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Trayless Tuesdays an effort to ‘go green’

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Photo by Laura Schemper
Director of Dining Services James Paul II promotes the idea of Trayless Tuesday because he believes it will reduce waste, chemical and water consumption.

Beginning in November, Chartwell’s staff will pack away all the trays on Tuesdays in an effort to conserve water, chemical and food waste. No trays will be given to any person eating at the Chartwell’s in the Nebraskan Student Union, URS and URN.

Director of Dining Services James Paul II said the idea for Trayless Tuesdays came from several studies done by both self operated and contract food service management corporations that showed a growing trend to reduce waste, chemical and water consumption. This is another way companies are attempting to “go green.”

With the number of students that dine on campus, why should UNK go trayless on Tuesdays?

“It’s the right thing to do,” Paul said. “Some recycling heavy campuses have gone totally trayless, and my idea is to try and educate people, move forward and try going trayless on a given day.”

The idea has gone through three months of planning and approval from different aspects of the UNK community. In August, Paul met with the vice chancellor to approve the idea. September’s goal was to get input and approval from the food committee to try going trayless. The food committee then presented the idea to their halls and hung up posters to get feedback. The food committee followed up in October to see what people wrote on the posters.

“The only way we would not go forth with even trying Trayless Tuesday would be if there was a strong push against it,” Paul said.

There hasn’t been a strong push, but there has been a little resistance. Several of the feedback posters emphasized “NOs” and indicated really positive comments.

Are the opposing comments because trays are convenient and students are lazy? Or because students really feel that conserving water, chemical and food waste is a bad thing?

Sarah Gustafson, a senior from Lincoln majoring in elementary education said, “At first when I heard about Trayless Tuesday I thought it would be a flop, and no student was going to want to do that. But when you think about it, big schools do it, so UNK might as well try it. All change is hard in the beginning, but this is not necessarily a bad change.”

Food waste is one of Chartwell’s biggest concerns. Paul said that going trayless will probably help students decide what they really want from the dining room, instead of trying everything and only eating a bite or two.

“I think people get food but don’t think about what they really want and the size of portions they are getting. Any nutritionist can tell you that it’s all about portion control. You can still get those ten different items if you’d like, but maybe not full plates of each.”

Paul hopes that UNK will save about 1,000 gallons of water in the two months of trial. He said that once the conservation data is available, he hopes to find a dramatic and powerful way to relay the numbers to students. If November and December are successful, Trayless Tuesdays will most likely continue.



Photo by Kevin Whetstone
Students perform the So-ran dance during the Japanese Festival. The So-ran dance is one of the most popular traditional dances of Japan, and is derived from a fisherman’s dance.

Japanese Festival brings food and fun to campus

BY MEGAN OAKLUND
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Gusty winds and chilly temperatures couldn’t keep students away from another successful year at the Japanese Festival on Sunday, Oct. 26.

Beth Howell, a junior social work major from Berthoud, Colo., came to see what the festival was about.

“I wanted to learn more about the Japanese culture. The games are fun and the food is great,” Howell said.

The festival is hosted by the Japanese Association at Kearney (JAK) group, which was founded in 2001 by Shinichi Maruyama. Though the campus presently has 236 Japanese students, when Maruyama came to UNK in 2000 there were only 18 Japanese students.

JAK now holds several events throughout the year to introduce the Japanese culture not only to students but to the Kearney community.

The festival kicked off with a speech by JAK President Ryunosuke Nakayama and Corliss Sullwold after which visitors were encouraged to stop

by each booth and learn more about the Japanese culture.

The booths showcased many different foods and games from the Japanese culture. Also, at this year’s festival, were performances by the Soran dance team, Okinawa Karate and Kendo, which is a type of sword fighting.

Visitors to the Japanese Festival were able to sample free Japanese foods like Yaki-Toumorokoshi, “grilled corn” seasoned with butter and soy-sauce, and Yakisoba which is fried noodles with meat and vegetables.

These dishes are very popular in Japan and often sold at festivals there. Those at the festival also enjoyed Japanese candy and sweets to satisfy any sweet tooth.

A Hachimaki booth was also available. The Hachimaki is a bandana worn by samurai. It is a symbol of perseverance or effort by the wearer. Visitors could get their own Hachimaki made from paint and had several patterns to choose from.

Games were also a big hit. Students and Kearney residents crowded around

to try their luck at a Japanese style shooting game. Other popular games were Kujibiki, where competitors pull a string to win a prize and a water balloon game.

Yoshiki Naoi, a sophomore biology major from Kugawa, Japan, helped run the shooting game.

“This is my second year helping, and it is really fun. It takes about two months of planning to get everything ready for today,” Yoshiki said.

Lisa George, an international education specialist, also enjoyed the festival this year.

