressive in their division.

The Lopers travel to Colorado this weekend to play the Colorado School of Mines.

Nebraska will win Big 12 North

Darnell Wood
Staff Writer

2005 is a new year for many teams in the Big 12 North. Many of the teams look to improve on last year's dismal records. Although the conference doesn't look very tough, there has to be a winner and a loser.

1. University of Nebraska
2. University of Colorado
3. Iowa State University
4. University of Missouri
5. Kansas State University
6. University of Kansas

University of Nebraska: (4-0, 1-0 Big 12) Let's face it, there aren't many tough teams on Nebraska's schedule.

The defense has been tremendous and has propelled them to a 4-0 start. The only problem is, they played the University of Maine, University of Pittsburgh, and Wake Forest University - these teams aren't exactly elite by any standards. Nonetheless, you cannot be a bad football team and be undefeated at this stage of the regular season.

The player that must be stopped when playing Nebraska is running back Cory Ross. He is the best and most gifted player on the Huskers' offense. Ross is a very multi-dimensional player that can break the game open at any given time.

The next best player on the offense is

punter Sam Koch. The way he has been punting has opened people's eyes, and his performance has helped the defense tee off on opponents' offenses.

Nebraska's big test will be Texas Tech University, not the University of Oklahoma. After giving the Huskers its worst loss ever last year, 70-10, will the Huskers rebound with an offensive explosion or will Texas Tech repeat the performance? This will be a tough game for the Huskers to dominate.

University of Colorado: (3-1, 1-0 Big 12) This is a team with the heart of a lion. Through all the turmoil and all the accusations, Gary Barnett has this team playing hard and with passion.

Yes, they lost to University of Miami and only scored three points, but how many teams in the Big 12 can beat Miami right now? I can only think of one.

Quarterback Joel Klatt is the leader of a pretty good offense, and don't be surprised if the Buffaloes shock some teams. They have a tougher schedule than the University of Nebraska, including Oklahoma State University, University of Texas and Texas Tech University, so they are not the clear-cut favorite to win the conference, but you better believe the Buffaloes will be ready Nov. 25 when the Huskers travel to Boulder.

Iowa State University: (3-1, 0-1 Big 12) This is a team that is talented at numer-

ous positions on the field. The problem is, Iowa State is known to choke in big games.

The Cyclones had a chance to put themselves on the map when they visited Lincoln on Saturday. They choked and found themselves having to dig themselves out of a hole in the Big 12 North.

Quarterback Bret Meyer is a very gifted athlete, but he must learn to make good decisions when the game is on the line - his inconsistency has hurt the Cyclones at numerous times. If this team wants to become elite, they have to ride his play to a victory.

The road ahead looks tough for the Cyclones, this team needs to find an identity fast or forever hold their peace.

University of Missouri: (2-2, 0-1 Big 12) After the drubbing the Tigers took on Saturday by the University of Texas, Missouri looks to get focused on what is important.

Remember, a year or so ago we were all commenting on how good Brad Smith was and how he can be a Heisman Trophy candidate?

The hype must have gotten to Smith because he has looked very mediocre in the last couple of games. If this team wants to go to the next level, Smith must go back to Smith of old and make some big plays, or Missouri will remain the same old mediocre pushover they're so good at being. The season depends on Brad Smith.

Kansas State University: (3-1, 0-1 Big 12) Can anyone say quarterback? This team once was elite, now they're just not very talented.

Yes, they have Bill Snyder at coach, and we know how he has affected the record books, but when you're coaching a team that doesn't have much talent, it becomes very hard to win. Just ask Penn State University. This team has a pretty good defense, but that's not going to get it done.

You must have a quarterback to take some pressure off of your defense and Kansas State has Allen Webb. Can we all say, "It's gonna be a very long year!"

University of Kansas: (3-1, 0-1 Big 12) When the word Kansas rolls off your tongue, you start to think sub-par.

Yes, they are 3-1, but this team just isn't very good. They can't get any top notch recruits and they definitely can't get a primetime quarterback. Put two and two together and it spells disaster for this program.

Big 12 North Offensive Player of the Year: Cory Ross, University of Nebraska

Big 12 North Defensive Player of the Year: Marcus Burton, University of Colorado

Big 12 North Coach of the Year: Bill Callahan, University of Nebraska

Sports

Lopers dominate Homecoming

Derek Miller
Staff Writer

Whether it was the football game, the visiting alumni or the parade on 27th Street, Homecoming weekend overtook the UNK campus.

The weekend started with the annual Homecoming Parade, on Saturday morning from 10 to 11, on Central Avenue and 27th Street to the campus.

Sara Hamilton, a junior from Lincoln, was one UNK student who joined in the festivities.

"I live on 27th street and knew the parade was coming by our house, so we all got an early start on things," Hamilton said. "My sister, who is an alumni, was in town for the weekend and we all watched the parade, and partied a little. . . to get ready for the football game."

In front of 4,210 students, family and alumni, the football team took on the Adams State University Grizzlies Saturday at Foster Field.

Senior quarterback Marcus Goldenstein tied the school record with six touchdown passes, three to sophomore Tyler McNitt, as the Lopers rolled over the Grizzlies 61-24, to move to 5-1 on the season.

The Lopers racked up 545 yards of offense, on a defensive-minded team. The cheers from the Homecoming crowd showed they enjoyed the offensive fireworks.

One of those excited fans was Jeff Hardner, a senior from Beatrice.

"That was one of the best football games that I have ever watched here, and I've seen about eight or so," he said. "They couldn't stop our passing game today and we just moved the ball up and down the field. It makes for an exciting game to watch."

This weekend the team travels to Golden, Colo., to take on the Colorado School of Mines. This game will feature a match-up of the only two undefeated teams in the conference.

The game will be live on Y-102 FM and Web cast on Lopers.com.



Photo by Ryota Hayama

Kendrick Percell, UNK junior cornerback, No. 3, from Carol City, Fla., tackles Adams State University's No. 11 player.

Hustler's Corner

Derek Miller
Staff Writer

The Hustler got hustled this past weekend. After a blazing 20-4 start to the season, I have hit a rough patch. Last week I was 0-8. Maybe a rebound week is in store.

I tip my hat to the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers. They racked up 431 passing yards as they won in double overtime, 27-20, at Memorial Stadium.

Quarterback Zac Taylor set school records in yards and completions, during the biggest victory of the season. The offense looked good, but when you rack up yardage like that, you have to score more than 13 points in regulation.

In other college football action, the No. 1 University of Southern California Trojans continued to roll as they beat No. 14 Arizona State University, 38-28.

USC is the best team in the country until further notice. There are only three teams in my mind that could possibly beat them in a national championship game. Those three are the University of Texas, Virginia Tech University and Ohio State University.

