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UNK professor speaks about life as a Cuban exile

By **SILVIA MARTINEZ**
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“Celebrando Nuestras Raices,” which means “to celebrate our roots,” was the theme of the closing ceremonies of Hispanic Heritage Month. The celebration included inspirational words from UNK Professor Eduardo Gonzalez, an educator who was exiled from Cuba and who narrated his struggles as an immigrant worker when first arriving in the United States.

The Hispanic Student Association hosted a ceremony in the Great Room at the Nebraskan Student Union. Every year since 1997 it has been a tradition for the association, in combination with the Office of Multicultural Affairs, to observe Hispanic heritage at UNK.

Carmen Montes, association secretary, said, “The reason for our presence is to celebrate our roots by remembering how we all have a beginning everywhere we go and how we establish ourselves where we go.”

Dr. Gonzalez was born and raised in Cuba. He became a teacher in 1970, but started teaching in the Cuban higher education system in 1977.

In 1988, he earned his doctorate in education, with an emphasis in foreign language teaching and translation at the Moscow Linguistic University.

Gonzales testified about experiences as an exile from

Cuba. He said that one third of the Cuban population is now exiled from their native land. Dr. Gonzales noted that there are more Hispanics in the United States than Canadians in Canada.

Dr. Gonzales made the audience aware of the contributions of Hispanics to the United States.

He said, “There are 1.1 million Hispanics who have served in the U.S. military. Less than two years ago, there were 63,000 Hispanics on active duty.”

Gonzalez said that the purchasing power of Hispanics in the U.S. amounted to \$600 billion last year. He predicted that it will grow over a trillion dollars by 2010.

The age profile of Hispanic purchasers is younger than the U.S. average: 25 years versus 35 years.

The emphasis that Hispanic culture places in the family structure is essential and reflects on the national economy.

Gonzales said, “Fifty-three percent of Hispanic buyers are married. Only 12 percent are either divorced or separated. Hispanics spend heavily, especially on products and services related to the household and family members.”

Gonzalez is a volunteer blood donor, a member of the Kearney Hub Readers’ Advisory Council, the Executive Board of the Nebraska Association for Translators and Interpreters, the American Translators Association and the National Association of Judicial Interpreters and Translators.



Mexican food was provided at no cost after the students heard from the speaker.

Recently, the Omaha World Herald honored the professor as an outstanding member of the community. He has published articles and books in English Spanish and Russian.

For student association members, it was an honor to have Gonzalez as a speaker.

Wilfredo Cabrera, freshman in pre-engineering, said, “I am excited to be part of this; HSA involves a lot of different people.

I am honored that . . . we are able to show and tell non-Latinos about what is it to be a Latino.”

After the speech Mexican food was provided at no charge. Entertainment followed the dinner, and this included Latino dancing.

Chrisna Clark, a Mass Media sophomore, sang two songs in English and Maria Avalos, an elementary education major sophomore, sang two songs in

Spanish.

Avalos said, “It’s a way to have a little taste of the Hispanic Culture and learn about different people. It’s a way to stay in touch, in community with people of the same culture.”

Ladies Mix, an energetic dance group, also performed at the celebration. The audience enjoyed the spontaneity, powerful voices and the dance moves of the performers.

At the end of the program members of the association offered Salsa and Merengue dance lessons to the audience.

A dance followed until midnight with music from “DJ Master” from Grand Island.

Armando Chavez, a freshman majoring in criminal justice, said, “I can relate to the people in this group. HSA deals with our culture.”

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Presentation focuses on election information

By **KARRI THUNKER**
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Have you ever wondered how much the media can affect voter decision-making?

Or, how the President uses the media to communicate to the public?

Or, even how the media use the presidency in order to obtain public opinion that is positive and productive?

These issues were discussed in a panel discussion titled "The President and the Media" held recently at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

The event was sponsored by the UNK Campus Democrats. it featured a panel discussion on how the president uses the media to communicate to the public, and how the public takes cues from the media when making judgments about the president and his policies. A question and answer session followed the panel discussion.

Panelists were Dr. Joan Blauwkamp and Dr. Diane Duffin, both political science faculty members, and Dr. Carol Lomicky, a faculty member in the communication department.

Blauwkamp discussed the role of the media in voter decision-making.

She discussed the current presidential coverage and how it impacts the decisions of voters.

She spoke about how the press is a business, which has ratings and a need to make money. Reporters use stories that will intrigue Americans, not just state the bare facts.

Duffin talked about what White House Press Secretaries call "feeding the beast."

This phenomenon examines how the modern presidency shapes the news media's agenda to obtain favorable coverage of the president and his policies.

Duffin also spoke about how candidates often stage photos in order to show their shining side. These photos put meaning behind the facts and represent different ideas in the Christian world.

Dr. Lomicky discussed the role and responsibility of the press in communicating political messages to the public – including the president's messages.

The president of the Campus Democrats, Clara Blankenbiller, junior and English major,said the speakers were chosen to demonstrate that the news does not provide all necessary information needed to choose an adequate candidate.

Citizens must do research their own as well because the messages displayed through the media are to make themselves money, not to give the facts.

The panel discussion was used to introduce the film that would be shown, Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch’s War on Journalism.

This documentary examines how media empires, more specifically the News Corporation headed by Rupert Murdoch's Fox News, are running a "race to the bottom" in television news. The documentary points out that large corporations are diminishing the public's right to know.

“It is always good to show people that you can’t take everything you hear or see on the news seriously,” Blankenbiller said.

She said, “We thought that having this panel discussion before the big election would help people realize that they needed to do some additional research on their own to make sure they really know whom they are voting for.”

“Always remember that you have a voice. . . . Make it heard,” Blankenbiller said. Campus Democrats meet every Tuesday at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Clara Blankenbiller at blankenbilmc@unk.edu.

Chicago trip for students teaches the meaning of community



By **STEPHANIE QUEEN**
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A trip to Chicago usually involves a visit to the Sears Tower, a slice of cheesecake at the Cheesecake Factory, and a stroll down Michigan Avenue.

The Windy City doesn't normally show off the other side of itself: the dozens of ethnic communities that make up most of its population, and the thousands of homeless people present in the streets and sidewalks.

UNK students enrolled in a special Political Science class had the opportunity to travel to Chicago during fall break and witness for themselves the side that most tourists don't see.

The class is a special topics course offered with the Honors department titled Rural and Urban Democratic Communities.

On this unique field trip to Chicago, the 20 students stayed in an international youth hostel, took public transportation all weekend, and were able to see how various ethnic communities functioned in the greater Chicago area.

The students spent a majority of their time at a Hispanic community called Pilsen, where they visited a local elementary school, volunteered at a soup kitchen and walked around, observing the occupants of the community.

Rolf said they watched children play soccer in the streets near St. Pius Elementary School because they don't have a real playground or the money to build one.