“They (JAK members) worked so hard, and it has been a great turn out,” George said.

The festival ended with many stories of success and the need to keep hosting this particular festival so that the education of the Japanese culture continues.

To learn more about JAK visit their Web site at <http://jakenglish.web.fc2.com/home.html>.



Photo by Kevin Whetstone
UNK seniors Yuki Kawakami and Hideyuki Furusawa grill Yaki-Toumorokoshi, corn that is grilled with a special soy-sauce to give it a unique flavor, for festival-goers to sample on Sunday.

2009 will be the year of the youth vote

BY KARA FLAHERTY
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As the election nears, the country continues to anxiously watch the polls and wonder who will finally grasp the candidacy, becoming our 44th president. The race has been extremely close between Obama and McCain since late March, and reports are coming out that early voters are about evenly split between the two candidates so far.

Although Obama leads by small margins across all age groups, he leads by the largest margin among 18-29-year-olds.

According to Gallup Daily Tracking, 62 percent of young people support Obama, while only 34 percent support McCain. Compare that to the tiny one-point lead Obama holds among those

Political pundits speculate whether the youth of the nation will reach their voting potential during this closely contested election.

65 years old and older only 45 percent against McCain’s 44 percent.

Despite Obama’s obvious win with the youth vote, questions remain. Will the youth actually come out to vote this year? Can they make a significant contribution to the election?

The country is getting younger. The United States’ 2007 birth to death ratio was 14.2 to 8.3 respectively, and Young Democrats of America estimate that by 2015, the youth will make up nearly one-third of the electorate. What makes the youth demographic even more interesting is the fact that they are more diverse than ever before in the country, with 39 percent currently identifying as non-white.

There have been massive efforts by the Democratic campaign to encourage the youth to get involved, but the results of the effort won’t actually be seen until the election comes.

As for now, the Gallup poll reports that only 67 percent of registered youth say they are likely to vote in this election. If that is the case, then the percent of the overall vote that the youth can control remains at 12-14 percent, not much different than in the past 16 years.

However, the Gallup model does not include first-time voters or those

who do not vote regularly.

In the UNK student survey, 90 percent reported that they were registered to vote, and only 2 percent of those registered reported that they were not planning to vote. This leaves potentially 88 percent of UNK students, at least 68 percent who are first-time voters who can vote in this election. Whether or not they are likely to vote was not asked.

Another trend of the youth demographic is that they have historically favored the Democratic Party. But what about in Nebraska, one of the nation’s many red states?

In the UNK student survey, Obama leads by a fairly large margin, with 50 percent supporting him and 33 percent supporting McCain. Compared to the national level of youth support, McCain remains about the same while Obama is down by 10 points. However, it is important to note the fact that McCain’s level didn’t increase, which could easily be assumed in a staunchly Republican state.

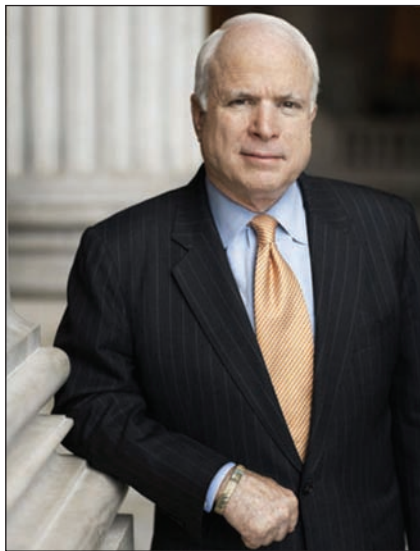
In one of the most recent polls of Nebraska residents tallied by Rasmussen Reports, McCain is winning over the state at 56 percent against Obama’s 37 percent. Despite the fact that the poll was held Sept. 30, more than a month before the election, it’s pretty safe to

say that Nebraska will remain a red state this year, even if the youth do turn out in record numbers.

However, Nebraska is one of only two states in the country that can split the electorate vote between Democrats and Republicans depending on how the residents vote. This is why every vote counts, and why the youth have the capacity to make their voices heard, especially in Nebraska.

Results of the UNK student survey are based on 120 students’ opinions, all U.S. citizens, in a volunteer two-page survey held between Oct. 22 and Oct. 24.

▼ See more results of Flaherty’s campus survey on page 4.



Dancing the SALSA

Photo by Sean Takahashi
Camila Parra, a junior economics major from Bogotá, Colombia, and Kenny Navas, a senior Spanish major from Lexington, Neb., dance salsa for Hispanic Heritage Month's closing ceremony.



Goodenberger honored as outstanding educator at fall NAEA conference

University of Nebraska-Kearney Art Education graduate student, Deborah Goodenberger, was presented the "Outstanding Nebraska K-12 Art Educator of the Year" award at the annual Nebraska Art Teacher's Association (NATA) Conference on Oct. 17 in Seward, Neb.