Around the NFL, the action was intense. The Kansas City Chiefs squandered a victory by giving up 28 straight points to the Philadelphia Eagles. San Diego showed the

NFL they are a good team as they put one on the Super Bowl champions, 41-17. It seems New England's injuries have finally caught up with them.

There are four teams still undefeated - the Indianapolis Colts, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Cincinnati Bengals and Washington Redskins - will any fall during week five?

Let's get to the predictions:

- The No. 7 University of Tennessee will beat the University of Georgia, 21-20, in Knoxville.
- No. 2 University of Texas will finally beat the University of Oklahoma, 31-13.
- No. 12 California University will fall at No. 20 University of California Los Angeles, 38-35.
- Finally, the University of Nebraska will lose their first game of the year, 27-21, to No. 16 Texas Tech University.

In the NFL:

- I like the New England Patriots to beat the Atlanta Falcons on the road, 27-20.
- Philadelphia will beat Dallas, 20-14, in Texas Stadium.
- Cincinnati will fall from the ranks of the unbeaten, 24-17, at Jacksonville.
- Finally, in the Monday night game, I like the Chargers to beat a tough Pittsburgh squad, 21-17.

Study abroad builds respect

Matt Ringen
Staff Writer

Jessica Wirk, the regional director of the AustrLearn program for Nebraska, Kansas and the Pacific Northwest, was at the Nebraskan Student Union on Sept. 28 to educate students about the study abroad programs in Australia and New Zealand and its benefits and costs.

The objective of the AustrLearn program is to allow students to gain a greater respect in the relationship between North America, Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific in the context of the larger global community.

The program wants to achieve this respect by exposing students, advisers and faculty to internationally recognized universities and other educational organizations in promoting affordable academic opportunities to examine the culture of Australia and New Zealand.

Various programs for individu-

als or groups are available, ranging from two weeks to a yearly period. If students desire a short-term experience, there are programs available for internships, group class trips and leadership programs. The students have the chance to gain academic credit and personal development in observing, exploring and studying culture from a foreign country.

Wirk has visited numerous universities in the last few years to encourage students to take advantage of this program.

"We want to see students study abroad to broaden their horizons by seeing another part of the world which allows them to gain a global perspective," she said.

The informational guides Wirk gave to students highlighted 28 colleges throughout Australia and New Zealand that support the AustrLearn program.

The study abroad program cost is estimated between \$10,000 and \$15,000 per semester. Wirk emphasized that the cost can be broken down greatly with assistance from scholarships and finan-

cial aid opportunities. More than \$275,000 in scholarships are awarded yearly to students.

Students with one year's worth of college credits can participate in the AustrLearn program. There are different GPA requirements ranging from 2.5 to 3.0 averages depending on the college. Faculty recommendations are also needed for all programs. While sophomore students are allowed to do study abroad programs, internships require students to have at least a junior standing status.

Once a student is accepted into AustrLearn, he or she will work one-on-one with a coordinator who gives the student advice on registration for classes, flight arrangements and housing.

Photo by Matt Ringen

Jessica Wirk, the regional director of the AustrLearn program, talks about the opportunities of studying abroad at the UNK Student Union.



Staff stresses freedom of expression



Jared Blanton
Staff Writer

The American Library Association (ALA) celebrates freedom of expression during the last week of every September with Banned Books Week. Staff at the Calvin T. Ryan Library at UNK recognized the week by presenting a display with famous quotes regarding free expression and displays of books that have been fre-

quently challenged in the United States.

Banned Books Week refers to controversial books that have been challenged. A challenge is a formal written complaint by a person or group to remove or restrict materials in a library or a school.

Dee Goedert, the head of Access Services, and Sharon Mason, the head of Cataloging/Systems/Serials, created the display, which was exhibited on the first floor of the library throughout the week.

To Goedert and the rest of the staff at the library, it is important for citizens to recognize that free speech and expression is still challenged in America.

"We see it as censorship," Goedert said. "We don't believe that censorship is appropriate. People need to be able to judge for themselves what material is appropriate and they cannot do that if they don't have access."

Some of the most frequently challenged books include books containing homosexuality, political and religious or anti-religious themes. Books with violent or sexually explicit content, or content that is considered to be anti-family, are also frequently challenged.

Literary works by authors such as Judy Blume and Robert Cormier are often challenged. Phyllis Reynolds Naylor was the most challenged author in 2004, according to the ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom. The most challenged book of 2004 was "The Chocolate War" for sexual content, offensive language, being unsuitable for the target age group and violence, according to the ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom. Author J.K. Rowling's popular "Harry Potter" series has been frequently challenged for occult themes.

"It is mostly parents who chal-

lenge books," Goedert said. "There are some religious and interest groups that do as well."

Communications professor Dr. Carol Lomicky teaches Communication Law every semester, which is a course that focuses on First Amendment laws and other censorship issues.

"If a group or parents object to any kind of medium, they will bring it before the school board," she said.

According to Lomicky, the specific practice of government policy actually banning books is a rare occurrence in America.

"Banned Books Week is actually a misnomer," she said, "It should be called Challenged Book Week."

The Office for Intellectual Freedom received 547 challenges in 2004, up from 458 in 2003. From 1990 to 2000, there were 6,364 challenges reported. The most challenged author since

1990 has been Alvin Schwartz. Other authors on that list include Judy Blume, Stephen King and John Steinbeck.

According to the ALA, Banned Books Week celebrates the freedom to choose or the freedom to express one's opinion even if that opinion may be unorthodox or unpopular. The ALA stresses that those works containing unorthodox or unpopular material must be readily available because intellectual freedom can only exist when these two conditions exist.

Lomicky also emphasized the importance of free expression in democratic society and wants people to be aware that attempts at censorship still exist in America today.

"In 2005 people and organizations are still trying to control what other people read," she said.

Service learning enters classrooms

Chelsie Flanagan
Staff Writer

Geraldine Stirtz, the UNK Office for Service Learning director, and a group of UNK students recently traveled to Vermillion, S.D. to participate in a panel presentation at the annual Midwest Consortium for Service Learning in Higher Education Conference.

Stirtz, who is also a member of the teacher education faculty, was recognized by the Midwest Consortium Voyager Award for her contributions to the service learning programs on the UNK campus. She has been a service learning representative for the consortium since 1998.

The Midwest Consortium is funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The consortium is made up of 21 institutions representing the states of Nebraska and South Dakota. It helps to provide universities with grants for incorporating service learning into the classroom.

"Service learning is more than doing community service," Stirtz said. "Service learning means you serve to learn and learn to serve."

Teacher education majors are required, at some time during their program, to complete a service learning project for their communities.