Jason Stodolka described a meeting with the principle of the St. Pius Elementary School. After giving the UNK students a tour of the facilities, she began to cry when speaking about her students.

“She's just that passionate about them,” Stodolka, a senior from Omaha, said.

He described the woman's desire for more teachers at the

school. He said she even encouraged Stodolka to teach right there at St. Pius! Stodolka said it was a consideration, although he is a secondary education major.

There are seven gang lines in Pilsen, an unusually high number for such a small area. About 50,000 Hispanic people live in the two-square mile area of Pilsen, Stodolka said.

“In Nebraska, I feel a sort of negative view of Hispanics,” Rolf said.

She pointed out that everybody is a minority in Chicago.

There are ethnic communities like this all over Chicago, because pockets of non-American native minorities have settled in their own ethnic groups.

“It reminded me a lot of south Omaha,” Stodolka said.

“Except the people [of Pilsen] had a certain pride- pride in being Hispanics and also pride in being Americans,” he said.

The neighborhood of Pilsen was formerly a Czech neighborhood, Rolf said. She, Stodolka and the rest of the class learned of a phenomenon that is sweeping through the ethnic communities of Chicago and is referred to as “gentrification.”

Gentrification is when “yuppies” or people with large finances pour their money into the old ethnic neighborhoods in order to improve them, but in doing so, they force the old inhabitants out because of rising property values. It is not clear if this is what happened to the Czech population that left Pilsen's neighborhood.

Lessons the students learned from their visit to the Chicago ethnic communities vary. As part of a follow-up to this experience, the students were asked to either write a paper describing an ideal community or work on a group project of an action proposal enquiry about how to better a certain community.

A group of three students already had their project in mind

before they left Chicago, as the result of inspiration from Luis Gutierrez, the only Hispanic Congressman in the Midwest.

Gutierrez, a Democrat from the Fourth District of Illinois, helps many Hispanics with ethnic issues and welfare, Kathleen Parish and Dearra Johnson said.

The young women, along with Josh Dethlefsen, were fortunate enough to meet with the congressman.

Johnson, a sophomore from Falls City, agreed.

She said, “They were very casual, wearing jeans so they wouldn't be as intimidating as a suit.”

Parish, Johnson, and Dethlefsen, a sophomore from Sutherland, are working on an action enquiry project that would require setting up legal aid in Lexington for the large Hispanic community and offering help for those interested in U.S. citizenship.



PHOTO BY STEPHANIE QUEEN

Students stand in front of St. Pius Elementary School in the Hispanic community of Pilsen in Chicago.

Controversial issues up for ballot choice

By REBECCA BUNGER
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Keno and pickle cards have taken Kearney bars by storm. However, the possibility of putting actual casinos in the state causes people to question the gambling issues and whether they are really needed here.

The gaming proposals that will appear on this Nov. 2 ballot are raising controversy all over the state of Nebraska. Without accepting them, the state loses money that could benefit residents, but inviting gambling into our conservative state puts half of the population in a moral turmoil.

Lindsey Hird, a junior from Lexington, thinks the gambling proposals would be good for the state of Nebraska. The elementary education major said, “We lose money every year that could be used for education.”

Hird believes the money the state earns through gambling could also be used to build up community necessities, such as police forces and fire departments.

Brittany Johnson is a junior majoring in public relations and is against the gambling initiatives.

“If these amendments go through, the casinos can bring prostitution and gambling addictions,” Johnson said.

She said, “Other states that have legalized gambling have also had increased crime rates since they made it legal.”

Johnson’s concerns about Nebraska are not to be taken lightly. Two years after slot machines were introduced in Deadwood, S.D., reports of child abuse rose by 42 percent, reports of domestic violence increased by 80 percent and arrests for drunken driving went up by 70 percent in that community, according to research titled “The Economic Impacts of Legalized Gambling Activities,” by Professor J.W. Kindt of the Drake Law Review at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

Gretchen P. Pesek, majoring in business administration, is against the initiative for many of the same reasons as Johnson. Pesek sites her religious beliefs as part of voting against the possible legalization of gam-

bling. “Religiously, it’s just wrong,” she said. “I’ve always been taught that gambling isn’t moral and cannot lead to anything good.”

John Fronczak, an art professor at UNK, also plans to vote against the initiative next week.

“There’s a difference between playing Monopoly at home with your kids and betting away all of your real money,” Fronczak said.

He said, “I just can’t see the good in someone spending all of their time at a casino instead of somewhere else trying to make a better life for himself.”

The Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors voted to encourage Chamber members and Buffalo County residents to vote against the current proposed gaming amendments. If one of the amendments passes in November, the Chamber of Commerce will then consider what would be in the best interest of the city.

“Both ballot proposals, Amendment 3 and Initiatives 417-420, could quite possibly put Kearney at a disadvantage for conventions and tourism,” said Bob Lammers, chairman of the Kearney Area Chamber Board.

He said, “Our Chamber members deserve leadership that is looking out for their best interests. After carefully reviewing all sides of the issues over the past few months, we are not satisfied that either proposal is good for Kearney or for the State of Nebraska.”

Amendment 3 would allow two casinos to be built anywhere in the state, with locations to be determined later. The second proposal consists of four initiatives that would build two casinos in Omaha, and, in addition, 4900 video poker and slot machines at locations throughout the state.

If either proposal passes, the state’s Native American tribes – Ponca, Winnebago, Santee Sioux and Omaha – would then be able to contract to operate casinos on their individual reservations.

Thursday Oct. 28 is the last day of Phi Alpha Theta, the History Honor Society, used book sale in the Copeland Hall main hallway from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Need to learn Microsoft Word or Powerpoint? The beginning Microsoft Word classes are available Thursday Oct. 26 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Otto Olsen room 202. The beginning Microsoft Powerpoint classes are available Thursday, Oct.28, at 7p.m. and 8:30 p.m. To register for these free classes, call the Helpdesk at (308) 865-8363.

A Halloween Film double feature is in Copeland Hall 140 on Thursday, Oct. 28. “The Haunted History of Halloween!” starts at 6:30 p.m. and “The Crucible” with Daniel Day Lewis and Winona

Ryder starts at 7:30 p.m. Both movies are free and available to the public, sponsored by the History Honor Society and the UNK History Club.

Its time for UNK to Rock the Vote on Friday Oct. 29 at 4 p.m. till midnight. This all-evening event in the Health and Sports Complex is to encourage students to become active with this year’s elections. Eight bands will take the stage, politicians will be present, and Young Democrats and Young Republicans will have booths so students can get further information for the elections. For more information call Nate Porter at NTV.

Monday Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. the Chess Club will meet in the Nebraska Student Union main entry area to play a few matches of chess.

Learn the A B C’s of writing

résumés in the College of Education Building in room C215 on Wednesday Nov. 3 at 4 p.m. This event is encouraged for Education Majors.