"Deb is an outstanding student and wonderful advocate for the fine arts," said Dr. Donna Aldean, Ms. Goodenberger's graduate advisor in the UNK art department.

"She has managed to make art a valued and visible subject in a rural area as well as across the state."

Goodenberger, who is also the K-12 representative for

NATA, lives in McCook, Neb. and has taught grades K-12 in Hayes Center since 2002.



Photo courtesy of Dr. Aldean
Deb Goodenberger speaks after being presented the Outstanding K-12 Art Educator of the Year award in Seward, Neb. on Oct. 17.

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Big TECH in a small town

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You wake up in the morning and you have a text message telling you that your order at the grocery store is ready to pick up. Last night your refrigerator sent in an order for more beer and frozen pizzas because it noticed that you were running low. Your washing machine put your clothes through another wash cycle because it could tell they were dirtier than usual, and your dryer sent a message to the Maytag repair man because the heat isn't working properly.

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Experts predict the same wireless Bluetooth technology our computers now use will direct your home appliances telling the repair man he needs to come, even letting him into your house without setting off the alarm, of course.

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that we buy and know when it is time to stock up on necessities.

RFID is in use today for transportation payments on turnpikes, subways and buses. The U.S. started coding them into passports in 2007 and into chips used for animal identification so when you lose Fido he can be returned home.

RFID was just one of many topics covered at the Heartland Tech Expo held at the Student Union on Tuesday Oct. 21, 2008. The expo, which is held every year alternating between Grand Island and Kearney, was born out of the desire to be able hear good speakers on the topic of technology without having to drive all the way to Lincoln or Omaha. This is the seventh time they have held the expo and the first time they have invited area high school students.

Among the sessions that were offered were Running a Green Business - E-Waste, Careers in Technology, How Technology Keeps Changing Our

World, Google Tips and Tricks and New Ways to Drive "Old" People Crazy.

One of the sessions discussed a new curriculum researched and developed with the help of 16 teachers and the AIM Institute right here in central Nebraska.

The class, Entrepreneurship & Marketing in the 21st Century, uses e-Bay to help teach students the principles of marketing in our ever changing world. The developers piloted the class in six ESU-11 schools in the Phelps, Gosper, Franklin, Harlan, Kearney, Frontier and Furnas counties to work out the bugs. The first training session for this curriculum is Nov. 3.

Dave Coover of the AIM Institute said that this program is a great learning tool for students, whether in high school or college. "It is one thing to learn it from a book, but to compete with real businesses is a completely different experience," he said.

Although this program was developed for high school students, Dr. Ross Taylor from the UNK Department of Marketing and Management Information Systems was interested in extending it to work for college students. Dr. Taylor said that an understanding of information technology and entrepreneurship are the two biggest keys to staying competitive in the global marketplace. "The AIM institute's program that Mr. Coover has developed is great way to blend the two into a highly educational course that is fun for the students. I am excited about the opportunity to partner with Mr. Coover to build upon the program he has established so that we can extend his innovative experiential learning tool to college students."

We live in a world where hardware capabilities double every 18 months (known as Moore's law) and where technology is ever growing smaller, faster and doing more. It is changing our classrooms, our buying habits and our day to day lives dramatically. This conference illustrated that the future for our technology is really limited only by our imaginations.

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‘Islam: the Religion and the People’ disappoints

This book may inspire more research by readers, but standing alone falls short of mark.



BY KEVIN L. NENSTIEL
Guest Writer

In their conclusion of “Islam: the Religion and the People” (Wharton School Publishing, 256 pages, \$21.99), Bernard Lewis and Buntzie Ellis Churchill say that they wrote this book because the clash between militant Islam and the nationalist West promises to be the crucial conflict of our generation. Perhaps so. But the main body of the book is short and laced with sweeping generalizations. This book may serve as a primer to spur readers to further research, but by itself, it gives us only a glimmer of a complex society which grows out of a vibrant but difficult religion and a history which has enjoyed only periodic stability. Bernard Lewis is a renowned scholar of Near Eastern history and culture. He may be as famed in academic circles for clashes with Edward Said and

other post-colonial scholars as for his own work, but examining the dispute between Lewis and Said reveals more about their ideological commonalities than their differences. Both agree that Islam as a faith and society has been falsely stereotyped and scapegoated, and want to see it paid due respect in the West. Co-author Churchill is a foreign affairs specialist who brings Lewis’ historical background up-to-date for current audiences. But the official page count is deceptive: the main body of the book ends on page 167. The remainder is taken up with a lengthy appendix on methodology and a forty-five page glossary. While I appreciate the definitions of terms, and found them nearly as informative as the rest of the book, I would have liked