To fulfill the service learning requirements, the students must submit a verification letter from a community contact person as well as a log of hours, photographs and news articles to show that they have completed the requirement. In addition, students must also submit a self-reflection paper explaining how they completed their service learning project and what they have learned from their experiences.

"When students complete their service learning projects, they see the meaning for what they are doing, they feel appreciated and they like the feeling of helping someone in need," Stirtz said. "They grow through this experience."

At the consortium, three students from UNK, Maria Morales, Anne Nagel and Stuart Lenz, were given the opportunity to participate in a panel presentation of their personal experiences upon completing the service learning projects.

"I had a really good time at the consortium. It was neat to be around people interested in learning through serving," Nagel, an education major from Kearney, said. "I attended panel discussions that opened my eyes to the kinds of difficulties, as well as advantages, in trying to set up programs that integrate community service learning at schools."

The purpose of service learning for the education program is to show future teachers how to incorporate service learning into their classrooms.

"They [education majors] see what goes on in the lives of family and children. They learn about themselves, but also about the needs of the 'other,'" Stirtz said.

Service learning is not a program that is strictly related to teacher education majors. Stirtz hopes to create more opportunities for service learning projects in other disciplines of study.

"It is important to focus on student involvement, to look at the bigger picture," she said.

Not only does Stirtz direct and facilitate the service learning for

the teacher education program, but she also teaches a graduate-level course on service learning and has developed the Service Learning Corps of Rural Nebraska, and AmeriCorps program for teachers in the K-12 system. Twenty-three teachers in the area were enrolled for the program.

In addition, Stirtz trains UNK faculty once a year on how to incorporate service learning into their classrooms. She said that a recent English class did research on a need in the community and ways to meet those needs. They worked within the community on various projects and then reported reflection papers back to the professor on how they learned through serving.

"It takes a lot of work to set up, but it is great to see students learning outside of the classroom," Stirtz said. "It gives real-life applications that they will be able to use in their various fields."

She added that she plans on putting together an opportunity for students to participate in an alternative spring break to the Gulf Coast in order to serve the needs of the recent hurricane victims in those areas.

For more information about service learning, contact the Office for Service Learning at 308-865-8957 or visit <http://www.unk.edu/service>.



Courtesy Photo provided by Geraldine Stirtz
Geraldine Stirtz, middle, the director of the UNK Office for Service Learning, participates in the Midwest Consortium for Service Learning having three of her students present their service learning projects. Maria Morales, left, Anne Nagel, Geraldine Stirtz, and Stuart Lenz, right, present UNK at the consortium.

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Blogging our way to the future

Matt Fisher
Staff Writer

Have you read a good book lately? Perhaps a magazine? Even a newspaper? While the aforementioned media are popular and have been so for quite some time, a new form of expression is sweeping the nation. A medium that not only lets someone read about another person's dinner the night before, but also lets aspiring law students read about a lawyer's impending case. This concept is known as blogging.

According to an Aug. 9 posting on www.vnunet.com, "Nearly 50 million Americans, about a third of all US internet users, visited blogs during the first quarter of 2005." But what are blogs, and why are they so popular?

According to www.dictionary.com, a blog is "an online diary; a personal chronological log of thoughts published on a Web page." Pretty simple stuff really, as users don't have to abide by typical restrictions of grammatical form, they are free to write about what interests them, and most surprisingly, people actually read about other blogger's lives.

"Compared to the average internet user, blog readers are significantly more likely to live in wealthier households, be younger and access the web via high-speed connections," said the vnunet.com report. But has this blogging phenomenon struck home to the Kearney area?

According to UNK Freshman and local

blogger, Josh Smith, it has. "I've been writing in my blog on and off for a couple of months. I don't write in it as much as I used to, but it is still fun," said Smith.

For many, these blogs act as a way to meet new friends online. With many blogs offering the option for readers to write comments about another person's blog, the ability to interact and meet new people has never been easier.

"There are some people that write stuff about my blog, and then I'll go comment on theirs. There is a group of us that read each other's entries, which makes it fun when we hang out," Smith said.

What lies in the future for bloggers and the blogging community in general? Apparently, the road is paved in green, as bloggers are starting to earn money for their online thoughts. Though the majority of bloggers do it "for the love of the game," as the old saying goes, there is some financial interest in this medium.

But how does it work? As with any online venture, the majority of money comes from advertising. While Coca-Cola isn't going to be banging on any bloggers' doors anytime soon, there is a service through Google that can add some extra lining to the wallets of bloggers everywhere.

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out any of the links. This venture won't set many up for life, but for most, any additional coin is always welcome.

So for whatever reason, may it be to get a new recipe, find a friend, or even to discuss politics, millions of Americans are log-

ging on to blog, and it appears to be on the rise. With so many different facets to focus on, the sky truly does seem to be the limit. So, have you read a good book lately? A magazine or newspaper? How about a blog?

Student joins evacuation effort

Katherine Thomas
Staff Writer

Hurricane Rita hit the coastline of Texas and Louisiana as a Category 3 hurricane. Many fami-

lies evacuated with fear of what might happen if they stayed in Rita's path.

Jennifer House, a student at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and her husband left on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7 a.m. for

Houston, where her parents and younger brother and sister reside.

The couple arrived in Houston at 1:45 p.m. to evacuate her siblings while her parents finished boarding up the residence. House and her husband left with her siblings at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday night for Kearney. Normally a 16-hour drive, the trip totaled 59 hours. House, her husband and two younger siblings did not arrive in Kearney until 6:27 a.m. on Saturday. It took the family 25 hours just to get out of the city of Houston and another 12 hours to get through Dallas, Texas.

At one point, the temperature inside the car reached 125 degrees. House feared her 10-year-old brother, who was sleeping in the backseat, would pass out from the heat. Officials recommended to those stuck in the traffic to avoid using air conditioning because it uses more gas. House and her family went without air conditioning for 10 hours. Afraid her family might get heat stroke, she finally turned it on.

"Everyone in the car was freaking out. We knew the hurricane was about to hit and our parents were having trouble evacuating because the roads were clogged and we were caught in traffic," House said.

Approximately five or six hours before the hurricane hit, House's parents turned south and headed for Corpus Christi, Texas. When they returned to their home, there was no real damage except for a few broken fences and some tree branches.



Photo by Jennifer House
Evacuations from Texas caused miles-long traffic jams before Hurricane Rita struck.

O'Neill native Michael Fernau, graduated from Kearney State College in December of 1989 with a degree in telecommunications. Fernau is now the news director for ABC 13 in Houston. His wife, kids, dog, sister-in-law and mother-in-law evacuated the city on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 2:30 a.m. The family's destination was a town about 70 miles away. The trip took almost 17 hours. Fernau stayed at the television station.

"My kids wanted me to evacuate with them but I had to be there to give information. My job is to try and broadcast no matter what and keep the public informed," he said.