A free UNK Departmental Recital will be held in the Fine Arts Recital Hall on Wednesday Nov. 3 at 5 p.m. Performers are selected from students who are taking private lessons. For further information please contact Dr. Ron Crocker, professor of music and performing arts at UNK at (308) 865-8386 or crockerr@unk.edu.

The Leadership Take-Out Workshop Series will continue on Wednesday Nov. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Student Union in the Oak Room. This weeks theme will be “How to Maintain Motivation.”

Roy Guisinger, representing the Green Party, is running for

Congress in the third district this year against Republican Tom Osborne. Guisinger will speak at the Mary Morse Lecture Hall this Thursday (Oct. 28) from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Guisinger lives in Nance County in Central Nebraska. He has been involved in a number of local economic development efforts from Cedar Rapids to Grand Island and is very well respected for his work with the environment and peace initiatives. If elected to Congress, Mr.Guisinger promises a plan to revitalize rural Nebraska as well as increase research and funding for alternative energy sources among other objectives. You can find out more about his candidacy at <http://www.imageroyforcongress2004.org/index.html>.

Women need to fight for voice

By AMYBUTTERFIELD
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

The 21st century has brought new habits, new ideas and new plans for the changing generations.

This was a topic for Dr. Wendy Smooth from Ohio State University on Thursday, Oct. 14.

A former political science professor from the University of Nebraska Lincoln, Smooth is now a women’s studies professor for Oklahoma State University.

Smooth came to UNK to speak on her studies of African American women as well as any woman involved in politics and government entitled “Channeling Rage and

Speaking Truth to Power: Women, politics and Change in the 21st Century.”

“Using one’s voice to speak above and beyond, despite the risk,” Smooth said was her definition of speaking truth to power.

Smooth said 22 percent of the 7,382 state legislators across the nation are African American women and only a few of these women hold positions within the state congress.

Colorado, for example, only has one African American woman serving in the state legislation, she said.

Each situation Smooth spoke of encouraged people to see that their vote may make a difference.

Smooth used the example of African American women as one form of an influential group within politics, but voices are not being heard.

Although these are highly qualified women, of those who do hold positions within the state legislation, they hold what are considered low rung positions.

These women are not doing the type of work that they deserve to do.

Smooth was encouraging all who attended to speak out and be heard.

“We all have strong opinions,” Smooth said.

She said, “We must fight with our minds and speak loud to make a difference.”

To fight the fight and get a

voice heard one must channel rage to be productive, was an issue Smooth discussed.

She called this channeling part of the process to speak truth to power.

Voting is each individual citizen’s right to channel rage and speak truth to power Smooth said.

By representing our beliefs and opinions by voting for the appropriate candidates, we can have our voices heard, Smooth said.



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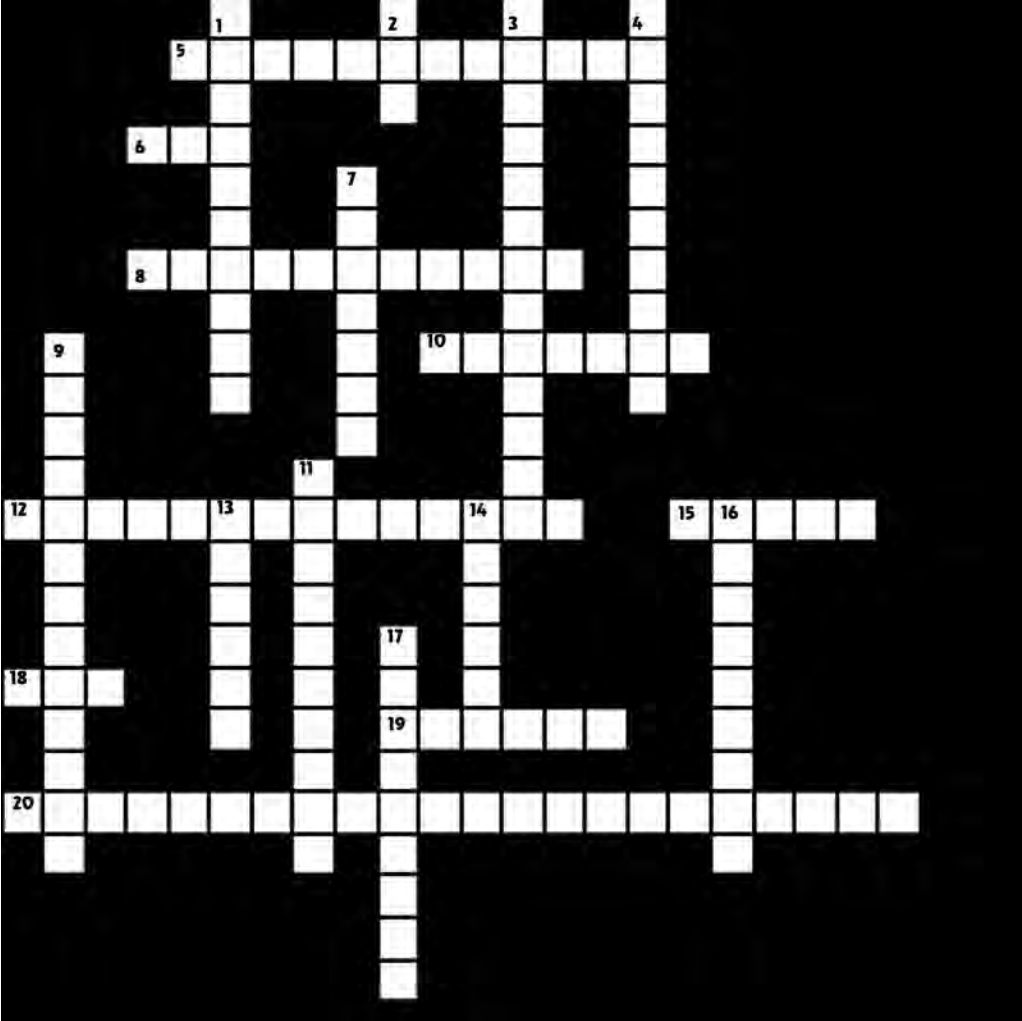
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- ACROSS
- 5. The headless horseman.
 - 6. Don’t let this cross your path.
 - 8. Who wrote Dracula?
 - 10. What goes on a candied apple.
 - 12. Decorated pumpkin
 - 15. The number of witches in Macbeth.
 - 18. A scream.
 - 19. A Halloween color.
 - 20. Spooky show that featured Susan Sarandon.

- DOWN
- 1. Who lives in a haunted house? (Hint: He works for this paper.)
 - 2. What does a ghost say?
 - 3. Nightmare on Elm Street
 - 4. Who was the star of young Frankenstein?
 - 7. What you wear on Halloween.
 - 9. Actor who played a teenage werewolf.
 - 11. What you say three times into a mirror in a dark room.
 - 13. Nebraska town hit by a tornado on Halloween.
 - 14. Frankenstein’s bride.
 - 16. A name for All Hollows Eve.
 - 17. A favorite treat of halloween trick-or-treaters.