to see more attention paid to the nuances of Islam and how it plays out, as culture and faith, throughout its sphere of influence. That is my over arching problem with this book. It’s informative and, as near as my limited history can confirm, accurate, but very incomplete. Islam, as a faith and a society, is not unitary, and the parts are as deserving of at least a little consideration as the whole. Why, for instance, do tribal conflicts in Pakistan and Afghanistan seem to be more divisive than the tribes’ shared faith? This is no small issue in understanding global Islam. Early in the book the authors touch on this very issue when they ask, “The basic question is—is one a member of a religion subdivided into nationalities or of a nation subdivided into religions?” But they don’t answer their own question. Perhaps they can’t, perhaps the question is too big, but we the readers need at least a hypothesis or two if we hope to understand. One bit of information the authors do touch on is the number of observant Muslims who have moved to Europe and America. Here they find the guiding principles of Shari’a are suddenly in

conflict with the law of the land. Lewis and Churchill’s exposition of the troubles suffered by Muslims in non-Muslim lands may be the most informative and revealing part of the entire book, and the information we the readers most need in this conflicted time. Similarly, the chapter on Islam and economy is eye-opening. Islam has a different relationship with work and money than the West, particularly since oil-drilling has separated wealth from taxation. Islam’s difficulty integrating with the global economy is no accident, the authors suggest; rather, it represents a culture’s different way of seeing money and the moneyed world, one which does not sound entirely bad, since it protects workers and their families. Islam, our authors suggest, is very communal as a religion and a society. Family and loyalty are more important than the individual. To the authors, this

is summed up in the Koranic injunction to “command good and forbid evil.” To Muslims, it is not enough to do good and avoid evil, but one must involve the community in the process. Compared to the individualistic, dare I say selfish, West, this contrast is stark and says much about the people. The authors regard the Ayatollah Khomeini’s 1989 fatwa against Salman Rushdie as a turning point in Islamic relations with the West. Rushdie’s novel “The Satanic Verses” was deemed blasphemous, and the writer was sentenced to death. But the Ayatollah drew this fatwa to include not just the Anglo-Muslim writer, but also the Western publishers and distributors, which our authors say is the first time a Muslim leader ever tried to enforce Shari’a on unbelievers in a non-Muslim nation. Iran seems very important in this book, and merits multiple mentions. But every time the authors mention Iran’s Islamic Revolution of 1979, they leave out a good deal of information. Lewis and Churchill regard this Revolution as emblematic of Islam’s changing relationship with the West, as well as prompting divisions within global Islam. But they never mention the reasons for the Revolution. In

their book, it’s as causeless as rain. Not once do the authors mention Operation Ajax, the covert U.S. mission that overthrew Iran’s democratically elected government in 1953. Considered a major success at the time, historians now regard this as a source of great American shame, and it bred Iranian resentment of the United States. They also omit the Iranian Hostage Crisis, right after the Revolution, when the staff of the U.S. embassy in Tehran was held hostage for 444 days. How can anyone understand the hostility between Iran and America without these two incidents? This is the problem again and again through this book—the authors hint at something but leave out enough details to really grasp it. This is frustrating. And since this book cites no sources, I must wonder how thorough the research process might have been. As an introduction to Muslim faith and culture, this book may be a good start. For the curious who don’t have time for every nuance, it may be an education. But to really understand Islam and our policies in that part of the world, this book is very incomplete.

Conrad Hall ghost still spooks students

BY KAYLIE PERRY
Antelope Staff

For many years the residents on third floor of Conrad Hall have reported haunting sounds and visions of a young lady who used to live there. The ghost, named Stella after one of

the Alpha Omicron Pi founding sisters, is said to haunt the west end of the third floor rooms, particularly room 318. Conrad Hall, built in the late 1950s, originally housed the Kearney State College chapter of the AOPi sorority. “We usually hear most of the noises from Stella the week

or so before the students move into the dorms,” said junior Justine Agaloo, the first floor RA from Clifton majoring in multimedia. Stella appears at night, sitting in students’ chairs, as well as on their beds. Sometimes students wake up unable to open their eyes or roll over in bed because Stella is sleeping next to them. Stella goes about her daily tasks in other obvious ways as well. Senior Audrey Churchill from Holstein, an RA in Conrad Hall majoring in interior design, tells a story of a resident on the third floor and her encounter with Stella. “She [a Conrad resident] was in the bathroom one day and she was waiting for the water to get hot so she could wash her face and the water would not get hot. All of a sudden the faucet next to her turned on and steaming hot water was coming out. After she told us this story we knew then that it had to be Stella,” Churchill said. Churchill said she hasn’t had many encounters with Stella, but she knows other girls on the floor have seen and heard strange things such as water turning on in the bathroom late at night. Some residents say fans in their rooms will change speeds and turn off and on by themselves. Churchill has also heard the manually operated paper towel dispenser will start shoot-