Fernau spent Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights at the

station where 20 cots were set up. The station also had sleeping bags, food and four portable restrooms in case power was lost during the storm. The station was on air for a total of 56 hours straight.

The production crew for the station worked on 12-hour shifts. Fernau and the other director alternated every two hours. During a break, he went outside to see the action for himself. With gusts of wind of up to 75 mph, Fernau was amazed by the power of the storm.

"I was excited. I'm from Nebraska and have heard stories about hurricanes but have never experienced anything like this. I was scared for my family. Once I knew they were taken care of, then I wanted to experience it," he said.

Fernau's home suffered no real damage. The family had boarded up all the downstairs windows and two of the upstairs with plywood. A few trees, about 20 to 30 feet tall, were uprooted.

"During blizzards, hurricanes, tornadoes, etc. you are so used to looking to the television stations for information. This time, I was getting the information. It was really neat being on the other side," Fernau said.

New look 'Jet' hosts hard bands from Cali

Derek Wakefield
Staff Writer

The Jet was the host to many bands Thursday, Friday and Saturday helping to start October off with an entertaining weekend.

The bands featured at the Jet on Saturday were The Rainman Suite, The One and Only Typicals, Memories from Tomorrow, Reprove The Chaste and The Screaming Mimi's. Most of the bands played music from the metal and punk genre.

The night started off with the bands practicing and people standing around chatting. At 8:45 p.m., the lights dimmed and

The Screaming Mimi's started with a song by the Misfits, called "All Hell Breaks Loose".

The mixed crowd consisted of friends of the bands, college students and some middle-aged people who were sitting at tables enjoying the drinks and the music. All of the bands seemed excited to be there and encouraged audience participation.

Aaron Damratowski, drummer of the high school band, The Screaming Mimi's, said that the members of the band all used to skate together and all played instruments so they decided they would try to start a band.

"We have three of our own songs, but they are all untitled and we get most of our influence from the Misfits," Damratowski said. The band met Puke (Lucas Wright) at one of the Pink and Black shows. Damratowski has been playing drums for a year and a half and is self-taught.

Lucas Wright, a UNK senior from North Platte, helped pull most of the festivities together courtesy of Black Heart Booking.

"I started with Black Heart Booking in high school," Wright said. He used to run sound for bands from around the state and would get calls from them when they were going to play.

"I knew a lot of people in bands and was always around and involved in music. I think it is fun to talk to the media and host events," Wright said. Wright has been trying to create a more prominent music scene in Kearney. His hometown of North Platte has more shows than Kearney and he said he wants to get something going here.

Black Heart Booking has been scheduling bands to perform at Thunderhead Brewing, Paradise Cove and now, the Jet. Many believe the Jet is the preferred place for shows since it is closer to campus now that Thunderhead is remodeling and is more

focused on food.

Most of the promotions for the bands come from word-of-mouth and fliers provided by the bands or Wright, who makes them with help from some of the graphic design students. Wright said that bands are happy to talk to people to get the word out and they've already had some of the bands' stories and pictures in the paper.

Erin Stump from Lincoln said that she heard about the bands through a friend and decided to come hang out.

"I didn't realize that there were going to be so many minors here, but everybody seems like they are really into the music. The Screaming Mimi's look really young," Stump said.

She didn't realize that bands from Los Angeles were going to be here and thought that it was good for bands from bigger cities to come and support smaller areas to help get them into music.

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E-dating is love at first type

Julia Stumkat
News Editor

Career-oriented women discover the Internet to find romance

Lisa Siegel, 50, had been single for a long time when four years ago, one of her friends suggested that she try an online dating service.

Siegel, the product manager of ZLB Behring in King of Prussia, Pa., said she was not enthusiastic about the idea of online dating.

"I was really reluctant," she said. "I could not see myself putting information and pictures on a site. I wanted to control the situation. It was a very scary idea to me to not know the people and interact with

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Lisa Siegel
Online dater

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Siegel said her friend sent her links to various online dating services. She finally chose Match.com.

Match.com is the world's biggest online dating service with more than 15 million members, said Liz Entwistle, the public relations manager of Match.com. She added that Match.com receives notice of more than 200 marriages or engagements a month.

The site is organized as a database con-

sisting of different categories, such as sex, age, marital status and place of residence, which makes it possible to pre-select candidates. The profiles include brief self-descriptions and pictures of the candidates.

Siegel said she analyzed what the men had to say and what they looked like.

"I got a good sense of how people wrote," she said. "You could tell who was intelligent and who was not. I also paid attention to what was in the background of the pictures. I was really careful. I did research until this great guy popped up."

Siegel paid Match.com \$24.99 to contact Brian Siegel, an attorney from Lower Gwynedd. She said that he had kind eyes, a sense of humor and made a well-educated impression, characteristics that set him apart from the other candidates.

Although Siegel's children were surprised about their mother's online dating experience, they were fine with it.

"Better than having eyebrows raised," she said. "I think it's becoming more socially accepted. The word is out there."

Siegel and her candidate exchanged more information online and talked on the phone before they actually met four days later. Siegel told her children the location where she was supposed to meet him and gave them his name and phone numbers for her own safety.

"We had a good time," she said. "He went home and took his profile off the very same night. I would have never guessed, in a million years, that I would meet somebody on the Internet. You never know. Those were the best \$25 I've ever spent."

The couple got married three years later, on May 1, 2004.

For many users, especially career-oriented people, the Internet presents a practical, convenient and time-saving tool to develop interpersonal relationships, said Dr. Diane K. Wysocki, the co-director of women's studies and associate professor of sociology at UNK.

Publishing the article "Let Your Fingers Do the Talking: Sex on an Adult Chat-line," which was part of her dissertation, "Somewhere Over the Modem: Interpersonal Relationships Over Computer Bulletin Boards," she herself has been studying online relationships.

Wysocki said relationships often fail because people do not know what they are looking for in their partners.

"People go too fast in getting into relationships," she said. "They meet, and then they try to make the relationship fit rather than finding out what they want. They already set it up to fail."

According to Wysocki, online dating has the advantage that you can pre-scan

people who are put in various categories, based on their personalities, lifestyles and appearance.

"You get to ask for exactly what you want," she said. "The Internet makes dating easier and less time-consuming. You can narrow down the field of candidates."