Information leads to better decisions

By SYLVIA MARTINEZ
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Elections are just around the corner, and voting has become an important issue, especially because Tuesday, Nov. 2, is the day to express your vote in the election process.

All along the closing weeks of campaign, UNK leadership has encouraged people to vote. The university hosted speakers, as well as a rock concert, among other activities to promote voting with opinions from different perspectives.

The mass media in general have been encouraging young people to vote. The problem is that the needs from different generations vary; so here is the question: "Do young students like us have a candidate who meets our needs?"

Faculty and students on campus recently expressed their viewpoints about the process of the campaign, the election and the importance of voting.

Dr. Jess Enns, chair of the Sociology Department, said, "The media have spent a lot of time and money in the debates and have not spent time in the issues of the society. Coverage

is very superficial. In this campaign people have engaged in 'character assassination' instead of talking about issues. I don't see any candidate focus in what we want to become as a society."

"The political parties represent the surface of different visions of how we make this society work," Enns said. "There is a tendency for Republicans to emphasize the smaller role of government and turn many functions over to private companies or corporations. The vision of the Democratic Party is to use government resources and capability where there is discrimination or unfairness, and to use regulation when voluntary compliance is not practiced."

"Voting is my right, my privilege, he added. "One way I can express my views in the society. Every vote counts. It makes a big difference. It becomes a point of decision and a far-reaching impact. By voting you are helping make an important decision that will affect your life."

Dr. Joan Blauwkamp, associate professor of political sci-

ence, said that a problem with the election is that news does not provide voters with the necessary information to make a decision.

The information that the public gets is "horse rise information," such as polls and debates rather than real information, Dr. Blauwkamp said.

The public needs to know "details of their policy proposal, their character and their argument of persuasion," she said.

"Nobody should get their primary campaign or candidate decision from TV," she said.

She said, "Reading newspapers would be better. Read what they are actually saying."

Voting record is a good source to investigate past behavior in order to predict future behavior, the political science professor said.

"The best key to future is past," she said.

She said, "Young people don't see the personal relevance of policies, retirement, job opportunities, taxes, prices, tuition cost, education opportunities, and military adventures. Your future is at stake."

Dr. George Lawson, chair

of the Department of Communications, said, "Locally, a number of state issues have taken a bigger focus, such as the gambling issue. The media has spent more time in local issues rather than the presidential campaign."

"I think students fail to realize the importance they have as a bloc to change a policy," Lawson said

He said, "I've seen a major change in MTV to promote voting, reality programs and commercials. They are not just voting for president, but for congress, state legislators, local officials, gambling. Any one of those reasons is a reason to get out and vote."

Miguel Rojas, an international student from Colombia, said, "There is a strong relationship between the media and the elections; 80 percent of Americans receive the information through TV and the other 20 percent by newspapers. It represents a huge factor for democracy. In the United States the elections are synonymous of democracy."

Rojas, a political science major, said that the election is

going to have a direct impact in Colombia because the policies in his country are related to what happens in the United States, especially in war against terrorism."

He added, "Anything that happens here, affects the entire world. The influence of the U.S. is great at all levels. For this reason the next president will play an important role in leading the world policies. Voting is really important because it is your voice in a political system. It is good for the country because the participation of its citizens and the community is the representation at a local level.

Laura Logan, junior sociology major, said, "Discussions about the election seem to take place in all of my classes, in the Union, at the grocery store and at my off-campus job. The campaigns seem to be good for us in that we are talking about issues and engaging in the democratic process."

"I hope the future of this country includes good things on international and national fronts," she said.

She said, "Internationally, I

hope for a limited time in Iraq, the apprehension of Bin Laden, and effective relationship building with other countries and cultures so that we avoid war and eliminate terrorism."

Logan, as president of IOTA, the Women's Studies Honor Society, said. "Nationally, I would like to see the diversity of America represented by our president. Egalitarian representation promotes democracy, as opposed to pandering to a few special groups. Both parties could do better on these areas of concern to women, and other non-white, non-wealthy, non-male groups including young adults in college."

She said, "Voting is critical for all Americans, including women and students. It is especially important for young adults and women because voting will determine the deficit, their social security benefits, and the laws that govern their bodies, diplomacy and war. If we sleep at the voting wheel, we can only expect to crash the car of democracy and suffer the painful consequences. Voting is a right, and a responsibility."

Every voice, vote, opinion matters

By ROBYN SANDERS
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

It is almost November, and the 2004 presidential election will soon be taking place.

There is still time to register and get absentee ballots if necessary. It can be difficult for students to vote if they have to drive all the way home on the day of the election. However,

there are other options to take advantage of before the election.

I happened to be in my hometown this weekend so I went to the courthouse to get an absentee ballot sent to my college address. They recommended that I vote while I was there. I was not aware that I could vote that far ahead of the election.

Those few minutes that it

took to vote were worth it.

I studied in Mexico this summer and stayed with a host family. I had an assignment about their government and elections. I asked my host mother for her opinion. She said she does not bother to vote because she felt the government has enough control that elections do not make a difference. I could not believe that she did not care

what happened in the elections. One of my professors said that how my host mother felt about politics can be a very common feeling in Mexico.

I am thankful that I live in a country where I know that my vote will count. It is easy to get an absentee ballot if it is too far to go home. It takes less time to vote than standing in line at the union for food.

READERS' OPINIONS

Why should I Vote?

Like you, I've heard quite a few reasons to vote, especially in this election.

Looking at the very close presidential race, there are the national defense issues and the war on terrorism that has our troops – people like you and me – overseas fighting and dying.

There's the economy, healthcare, judicial appointments and a number of other issues that have been condensed into sound bytes and squeezed between mudslinging ads.

Closer to home, there's the gaming issues on the ballot, as well as the candidates for state and federal legislature who make the decisions that effect your life and livelihood.

There are the local issues that you may not ever hear about until you see them on the ballot.

However, for those of you who don't want to vote, there are plenty of excuses.

It's inconvenient!

I'm busy!

I don't know what's on the ballot.

Why does my one vote matter?

When it comes right down to it, there are always excuses for not voting. So I won't try to answer them all. But I do want to challenge you.

Choose. Don't let the elec-

tion slip by and say, "Oh well, I didn't vote."

Choose. You don't want to vote? Choose not to.

That half hour of your time to wait in line is better spent watching the same Seinfeld episode you watched a week ago?

Your choice. It is your choice, and if you don't want to vote, come up with your reason. What you are choosing against, though, isn't just your impact in the election.

Popular sovereignty doesn't simply give you the choice of whether or not to vote.

There are no kings and queens of America, but there is royalty. You are the sovereign. As am I. We rule this country by voting. When you don't vote, you are stepping down from a throne; blood was spilt (and is still spilt) to gain you this right.

There is no shortage of special interests which are willing to rule this country in your stead.