ing out paper towels on its own. Other sights and sounds give credibility to Stella’s presence: rumors of chairs being drug across the tile floors in

front of the mirrors, lights are found turned on in vacant rooms that have remained locked. Most residents prefer to keep mum— just in case— because if they talk about Stella, she is more likely to make an appearance. But what happens depends on whether Stella likes what you are saying: One resident tells the story of the time she was talking to her boyfriend on the phone, telling him about Stella and the eerie happenings when the call got lost. She tried to call him back but she could not get her phone to ring through. After she had some of her other friends try,

they could get a call through, but the call would never work from her phone. “That is when I knew that Stella did not like being talked about,” she said. According to OmaHaunt.com it is said that often residence halls are reported to be haunted. This may be because of the energy from the number of life-changing events happening to students who are housed in these structures. These life-changing events involve strong emotional reactions, which may be recorded in the structure itself, or may act as a “magnet” to ghostly energies.



Photo by Kaylie Perry
“Stella”, the ghost that haunts Conrad Hall, hangs out at the end of the hall on the third floor as a part of Conrad’s Halloween decorations.



Photo by Sapana Upadhyay
The top three pumpkins of the Pumpkin Decoration Contest were created by Michele Weeder, Blaire Drozd and Claire Freeburg. The annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest was sponsored by Loper Programming and Activities Council.