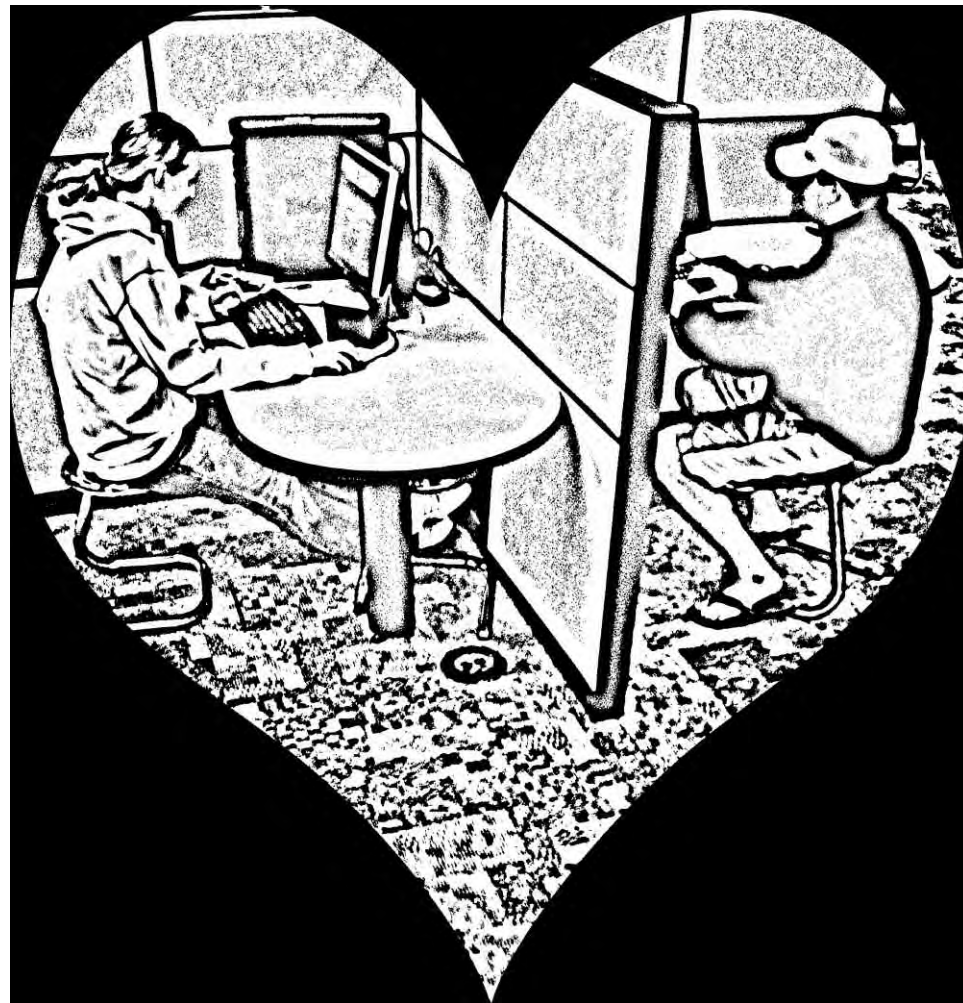


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"For many users, especially career-oriented people, the Internet presents a practical, convenient and time-saving tool to develop interpersonal relationships."

Dr. Diane K. Wysocki

Co-director of women's studies and associate professor of sociology at UNK

Having a career and children, Wysocki herself got to know her husband online.

"I might be the sociologist who studied online relationships early in the '90s before it became popular, never thinking I would find my own husband on the Internet," she said. "It just made sense that I would start looking for someone online. We are career-oriented people who don't have time to go to the bars to look for a partner. "

Users of online dating services can do their own research on potential dates to avoid disappointments and make dating a safe activity. Wysocki said that one can get credit reports and find out whether the person was in trouble with the law.

Among many other safety tips regarding

UNK Theatre presents 'Godspell'

Sheena Rader
Staff Writer

Opening night for Godspell was on Thursday evening and will continue to run on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6-8 at 7:30 p.m. in UNK's Miriam Drake Theatre.

Godspell was conceived and originally directed by John-Michael Tebelak with music and new lyrics by Stephen Schwartz. UNK's production is under the direction of Daniel M. Jones. The entire design and stage management team for this musical is made up of students with the exception of Director Jones and Musical Director, Anne Foradori.

Jones said Godspell celebrates the human spirit and sends a renewed message of hope in a production set against a backdrop of the terrorist attacks in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001. Jones said, "We put this in a context that everyone in our society can identify with. It's not just about religious values, but moral values."

The cast of Godspell includes: Brette Covington, Russtana Faimon, Chance Hartman, Jordan House, Jenna Johannsen, Steve Ingemansen, Joseph Knispel, Katie Miller, Grant Pyper and Rutheah Williams.

The artistic and production staff includes: Lighting Designer, Kris Haack; Makeup Designer, Chance Hartman; Choreographer, Joshua Dan Hermansen; Scenic Designer, Takashi Morimoto; Sound Designer, Jim Sagehorn; Assistant Stage Managers, Brad Perez and Sarah Schreiter; Stage Manager, Shauna Warren; and Costume Designer Mikako Toda.



Photos courtesy of Dan Jones, Director

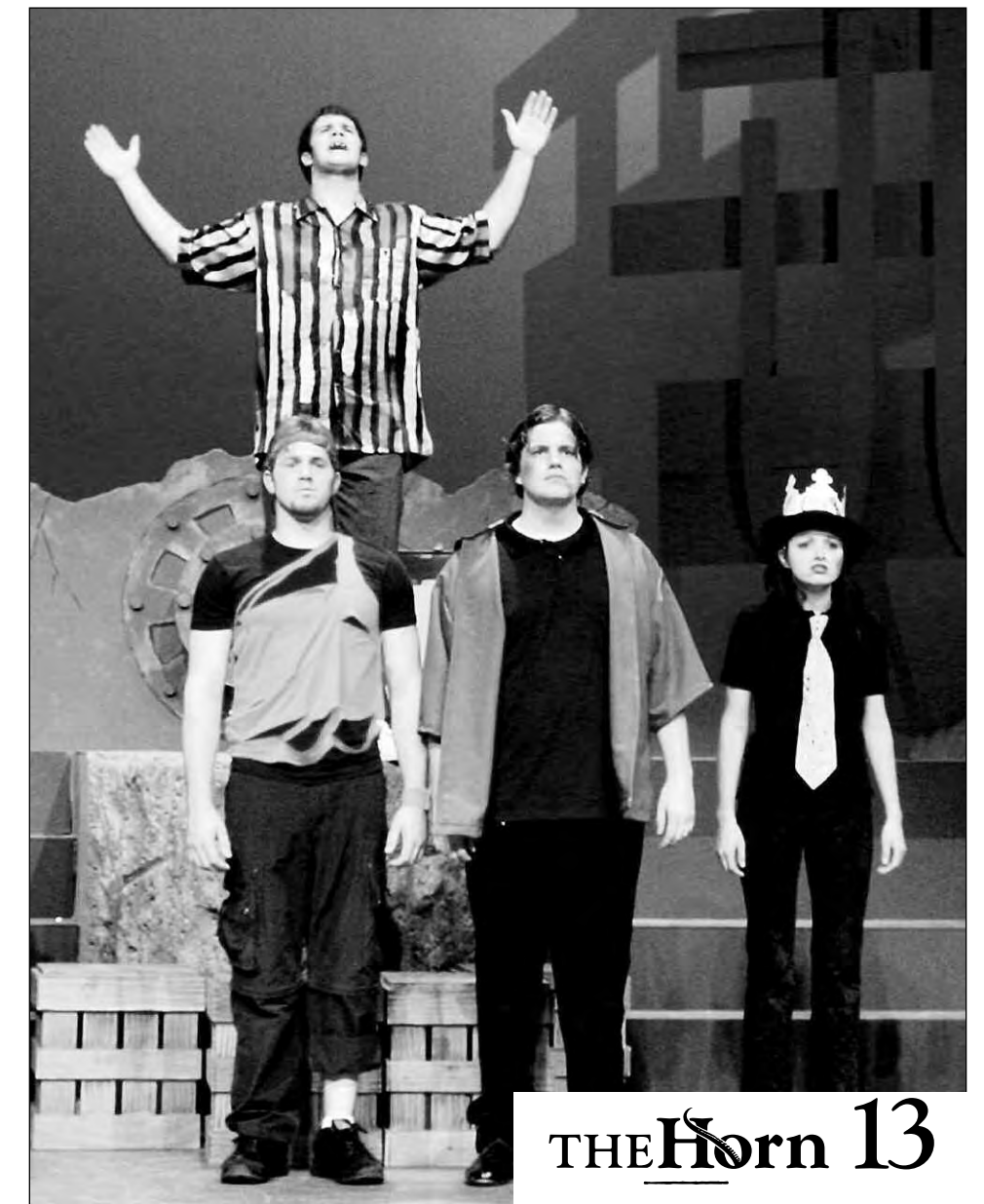
Above: The production begins in the rubble created by the 9/11 attacks.