Your choice, to watch TV or to sit on the couch is still your choice, but why are you giving up your sovereignty – and to whom are you giving it?

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Cross country teams fifth and sixth at RMAC championships

By LESLEY CRUTCHER
ANTELOPE SPORTS EDITOR

The Loper cross country team concluded the regular season this weekend in Golden, Colo. at the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference championships.

Kearney junior Luke Garringer and Alma freshman Adrian Robison were in top form for UNK. Garringer finished the 8K men’s race in a time of 26:51, placing him 17th. Garringer finished only 1:49 behind men’s winner Kelly Christensen of Western State.

Robison’s time in the women’s 6K was 23:46 to finish 18th behind a legion of Adams State College runners.

The women as a team finished in the top five out of eleven teams after scoring 149 points. The Lopers finished behind four nationally ranked teams including distance powerhouses Adams State and Western State. These two teams dominated the top twenty with No. 1 ranked Adams scoring seven runners alone in the top ten while No. 2 ranked Western State placed six in the top twenty with No. 13 Colorado-Colorado Springs and No. 17 Colorado School of Mines having three and two runners place in the top twenty respectively. Other Loper scorers included Kearney freshman Jordan Pallas (23rd/24:40), Grand Island freshman Anne McGovern (34th/25:05), Wyoming senior Laura Emmerich (36th/25:23) and Lincoln junior Andrea Herndon (38th/25:29).

On the men’s side, the Lopers tallied 169 points to place sixth out of nine teams. The men fell just short of their goal of finishing in the top five but their effort made this their best showing at RMAC championships since finishing third in 2000. No. 2 ranked Western State took first in the event upsetting No. 1 ranked Adams State College. Western runners turned in the top three times with Adams close behind scoring runners in fourth through sixth place. Following Garringer’s top effort, Morrill freshman Kiki Rodriguez ran 27:29 to finish in 27th place. Rounding out the scorers for the Lopers were McCook junior Jason Relph (36th/28:06), Kearney freshman Brock Steinbrink (42nd/28:24) and Ogallala freshman Zane Peterson (47th/28:56).

About his 17th place run he said, “I don’t feel like I ran as well as I should have but everyone else ran the race of their lives.”

Garringer gives credit to the so far impressive freshman class. He says, “They ran their best races of the season so far. They are adjusting to collegiate running and really finding out how to run together as a team.” Despite this being their first season of collegiate competition he believes the group has matured and will continue to mature as individual runners and as members of a team.

While each runner has individual goals for every race, the team goals for the season are set on regionals two weeks from now in Vermillion, S.D. Both sides of the Loper squad have set their sights on running well at regionals with the ultimate goal of qualifying for nationals.

Garringer says the group that runs at regionals is generally the same competition they have already seen at the RMAC championships so they know what to expect. “We just want to run well, finish in the highest place with the lowest score. That’s the best we can do,” said Garringer.

The Lopers will have one weekend off while gearing up for the North Central Regional competition hosted by the University of South Dakota on November 6th. Both the mens and womens teams will compete at USD.



PHOTO BY JILLIAN HOTHAN

Erin Brosz and Samantha Harvey prepare for battle against the Thunderwolves of CSU-Pueblo Friday night

Thunderwolves steal single game from Lopers

Team continues match winning streak and Arnold breaks 12-year-old kill record

By BRANDON CARLSON
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

A few relevant things ended last week in volleyball. If you’re a big fan of the team, you can exhale now because they’re still undefeated.

However, they did not manage to extend the game winning streak they had been amassing up to this point in the season. With a perfect record and the No. 1 ranking in Division II, Nebraska-Kearney swept nearly every opponent that stepped to the net.

On the night of the 15th, however, the Colorado State-Pueblo Thunderwolves were able to snatch the third game of the match against Kearney, snapping the streak. It would prove to be only a minor feat for the Thunderwolves as the Loper women eventually took the ensuing fourth frame and overall match, silencing the

less than thunderous ‘Wolves, and sustaining an unblemished record. The final score was 30-25, 30-16, 28-30, 30-23.

The game-winning streak reached 46 before CSUP, the top team in the Western Division, finally brought it to an end by a meager two-point margin in the third set. The last time the Lopers suffered a loss in a game came all the way back on September 4th at the hands of a very talented Hawai’i-Pacific squad in the BYU-Hawai’i tournament.

The Lopers weren’t about to let their next opponent follow the trend as they swept the Mountain Lions of Colorado Springs, spawning a whole new streak. Nebraska-Kearney took this match by the score of 33-31, 30-20, 30-27. Incidentally, this was the stage in which a second streak was rendered obsolete when Erin Arnold left the match with 10 kills, tying the previous career record of 1,526 kills set by Kim Vokolek 12 years

ago in 1992.

Arnold was forced to wait three days before she had a shot of becoming the lone record holder. Once she stepped out on the court in Kansas against the No. 12 ranked Fort Hays Tigers on Tuesday night, she got down to business early in the first set and claimed her spot in the UNK athletic history books. The Wyoming senior ended the night with 11 recorded kills altogether as the Lopers went on to win the match with yet another sweep (-28,-23,-17).

On Thursday night, Nebraska-Kearney competed for the second time this season against the Eagles of Chadron State. Just as they had done the first time, the Lopers won all three sets, adding to what may potentially be another significantly longstanding game winning streak for the year. This time, Arnold collaborated with the other two Erins in the kill department, namely Brosz and

Gudmundson, as the three delivered it the hard way with a total of 34 kills en route to the shutout (-14, -20,-22).

Finally, a third record came to an end, although this one in particular may be less than noteworthy since the streak was only second overall. Just the same, the Lopers extended their match winning streak to 28 Saturday afternoon overtaking the NAIA Newman University. Yes, they swept the Jets, flying by at 30-20, 30-14, 30-13, and the victory tied the 1981 team streak of 28, allowing the ladies to look even further and set their crosshairs on the 1990 mark of 39 straight.

Friday night against Metro State in the UNK Health and Sports Center will be the setting in which the Lopers will have an opportunity to continue closing the gap between the present and the past.

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Coach Kropp hoping to cultivate success with new talent

Kropp claims chemistry is key to success for young mens team

By S.J. MUNOZ
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

How do you replace four seniors who scored 50 points per game for the Lopers last season? How do you rebuild a team that over their four year careers had an average record of 26 wins and five losses a season?

Don’t forget this team also had the Division II Player of the Year, Nick Branting. The only true answer is that you can’t replace players like that but, this is the situation that the UNK Men’s basketball team finds themselves in.

Entering his 15th year as head coach for the UNK Lopers Tom Kropp may be facing his toughest challenge yet. Replacing three starters from last years team who finished the season with a record of 28-5. Not only did last years team lose only five games but over their careers they won a total 104 games while losing only 20. Even with all the success of the 2003-2004 team, Kropp feels confident in the players that he

has on this this seasons team. While he did state that, “It is impossible to replace players like that,” he feels that they still have some very talented players who are capable of having a successful season. “Our kids are hard workers and we are excited and looking forward to our new

“The major factor that will determine how the team performs will be chemistry.”