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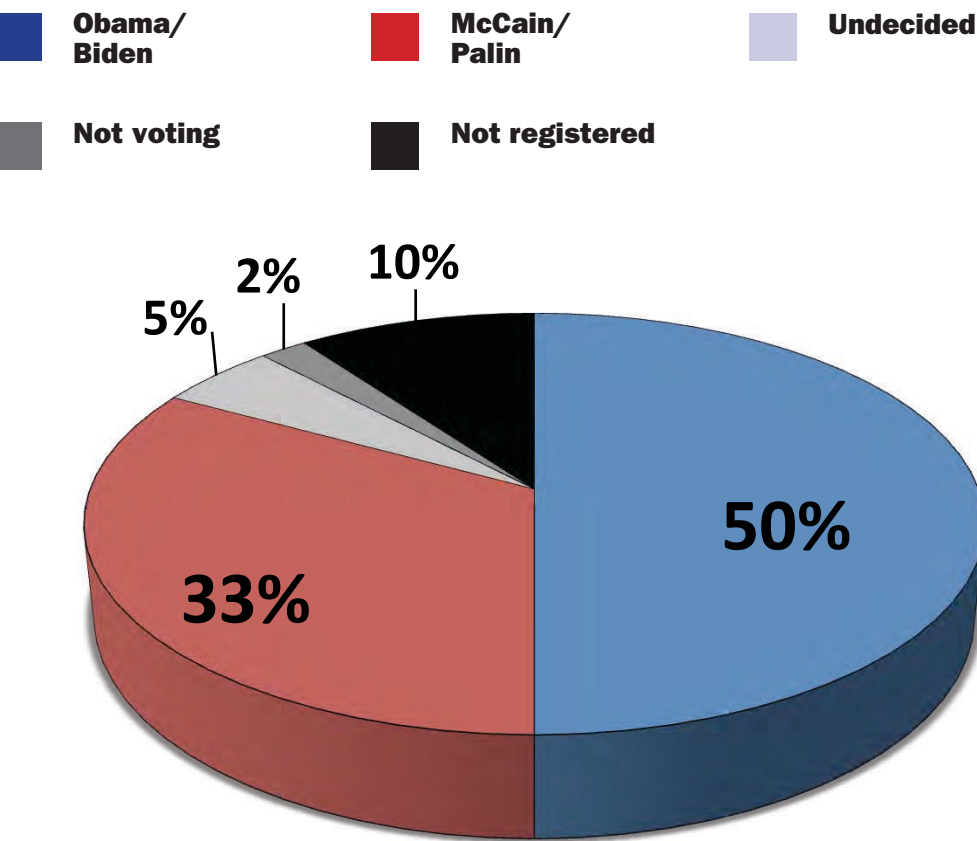
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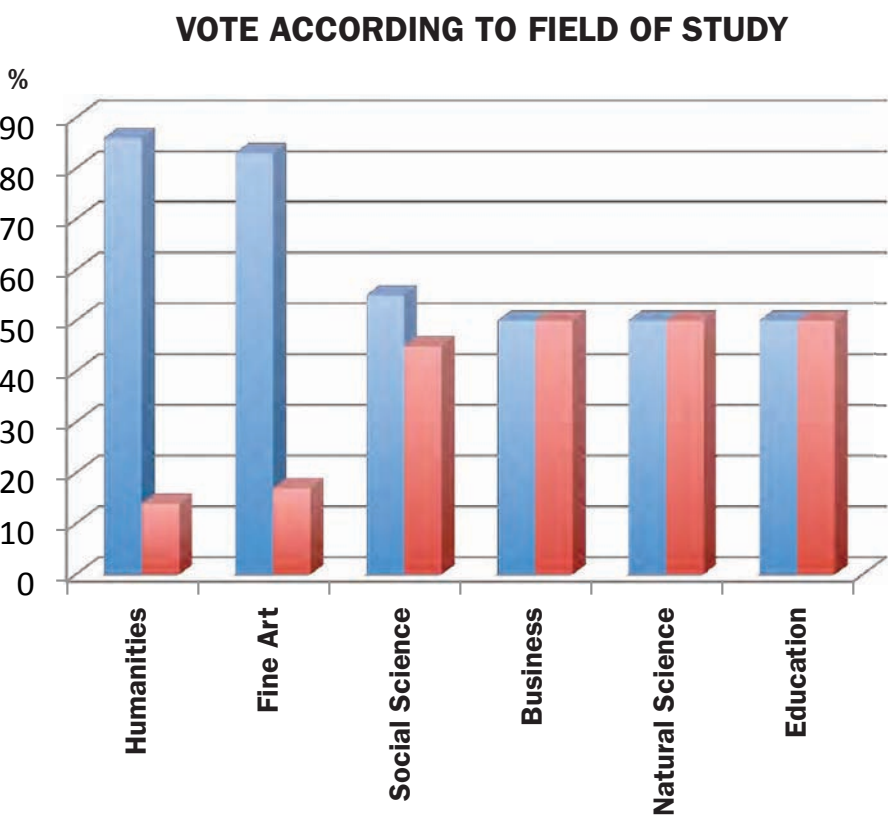
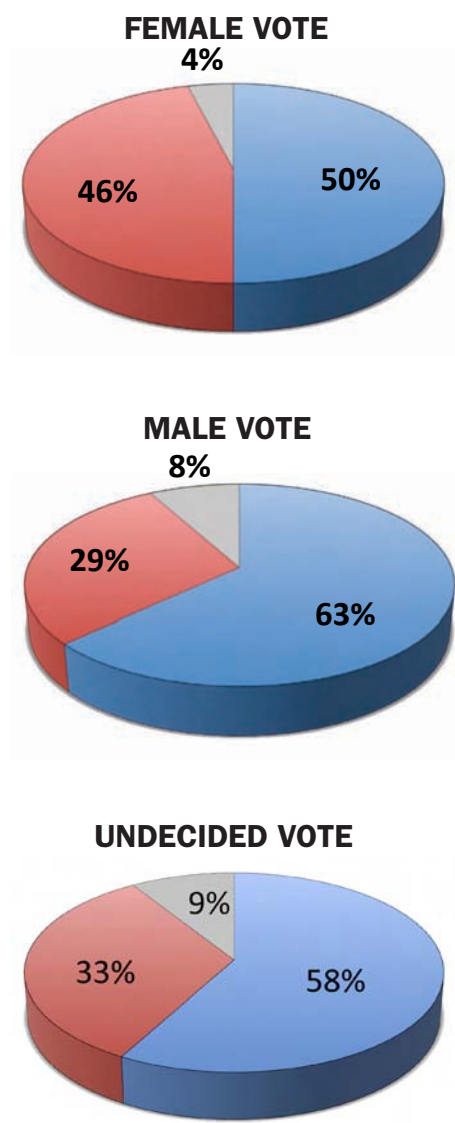
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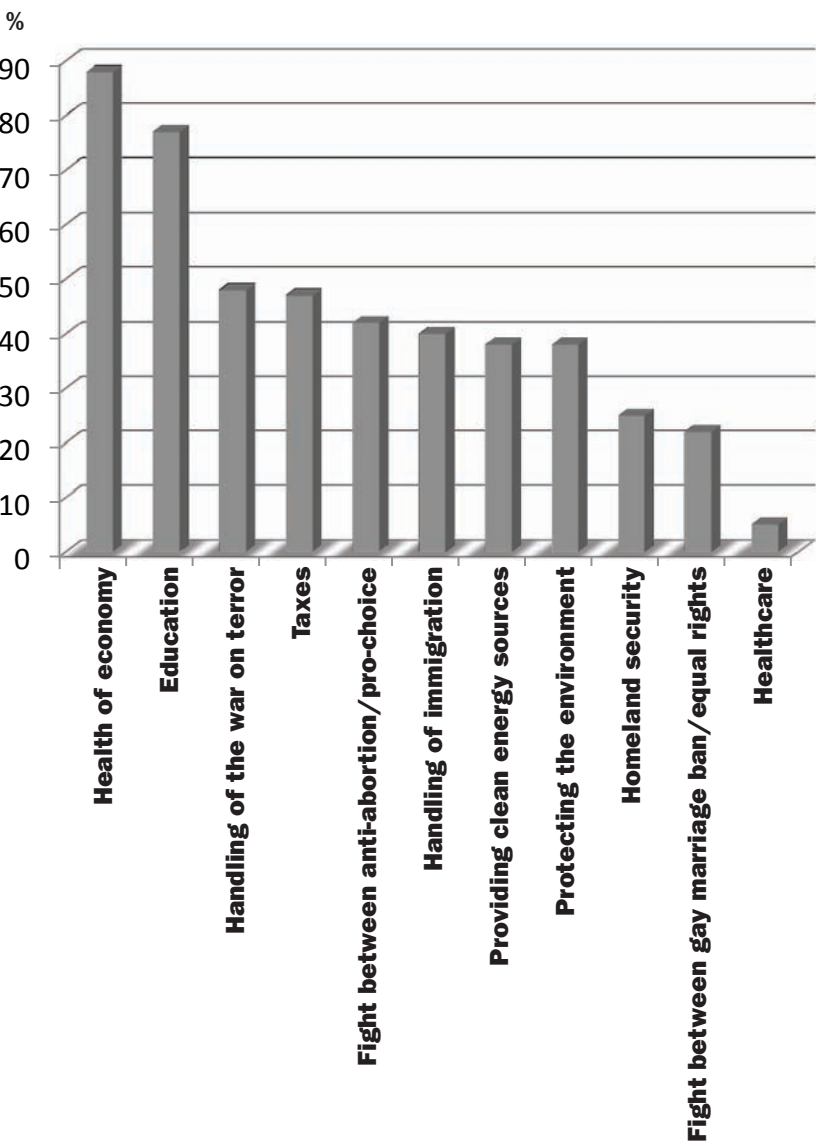