Right: "Godspell" cast performs a parable. Clockwise from top: Joe Knispel as Jesus, Jenna Johannsen, Grant Pyper and Chance Hartman.

Below: Cast of "Godspell:"

Top row left to right: Joe Knispel, Steve Ingemansen, Chance Hartman, Katie Miller and Jenna Johannsen

Bottom Row left to right: Jordan House, Brette Covington, Rutheah Williams and Russtana Faimon.



Features

Homecoming rocks UNK 2005

Sheena Rader
Staff Writer

There were Michael Jackson impres- sions, ribbon dancers, boy band perfor- mances, dancing bananas, and even the ever-so-famous Napoleon Dynamite dance number.

UNK and Loper Programming and Activities Council presented this year's homecoming lip sync and royalty crown- ing on Thursday at the Health and Sports Center.

The theme for the evening was "Mirror to the past; Window to the future" with emcee Jesse Cain. The UNK Spirit Squad and Dance Team performed and kept the crowd's enthusiasm for the much anticipat- ed performances of the night.

Photo by Erika Dimas

Stacey Ross, a McPherson, Kan. freshman , goes around the track during the trike race on Wednesday, Sept. 28.



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Several residence halls, Greek houses, and campus organizations brought together their creativity and dancing talents to make the lip sync contest a very well-attended event. Performances ranged from the musi- cal stylings of New Kids on the Block to 'N Sync, Madonna to Britney Spears, and MC Hammer to 50 Cent.

CTE apparently impressed the student body with a human dancing milkshake to Kelis' "Milkshake," and Chi Omega and Sigma Phi Epsilon generated much laugh- ter with their human dancing bananas to Gwen Stefani's popular hit, "Hollaback Girl."

Movies definitely were not left out in the contest as Martin and Case Halls took the time to learn the dance finale we know from Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion, and Luke Saulsberry, represent-

ing Mantor and Mens Halls, stunned everyone with his groovy moves from Napoleon Dynamite.

First prize trophy went to Randall and Stout Halls. They opened up with some country tunes and mixed in some swing dancing and a

"Brady Bunch" sequence.

Second place was awarded to Gamma Phi Beta, Sigma Tau Gamma, and Sigma Lambda Beta. They pre- sented the crowd with music from The Beatles and a dance to Jessica Simpson's newest hit, "These Boots are Made for Walkin.'

Third place went to Chi Omega and Sigma Phi Epsilon who, of course, had the human dancing bananas, boy band singing, and disco moves to "Stayin' Alive."

Queen candidates were Sarah Marshall, Jael Johnson, Morgan Anderson, and Suzanne Bochmann. King candidates included Cody Sasek, Brad Miller, Luke Saulsberry, and Mike Eiberger.

Mike Eiberger and Jael Johnson, both representatives of Mantor Hall, were crowned king and queen for Homecoming 2005.

Chancellor Doug Kristensen said he



Photo by Erika Dimas

Kerri Myers, a Garden City, Kan. sophomore majoring in math education, limbos to victory on Monday, Sept. 26.

was pleased with the attendance and sup- port of the UNK student body. Head Football Coach Darrell Morris said, "This is one of the greatest things we do on cam- pus every year. It's good to see everyone's hard work and support. You guys make this the greatest school in the country."

Photo by Erika Dimas

Mantor Hall & Mens Hall take the stage for the spirit competition. Mantor and Mens won the competition.



Jamie Dusin
Guest Writer

For humans, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away," but for computers, an update a day can keep the viruses away.

With the amount of people using computers for home use, educational use or business use, keeping computers safe has become a priority. One way to keep a computer safe is to protect it from viruses. To do this, antivirus software needs to be installed and updated regularly.

According to the Net connection inc., "Viruses are the most misunder- stood program on the Internet. They are programs that someone wrote and most are designed to cause frustra- tion, some are designed to break other programs..., and some are designed to scan a computer for information, then transport that information by the Internet to servers where it may be used for criminal purposes."

Tom Schlund, a senior majoring in management information systems, said "Antivirus software is crucial in this day and age. There are new viruses that come out all the time that can cripple a system that is not pro- tected."

On its Web site <http://www.microsoft.com/athome/secu- rity/protect/antivirus.msp>, Microsoft said, "... Antivirus software helps protect your computer against most viruses, worms, Trojan horses, and other unwanted invaders that can make your computer 'sick.'"

But what most people forget is that antivirus software can become useless if it's not updated regularly.

"Updates are very critical to the successful protection of your computer," Schlund said. "Without running the updates, you're leaving yourself wide open to any new attacks." Schlund recommends updating antivirus software at least once a week.

To keep a computer safer, antivirus software can even be updated daily, which some people recommend, including Gloria Mason, a software technician at the UNK Helpdesk.

"With new viruses appearing daily, virus software quick- ly becomes useless, - out-of-date, if it is not updated," she said.