-Coach Tom Kropp

season.” While very confident in his players’ ability and what they have the potential of accomplishing this year, he pointed out that they have a long way to go.

Although the Lopers suffered some major player losses all is not lost. While there will be some different players on the court this year for the Lopers, the team is returning three key players with some experience.

The Lopers return two starters from last years team, sophomore forward, Dusty Jura and senior Will Taukiueva who helped the Lopers finish with a record of 28-5. Senior Marty Levinson who was a key player off the bench for the Lopers in 2003 is back after redshirting last season and will also be a key contributor for the Lopers this season. Kropp expects these players to be the leaders for the team this season.

After all of the talent that was lost from the previous seasons team you would think that the coaches would be a little concerned but, according to Kropp that is not the biggest obstacle that this team will have to overcome. “Even with the loss of players from last year, this team still has a lot of talent. The major factor that will determine how the team performs will be chemistry. This year we have five newcomers who I believe are very talented and all have the ability to contribute to the team sometime in this upcoming season.” So ability is not what concerns Kropp about this seasons team. “No matter

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By DARNELL WOOD
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER



Each week, Antelope sports writer Darnell Wood will compile a brief and insightful opinion of the hottest gossip in the world of professional sports.

On the Washington Redskins: This is a team that has by far the most talent in the NFL. There is just one problem; the team doesn’t know how to put it all together. The Redskins spent all their money on big name players like: Mark Brunell, Clinton Portis, and Shawn Springs, but fail to even be over .500 for the season.

Granted the team is in the NFC East, which is one of the toughest divisions in the NFL, but that is no excuse for not being even at .500. This was supposed to be the year that the Redskins went to the Super Bowl under the legendary coach Joe Gibbs, but right now they look more like pretenders, than

contenders.

There is no reason that this team shouldn’t be competing for the NFC East lead over the Philadelphia Eagles. It is said that Clinton Portis can shoulder the load in Washington, but realistically he lost his best lineman in Jensen and all their opponents are stacking the box on him, and making Rod Gardner and Laveranues Coles beat them.

When is the last time you saw Clinton Portis averaging 3.9 yards a carry? Yep, I can’t remember, but it has to get better or it will be a long season for the Redskins, the team with the most wasted talent.

My Prediction: 7-9, another disappointing season for the Redskins, missing the playoffs once again. It is so tragic.

On the biggest comeback in professional sports history: We all saw the games. The Boston Red Sox refused to lose to the Yankees, even after being down 3-0.

Everyone knew that David Ortiz was coming to play in Game 7, but who would have thought that Johnny Damon would hit two homeruns to conclude maybe the best series in sport’s history?

I know that all the Yankee’s fans have a problem stomaching this come from behind series, but would you want to have it any other way?

If the Yankees would have advanced sweeping the Red Sox, it would be a very boring

series. Just the will of the Red Sox should earn the Yankee’s fans respect.

Johnny Damon was 3 for 29 going into Game 7, but you had to think, he couldn’t possibly finish the series playing so poorly, because he had played so good during the regular season. Boy, did he step up his game when his team needed him the most.

Yankee’s fans, it was too good to be true when they picked A-Rod in the off-season. Too much talent sometimes will leave you on the losing end of the spectrum, but there is always next year, I guess.

My Prediction: Initially I predicted that the St. Louis Cardinals would win the World Series, but I think the Red Sox have too much momentum on their side and they win in six games, but hopefully I am wrong.

On the high-flying Philadelphia Eagles: Boy, what a show the Eagles are putting on in the NFL. The arrival of Javon Kears and Terrell Owens has propelled this team into the NFL elite. The question I had for any of the teams playing the Eagles is: Have you watched any of the tape from last season?

All you have to do is shut down T.O. and make the rest of the receivers beat you. Owens gets more open every week and I do not understand why.

These aren’t just five-yard routs; he goes deep all the time

Brewing expertise lets Thunderhead Brewing thrive

By **JAMIE KNUTH**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

Kearney, Neb., has become somewhat of a hot spot for holiday entertainment.

It doesn't seem to matter where you look. Local businesses strive to pull in monumental crowds for festivities.

So, with Halloween knocking at our doorstep, it's only natural that the local pubs will be booming.

Certainly, one local establishment takes this holiday very seriously.

Thunderhead Brewing in downtown Kearney has been known, throughout the years, to throw a memorable party for Halloween. This year is no different, with the return of Stumble and The Darts, who pulled off an awesome performance during last year's celebration.

Both bands, originally from Kearney, have played for crowds near and far, and they have become local favorites. Playing original songs and some crowd-pleasing covers, they are excited to play the whole night through.

Live entertainment has only complemented the bar's ability to please the crowd though. In the founding history of this brewery, bands weren't even given a thought. As the pub opened up for business five years ago, entertainment came in the form of a pint. One at a time!

Success, in fact, didn't just happen overnight. Therefore, looking back, one could appre-

ciate the dedication and desire to achieve what is now a reality.

After ending his extensive career in the Air Force, Trevor Schaben, owner of Thunderhead Brewing, realized that brewing beer was a road less traveled.

"If you want to get ahead in life, you should figure out how to do things that nobody else is doing," Schaben said. "That's what got me into brewing. Not many people know how to make beer. So, when I got out [of the military], it seemed like that was the future of this area. There was going to be good beer available here, one way or another, whether I did it, or somebody else came and did it. So, it just looked like a good opportunity to try."

Good opportunity has turned into the grand plan, but little did Schaben know that it would take many steps in different directions to get this far.

First, the City of Kearney had to approve the idea of a brewery to allow Schaben to do his magic. That took some time, six months to be exact. Originally, the city didn't want a facility in the downtown area. It was believed that any brewery would be better off in the industrial part of town.

This became a problem. The City of Kearney would have to be convinced that this was going to add to the appeal of downtown, not take away from it. But after much debate, Schaben's idea was accepted, and the first brewery was established.

It started out in a much

smaller location than the current building on East 21st Street. The first brewery was located just one block to the south on Railroad Street and housed only a 31-gallon brew system. As Schaben would learn, it just wasn't big enough.

"From the day we opened, we were always running out of beer," Schaben said. "We would literally be brewing 24 hours a day, 3 or 4 days a week, and spend the rest of the week transferring and kegging."

This only allowed the bar to be open three or four days until the beer ran dry, causing the doors to close until the next week. With this frustrating pace of success, something needed to change. Therefore, when the option to relocate came about, the bar moved into its current location.

The move to a bigger building with a bigger brew system proved to be more than anticipated. As expenses began piling up, the pub needed to draw in more than just beer drinkers with good taste.

"As soon as this location opened up, we knew that we had to be a lot bigger than we had even planned," Schaben said. "That's when we decided to put in a kitchen and try our hand at the restaurant business also."