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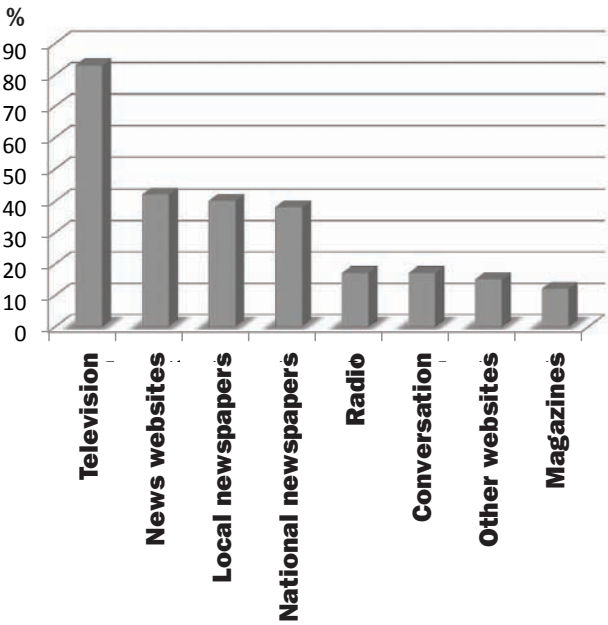
▼ What issues are most important to UNK students?

The survey asked respondents to rate what they thought were the top five most important issues facing the country today. Overall, the economy was the number one most important issue, with over 90% of students saying they were concerned. Education, the war on terror, taxes, and issues surrounding the abortion debate rounded out the top five.



▼ Where do UNK students get their election information?

Students who said that they have been paying attention to the election were asked to rate their top three sources of information. Television took the number one spot, with nearly 90% of students saying they use that medium. Official news websites and local newspapers followed.



UNK Student Senate urges you to be informed and vote

FROM THE GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Obama-Biden v. McCain-Palin. It is this year’s hottest topic! However, do you know what candidate you’re voting for? Do you know what the candidate’s platform and aspirations are? Better yet, do you know when and where to vote for you candidates?

The youth (college) vote has suffered low-voter-turnout since its conception. It seems that every year the participation and voting level drops more as the years progress. However, this year may be an exception.

It is well known that this year will, in fact, be a history-making presidential election. So far, this election promises to yield high voter turnout according to CNN and FOX news.

The Government Liaison

Committee, a committee in the UNK Student Senate, has held civic engagement symposiums for college students to inform them about this year’s election and how important it is to vote and make a difference.

One of their most recent campaigns has been printing and distributing “VOTE” posters around all the UNK residence halls to remind all the students to register and vote!

Jordan Gonzales, a UNK Student Senator and Chairman of the Government Liaison Committee, said “No matter what party you are or aren’t affiliated with, it is imperative that you vote on November 4! This election might create a tidal wave of civic engagement and encourage all potential voters to register and actually vote.”