Keeping computer antivirus software may seem like a lot of work, but it can prevent even more work.

"By not using Antivirus software there is always the threat of potentially losing everything on your computer and going through the headaches...of [starting] from scratch," Schlund said.

McAfee is one type of antivirus software. The company also offers some virus detection and prevention tips:

- Do not open any files attached to an e-mail from an unknown, suspicious or untrust- worthy source.

- Do not open any files attached to an e-mail unless you know what it is, even if it appears to come from a friend or someone you know.

- Do not open any files attached to an e-mail if the sub- ject line is questionable or unexpected.

- Delete chain e-mails and junk e-mail. Do not forward or reply to any to them.

- Do not download any files from strangers.

- Exercise caution when downloading files from the Internet. Ensure the source is a legitimate and reputable one.

- Update your antivirus software regularly - over 500 viruses are discovered each month.

- Back up your files on a regular basis. You should store your backup copy in a separate location from your work files, one that is preferably not on your computer.

- When in doubt, always err on the side of caution and do not open, download or execute any files or e-mail attach- ments.

The NET connection inc. recommends never opening an attachment right away.

"Because of the way virus-infected computers work, most virus-infected e-mails will come from a friend or fam- ily member's e-mail address, and if you open the attachment thinking that your friend or family member would not send something that is unsafe, your computer may become infect- ed," the Web site said.

For UNK students, faculty and staff, McAfee antivirus software is supplied free. The software is available from the Help Desk in Otto Olsen. Other antivirus software can be downloaded free from the Internet at www.download.com.

Mason added to always remember to update these tools as well, especially before running them. Some of these programs include Ad-Aware, Spybot and Microsoft Antispyware.

Complete the quiz
on the right for
anti-virus
safety tips!

HOW SAFE ARE YOU

1. Do you use an antivirus software or service?
A) Yes
B) No
If yes, have you updated it within the past week?
A) Yes
B) No
2. When you are sent a file attachment or program you don't expect or want, do you:
A) Ask the sender what s/he sent you?
B) Throw it away?
C) Open it and see what it is?
3. Have you read about a security hole or security patch for your computer within the past 6 months?
A) Yes, I've read about both a security hole and a security patch.
B) Yes, I've read about either a security hole or a patch, but not both.
C) No, I haven't read about either in the past 6 months.
4. Do you use a firewall?
A) Yes
B) No
C) Don't know/Not sure
5. Do you use file sharing over the Internet?
A) No, I have no file sharing turned on.
B) Yes, I have open file sharing, but I know which programs make use of them.
C) Yes, I have open file sharing, and I don't know which programs use them
D) Not sure
6. When you are not using the computer, do you dis- connect from the Internet?
A) Yes
B) No
7. Passwords should be as hard to guess as possible. They should have numbers, uppercase letters, and lowercase letters, all mixed in. Do you use passwords with:
A) Numbers AND uppercase letters AND lowercase letters?
B) Two of the three?
C) EITHER numbers OR uppercase letters OR lowercase letters?
8. When was the last time you copied an important file to save it just in case something happened?
A) Within the last week
B) Within the last month
C) Longer than a month/never
9. Is the phone number for someone you can call for computer help, such as your cousin, the computer guru, or your company's Help Desk, written down next to the computer in case something strange starts happening on the computer?
A) Yes
B) No
10. Do you have written procedures of what should be done in case something strange does start happening, e.g., turn off the computer, call your cousin?
A) Yes
B) No

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Internet changes dating scene

Heather Berney
Entertainment/Layout Editor

“Women were not formerly immured in houses and dependent on husbands and relatives. They used to go about freely, enjoying themselves as they pleased best.”

These words were quoted by Pandu in the Mahabharata, an ancient book containing moral and philosophical teachings.

I present this quote because only a few years ago, many women did not have a voice on the internet, much like the women of ancient times. Throughout the last few years, women have gained a strong presence on the Web, but many are wondering at what cost.

Online harassment and abuse are growing issues for women as technology advances. Along with the thousands of blogs written by women for women, comes stalkers, who start in cyber-space and end up in the real world.

Jayne Hitchcock is the president and

cofounder of WHOA (Working to Halt Online Abuse), a Web site designed to present information to those who are the target of online abuse or those that simply want to be more aware of the issue.

“I was introduced to my partner, Lynda Hinkle in 1997,” Hitchcock said. “We became friends because we had similar cyber-stalking incidents that had happened to us in our lives.”

According to www.whoa.com, Nebraska is one of only five states in the nation that does not have a law regarding online abuse.

Hitchcock said, “It is very important for all 50 states to have laws because the majority of cases we work on involve the victim and harasser in different states. Ideally, we hope to get a federal bill passed this year as part of the VAWA bill currently pending in DC.”

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was passed in 1994 and provides domestic violence survivors with the means to escape violence and establish their independence that is often lost as a result of

abuse or online abuse. A statement at <http://www.ilrc.org/vawa.html> says the new addition to this act will help women self-petition for lawful status against their perpetrator.

Many women are posting their own blogs and neglecting to consider their personal safety online. A woman named Michelle adds to her blog www.morelike-myself.net almost daily. She often speaks of her problem with a breast cancer scare. Following is a quote from her blog.

“So I check into Admitting at 7:30 a.m. Monday. Because of my age, the nurses opted to do an ultrasound first. The ultrasound did turn up something, and I was instructed to get a mammogram, too.”

Hitchcock says she has been keeping a watchful eye on such blogs.

“I think that everyone, not just women, are overly trusting online,” Hitchcock said. “They tend to put up too much information in their profiles, talk too much in chat rooms and post too much information in their blogs.”

The Web site, located at <http://www.datingrev.com/safety.htm>, lists several ideas for staying safe online.

Keep your personal information private. Carefully choose your online name.

Have your wits about you when meeting in real life.

Trust your instincts.

Beware of totally free personals services.

An explanation of these safety tips can be found at the Web site.

Hitchcock says she has heard the stories of many women who have been harassed online. She admits that convincing law enforcement to take the issue of online safety seriously has been a serious issue. With time, many are realizing the significance of this issue.

“People tend to forget that anyone online anywhere in the world can read what they post online and it can be used against them,” she said. “Often, it is.”

MySpace creates e-friendships

Molly Albrecht
Guest Writer

UNK alum Christine Kozak (’04) said she was not at all shocked when her cellular phone was turned off last month. In April, she moved from her hometown of Kearney, Neb., to Pasadena, Calif., to study at the California School of Culinary Arts. Costs of moving and living in California immediately affected Kozak. After paying for her rent, electricity and food each month, she had no money left over. Her cell phone was one of the first things to go.