Today, Thunderhead Brewing offers monumental beers, along with some of the best food in town. It features an atmosphere for one and all, appealing to crowds of partygoers as well as families looking for an evening out. This concept, though altered from the

first striving days, has suited the Schaben family to this day.

"I always wanted to keep the pub environment, where people could go drink beer but wouldn't be uncomfortable bringing their family," Schaben said.

This is one of the many things for which this pub is known, but some don't realize that there is another Thunderhead Brewery already up and running.

This past summer, Schaben was offered an opportunity to expand into the Grand Island area by partnering with The Chicken Coop sports bar.

The Coop purchased a building that had a brewing facility already installed, and then decided that instead of competing with Thunderhead, it should form a partnership to expand both businesses. It was a collective effort that made this possible, but as Schaben explains, it is just what he needed.

"It actually gets back to more of what I wanted to do in the first place, which is to just make beer. And having that second brewery allows us to produce a wider variety of beers at any time," Schaben said.

Sometimes referred to as the "Olympics" of beers, this achievement has put Kearney and two of its predominant businesses on the national and international map. It's so impressive that it's no wonder why Thunderhead Brewing is one of Nebraska's best-kept secrets, but as far as the beer goes, both brew masters, Trevor Schaben



PHOTO BY JAMIE KNUTH
Jack Schaaf of The Darts jams at Thunderhead Brewing.

and Glen Casper, constantly strive to make the Thunderhead beer a household name.

This Saturday's Halloween bash is sure to help that idea along. If it's going to be anything like last year's event, it

will be a packed house.

Be sure and show up early for a Saturday night of frolic and fun with live entertainment and excellent brew at Thunderhead Brewing in downtown Kearney.

Pomeroy gets groovy again at Cunningham's



PHOTO BY JAMIE KNUTH
Pomeroy's drummer, Chris Davis, keeps the beat at Cunningham's.

By **BLAKE MULLANIX**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

Having acted as an opening act for some of today's biggest musical acts, it's no surprise that Pomeroy absolutely tore the roof off of Cunningham's in mid-October.

Incubus, Dave Matthews Band, Sister Hazel, M.O.E. and 311 are just a few of the bands that have invited Pomeroy onto the stage as opening acts. The

high energy mix of funk, hip-hop, R&B, metal, and blues makes Pomeroy an irresistible auditory free ride worthy of the self-made acclaim with which the act has been bestowed.

Formed in 1998 while recording a demo on vacation in Los Angeles, guitarist Matt Marron and lead singer David Fairbanks knew that they had something going. Three new members and two new CD's later, and Pomeroy is now a

world away from where its original roots were planted, in the greater Kansas City area. Literally.

The boys from Pomeroy are fresh off from a tour of the Middle East, where they have been entertaining the troops fighting the war on terror. The experience is still evident on the faces of the guys as Matt begins talking about the eye-opening experience.

"It's not everyday that you get to shoot an M-16 from a helicopter in Afghanistan," Marron, guitarist for Pomeroy, said.

The trip to the Middle East is at the top of their list for best experiences as a band, but they were very excited to be back at Cunningham's Journal.

The show did not disappoint the band or the crowd. The band played a set that lasted till closing time, 30 minutes longer than what they were scheduled to play. Favorites from the 2001 release, "Cocoon Club," and the 2003 EP "Identity" had the crowd reaching fever pitch.

Lead singer David Fairbanks is a great commander of the crowd. Before the show, Fairbanks and drummer Chris David had an intense discussion over the digestibility of the John Patterson novel, "When the Wind Blows," which was an early indicator of the frontman's extensive vocabulary. Truth be told, singers the caliber

of Fairbanks are few and far between. Perhaps the most impressive aspect of Fairbanks' repertoire is his ability to seem comfortable in a band that doesn't really fit his vocal or lyrical style.

The songs "Labor of Love" and "Identity" gave the crowd a taste of what is new with Pomeroy, and all indications point to a positive response.

The crowd favorite of the night, however, was an oldie but a goodie, named "Roboflow." The crowd began begging for it early into the show. Pomeroy also did a great job covering the Bob Marley classic, "Could You Be Loved," Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean," and "Devil Went Down To Georgia" by the Charlie Daniels Band.

Pomeroy was also into having a good time while at work. Nearing the end of the set, guitarist Matt Marron took over the drum set and keyboardist Tyson Leslie grabbed the six-string, while Fairbanks, David, and bassist Dean Hopkins grabbed drinks at the bar. The unlikely duo entertained the crowd with covers of the Metallica hit, "Master of Puppets," and AC/DC's "You Shook Me All Night Long."

If you missed out on Pomeroy's appearance at Cunningham's or if you would like to check out another show, they will be playing this Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Ranch

Bowl in Omaha. For more tour updates, merchandise, and news

check out the band's Web site, www.pomeroymusic.com.

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David Fairbanks uses his unique vocal style to get the crowd going.



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Women’s golf team focused on Spring season

By **KEN GALLAGHER**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

The UNK women’s golf team is using the fall session as an outline on how to achieve success in the spring season. The women played their final tournament of the fall this Oct. 11-12 at Smoky Hill Country Club in Fort Hays, Kansas. There the team met up with fellow Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference teams, Chadron State College and Fort Hays State University.

Four-year women’s golf team head coach, Mark Brosamle said, that as a team, “we didn’t play to our capabilities, so consequently it was not how we wanted to end the fall segment.” The team as a whole shot a 755 in 36 holes of play giving them a second place finish.

Chadron State won the tournament bettering the Lopers by 41 strokes. Chadron State’s Sarah Halsey won the tournament with a 168 shooting 81-87.

The first day the team shot a 379 and the second day they improved their score by 3 strokes for a 376. The player receiving top billing was Minden sophomore, Bobby Kosch. Kosch shot 89-90—179 to place 4th.

Ambur Vanneman a UNK junior from South Dakota tied for 5th with Whitney Davis of Chadron State College. Vanneman bounced back in the second round and shot the third lowest score of the tournament with an 86. Overall Vanneman shot a 183. Lindsay Vivian, a junior from Grand Island, placed 8th shooting a 189.

Rounding out the Loper’s roster was Leslie Simmons a freshman from Beatrice. Simmons shot a 36-hole 204 for

13th place. UNK freshman Kami Hehn of South Dakota, who had placed well the last two tournaments, withdrew from the tournament and did not post any scores.

On looking back at the final tournament Coach Brosamle said, “This gives us something to look forward to. We can really focus on improving individual scores and subsequently team scores.”

The women’s golf team will continue their training throughout the winter to prepare themselves for the second half of their season. Coach Brosamle said that they will start strength conditioning in late November and will continue it through February.

During the break Brosamle hopes that the team can think about what they need to do to improve and then make the proper attempts to do so. In order to help the team reach their goals the training sessions will be based around gaining strength, flexibility and swing consistency. The team however will only be able to practice outside when the weather permits.

Actual golf practice will resume in early March with the first spring tournament on the last weekend of the month. The tournaments in the spring will offer the Lady Lopers new competition in their region that they did not meet up with during the fall session. Brosamle said, “Tournaments such as these allow the team to meet head to head with some tough competition and this gives the best picture of who is the best.”

The ultimate goal for the women’s golf team is to make it to both Regionals and Nationals which will fall in the first half of May.

Loper Briefs

The UNK football team rallied in the fourth quarter to defeat rival Chadron State Oct.16 in Chadron. Sophomore kicker Jessup Pfeifer sealed the victory with a 30-yard field goal with 22 seconds left for a 44-41 victory.

The 28 point deficit was too much to overcome against Ft. Lewis last Saturday in Durango, Colo. The Loper rally came too late and UNK suffered another loss with the final score being 28-16.

The Lopers drop to 4-5 on the season and 3-3 in the RMAC. UNK will have it’s final home game on Oct. 30 at Foster Field against Ft. Hays State. Kickoff is at 2:00 p.m.

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how many or how talented of players you lose you still have to assemble a team that is capable of winning games.” Will the Lopers be as successful a team as they have been in the past? Only time will tell. But the coaches and players both believe that have the potential to accomplish a lot this season and

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and seems to be open 75 percent of the time, which makes no sense at all. Why don’t they cover Owens like they cover Randy Moss? This is the only you are going to stand a chance against an Eagle offense that is racking up the points left and right, and it is T.O. that is getting most of the touchdowns. These opposing teams need to swallow their pride and double Owens. He has had made every team the Eagles have played on his highlight reel, almost like they don’t exist – and that is crazy because they don’t have that many more weapons. My Answer: Double T.O., run the ball well against the Eagles defense, and just maybe you will have a chance against them – just maybe. My Prediction: Eagles in the Super Bowl losing to the Indianapolis Colts in a shootout 38-31.

*Are YOU Down with Darnell? Do you want to tell Darnell whats on your mind? Are his predictions right? Are they horribly wrong? What are your predictions? Please send your response to antelope@unk.edu. We will review your response and if you’re lucky... we’ll print it. Please for the sake of us all keep it brief and keep it clean.

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Moore's "9/11" heats up politics

By JENNI EPLEY
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There are two sides of war. We as American's are only allowed to see one side. The media and the government determine what we see and what we do not see.

Michael Moore, writer, director and producer of "Fahrenheit 9/11," successfully shows a more realistic, yet depressing and gruesome side to war.

In "Fahrenheit 9/11" Moore narrates the current situation in which America finds itself, including the facts about the

2000 presidential election, the war in Iraq and the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001.

Moore shows no hesitation when relaying the facts of the war and George W. Bush's presidency. Facts range from Bush being on vacation at his ranch in Texas and at Camp David 42 percent of his time in office, according to the Washington Post. The film alerts us to the fact that Bush received a briefing on Aug. 6, 2001, stating that Osama bin Laden planned to attack America by hijacking planes, according to a CNN report.

Coincidentally, Bush was fishing the day the briefing was received. Moore combines clips of Bush on vacation, giving speeches to the elite, and more of Bush on vacation to add some humor to the movie.

Moore's documentary relays facts, but it also implies information that may or may not be entirely true. For example, it is true that the Bin Laden family and the Bush family were both connected to the Carlyle Group and the elder and former president George Bush attended the Carlyle group's annual investor conference. Shafiq bin Laden,

Osama bin Laden's half-brother, was also at the conference and watched with Bush's associates while the World Trade Center was being attacked by Al Qaeda.

These events are true, but Moore suggested that the Bush administration supported bin Laden and Al Qaeda through the Carlyle Group. Although Moore does reveal important facts regarding Bush and allows us to see a more realistic side to the war, he also gives viewers a unique glimpse into the life of a grieving mother through a series of interviews Moore conducted.

During the first interview, Lila Lipscomb spoke of her family and her two children away at war. She expressed her love for her country and told

how she puts her flag out every morning in honor of America and in honor of the soldiers risking their lives to protect our country.

The next time Lila Lipscomb is interviewed, her son has been killed in Iraq. She visits our nation's capital and emotionally breaks down from thoughts of her son and what he gave up for our country. She also reads the last letter her son wrote to her.

Many critics have reviewed this movie and the overall response seems to be that it does not matter if you're Republican, Democrat or undecided. Everyone should see this movie.

The Young Democrats sponsored the showing of "9/11" in Copeland Hall.

"We didn't want to show this movie to try and sway people to be Democrat," Clara Blankenbiller, secretary for Young Democrats, said. "We wanted to show it to allow people to see and learn things they may not know. We want students to be able to look at their beliefs after watching this movie and determine how they feel about President Bush, the mistakes he's made, and if they want him making decisions concerning their lives for another four years."

To learn more about "Fahrenheit 9/11," you can visit www.michaelmoore.com. To learn more about the presidential candidates, visit www.johnkerry.com and www.georgewbush.com.

Superman remembered as a hero on and off screen

By MOLLY MITCHELL
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Christopher Reeve died at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco, N.Y., Oct. 10, after suffering heart failure while being treated for a severely infected pressure wound.

The renowned film star was best known for his breakthrough role as Superman in the "Superman" movies of the late 1970's and early 80's.

Reeve was an active man who was paralyzed in a horse riding accident in May of 1995. After the accident, Reeve had to make a life-altering decision, whether or not to die or to live on a respirator. Reeve said, that after he was paralyzed, it was his wife's support that kept him from choosing death over living on a respirator.

Reeve and his wife Dana Reeve contributed much to disabled people and to research for paralysis. They opened the first U.S. center devoted to teaching paralyzed people to live more independent lives, called the Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Resource Center. It opened on May 3, 2002, in Short Hills, N.J.

Reeve and his wife are also advocates of stem cell research. Recently he filmed a commercial in support for California's Proposition 71, which would provide California researchers \$300 million annually for 10 years to fund cloning projects in addition to stem cell research to benefit paralysis.

Reeve made a living out of acting, was blessed with three children and has now made a large contribution to paralysis research. Close to \$22 million in grants has been distributed to paralysis from the Reeve family foundation.

Reeve was certain that with the help of physical therapy and new medical innovations he would walk again. He spent close to \$400,000 a year on health care and underwent surgery in 2003 to have experimental electrodes implanted in his diaphragm, which helped him breath without a respirator. He was able to go for hours without the respirator and was making remarkable progress. He announced in 2002 that he could move his fingers on his left hand and his toes from a combination of electrical muscle stimulation and repetitive motion exercises.

After almost a decade of fighting for his life, Reeve died of an infection, but his contributions to society and medical research live on.

"The key to success is letting the relationships in your life grow to the highest levels they possibly can . . . not putting yourself first in life and remembering that the more you give away, the more you have," Christopher Reeve, the superhero, said.

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