Most young adults would feel distressed without a phone, especially being hundreds of miles away from home, but Kozak said she’s not concerned about how she’ll communicate with family and friends. She said MySpace.com is all she needs to stay connected.

“I like using MySpace because it allows people who live thousands of miles apart, but who have similar interests, to communicate with each other,” Kozak said. “I joined right after moving out here, and it has been a lifesaver for me. I have been able to keep in touch with my family and friends in Nebraska, and I’ve been able to meet new friends in California, too.”

The Web site is a free social-networking service that allows members to create

Additionally, each profile can be personalized through specialized borders, backgrounds, and text colors and sizes.

All MySpace members are entitled to upload 10 images and post unlimited blog entries. They can send messages to their friends and anyone else in their extended social networks. They can also post comments and insight about their friends on their friends’ profile pages and join groups to meet others with related interests.

Other MySpace features include music from popular recording artists, as well as independent artists, games, forums and even classified ads. In addition, the Web site enables instant messaging and personal calendars.

“People can truly put their lives online, interact and meet around shared interests,” MySpace CEO Chris DeWolfe, said in an online article from the Decatur, Ill., Herald



Photo graphic by Daniel Nickel

“We really wanted to create the next generation’s portal around peoples’ lives . . . They use it as a mechanism to stay in touch with their friends and plan their social lives.”

Chris De Wolfe
MySpace CEO

& Review. “Their Web pages become an extension of themselves, an accurate and creative representation of how they see themselves.”

DeWolfe said that MySpace began in September 2003 and now lists the profiles of 24 million users worldwide.

“We really wanted to create the next generation’s portal around people’s lives,” he said. “It’s been baked into our users’ routines. They use it as a mechanism to stay in touch with

First, a person must sign up and create a profile. A member’s profile is his or her space on the Web site where he or she can describe personal facts such as location, hobbies, interests, religious views, marital status, astrological sign, physical appearance, smoking and drinking habits, sexual orientation, level of education and career.

Senior Mike Williams of Papillion has been a member of MySpace since May. He said he particularly enjoys the blog feature offered by MySpace.

“It gives me a peek into my friends’ lives and gives me a chance to just vent and speak my mind without worrying about how people might react,” Williams said. He

said another unique feature of MySpace is that it gives users a chance to get in touch with some of their favorite bands through the MySpace music section.

Williams said he usually posts one blog per week on topics from school to his love life to the books he’s reading or music he’s listening to. He said he usually tries to use some discretion with the information that he posts.

“MySpace does not censor blog material, but I don’t post anything obscene or too offensive. I try to stay fairly candid, but I don’t want to post anything I might regret or that might get someone else in trouble,” Williams said.

He said he has always felt that the information he provides on MySpace is secure.

“If I don’t want people to know something, I just don’t post it. I get complete control over what people see on my page, so if my friends post a comment that I don’t want people to see, I can make it private so it’s only available to me,” William said.

While online social-networking sites are popular with many, others are not convinced that they are worth the time to peruse.

Former UNK student William Tangeman of Kearney, said that he has not taken much time with sites such as MySpace. “My impression from the ones I have looked at has been that there are so few people involved that it isn’t worth the effort. I’ve never found one where there was anybody I know participating. It’s an unorganized

wasteland out there.”

Tangeman said he communicates with his family and friends through telephone, e-mail, i-chat using his webcam, and a family blog hosted by Blogspot.com.

“I meet most of my friends at the gym or at work,” he said. “Web friends can be very creepy, so I steer clear.”

Tangeman said it’s possible he might use a social-networking site in the future. “I’m waiting for the ‘killer-app.’ I haven’t seen it yet. I expect it to come from Apple or Google,” he said.

Despite skepticism, sites such as MySpace continue to grow in popularity as word-of-mouth makes them known. Members like Kozak, who have no other way to communicate with loved ones, are grateful.

“Until I get enough money to turn my phone back on, I will head to the computer lab and just use MySpace,” she said.

Broadcasters question credibility of sources

Kent Lutt
Managing Editor

Local radio broadcasters who utilize the Internet for news research are facing the challenges of reporting accurate, error-free information gathered from e-mails and Web sites.

The possibility of using misleading information from online sources forces the broadcasters to investigate the validity and credibility of these sources.

“There isn’t a specific policy about how many times to review Internet sources, but it’s just common sense to check into them as much as possible,” Dave Jenner, sports director of NRG Media in Kearney, said. “I always at least double-check my Associated Press papers and sports scores from the Internet before I go live.”

Steve Altmaier, associate news director of NRG Media in Kearney, said, “I use only reliable Internet sources. Press releases and e-mails from universities, the state patrol, the governor’s office, senators, . . . these are all credible sources. It’s always good to follow everything up with an official source.”

Altmaier added, “I never broadcast unsigned, unverified tips from the public

from e-mails and Web sites.”

Misleading information and grammatical errors are sometimes found in e-mails and Web site links sent to the radio station. Jenner explained, “We have received fatality announcements from online sources ready to go to air, but the community that the deceased was from was incorrect. You have to watch out for inverted sports scores from Associated Press wires, too.”

According to Jenner, nearly 95 percent of his sports news and information arrives to him via online sources such as the Associated Press. Altmaier estimated that almost 25 percent of his news originates from online sources.

“Because so much of my sports content comes from online sources, it’s made my job much more convenient,” Jenner said. “It’s also made it scarier. You need a back-up plan at all times, in case your online sources fail you.”

Altmaier said, “The Web has definitely made it easier to contact sources. But it also forces reporters to become more Web-conscious.”

Many online resources are available to report Web sites and e-mails that spread misinformation. These resources are attempting to archive problematic Web sites and e-mails containing misleading data, Internet “hoaxes” and grammatical errors.

The Nebraska Educational Association, found online at www.nea.org, is assisting in combating misinformation on the Web, for



Photo by Kent Lutt

Dave Jenner, sports director for NRG Media in Kearney, gathers sports information online for broadcast.

students and community members. Andrea Pryor, educational consultant for the Southwestern Ohio Instructional Technology Association, wrote an article entitled “Evaluating Web Sites,” from the book “Classroom Leadership Online,” which helps define which Web sites and e-mails are credible sources.

According to Pryor’s article, “Evaluating Web Sites,” there are 10 questions to ask yourself before using information on a Web site:

- Is this Web site appropriate?
- Can my computer support this site?
- What type of Web site is this?
- Who publishes this Web site?

•Who is the author of this page, and what are his [or her] credentials?

•Is there an e-mail, post address or phone number to reach the author?

•Does the author cite his [or her] sources?

•Are there obvious errors in the page?

•How current is the information?

•How does the site compare to others with similar information?

Other resources that address the problem of misinformation on Web sites and e-mails include the Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting Web site at www.fair.org and the Cyberjournalist.net Web site at www.cyberjournalist.net.