He went on to say, “In order for an effective democracy

to work, you must have effective citizens who will take the time to learn about the candidates and their platforms. It is our duty as U. S. citizens to know what the candidates stand for and then vote.”

Everyone on the Government Liaison Committee is working in a non-partisan way to help get students registered and to vote!

Gonzales also stated, “Even if your candidate doesn’t win, democracy wins because it demonstrates that you really care about your government and that want to voice your own opinion.”

So as Election Day draws nearer, get to know the candidates, on the local, state and national level. And remember Nov. 4 is Election Day!

UNK students on the 2008 presidential election

★ “The youth vote will only be important if we actually get out to vote.”

Josh Rasmussen, senior communications major, on the importance of the youth vote

★ “The only thing keeping me from pledging my vote to him completely is his pro-choice stance.”

Brian Osler, junior multimedia major, on why he won't be voting for Obama

★ “He favors the middle class. There’s no way McCain will win by favoring the rich and big business.”

Casey Cobb, freshman music busniess major, on why he supports Obama

★ “Negative advertisements are cheap shots.”

Alejandro Pinedo, freshman biology major, on the negative turns in the candidates’ campaigns

★ “Voting based on race or gender is ridiculous. Vote on character and views!”

Calli Shepherd, senior elementary education major, on the roles of racism and sexism in the election

★ “Anyone who says Obama is a terrorist is just stupid.”

Jessica Olsommer, junior social work major, on the remarks that were yelled at a Palin rally in Florida

Infographic by Kara Flaherty
Source: UNK student election survey

WHO ARE YOU VOTING FOR?

Photo by Adam McLaughlin



Erik Miller
Campus Crusade

Q: At this point in the election, which candidate are you leaning towards?

A: “I’m definitely voting for McCain. His views on both the conservative and faith issues mean a lot to me.”

Photo by Andrew Hollister



Kelly Brown
Formerly Buckeye, Ariz.
Admissions Processor

Q: Which candidate is the best choice for college students?

A: “My family is traditionally Republican, but I’m voting for Obama because he wants to increase the Pell grant. He supports tax credits for college students and middle-class tax cuts that will affect real families.”

Q: Which candidate will be elected for vice president?

A: “I don’t know about her being vice president, but it is neat that Sarah Palin is in the position she is in with her experience.”

Photo by Ryan Seefus



Sophomore Danny Becker
Omaha
Exercise science

Q: What issues will affect how you will vote in the upcoming election?

A: “How each party plans to handle the war overseas is a major issue that will hold a lot of weight in my decision.”

Q: Who will you vote for in the Presidential Election and why?

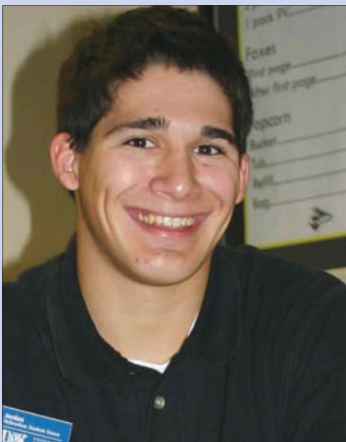
A: “I’m voting Obama because he made a good choice for a running mate. And yet he doesn’t have much political experience, I feel he doesn’t have less than McCain.”

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Rochelle Krueger
Curriculum associate

Photo by Josh Moody



Sophomore Jordan Gonzalez
Morrill, Neb.
Political science

Q: What is the most important issue that will affect who you will vote for in this election?

A: “I’m a pre-med student, so health care is an important issue because it involves my future career.”

Photo by Brian Ellis



Sophomore Kendra Solko
Herndon, Kan.
Pre-med/Spanish translation

Photo by Lyndsey Luxford



Sophomore Blake Millsap
Kearney
Construction Management

Q: Do you think Sarah Palin is a good candidate for president?

A: “More power to her. She’s a governor, therefore she must know what she’s doing.”

Photo by Nicole Peters



Sophomore Cheri Theesen
Hastings
Social Work

Q: Of the two presidential candidates, whose views do you disagree with and why?

A: “Obama’s. He is too liberal. He’s pro-abortion and has socialistic tendencies, and I don’t think he’s nearly as experienced and capable of handling foreign affairs. I think he’s unreliable. He doesn’t have firm convictions.”

Photo by Jessica Kenyon



Sophomore Paige Wewel
Lincoln
Forensic science

Q: After watching the presidential debate how did you feel about the candidates?

A: “I decided to vote for McCain because I agreed with more of his views and goals than I did Obama’s.”



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Defense leads football over Fort Lewis

BY GARRETT RITONYA
Antelope Staff

Perhaps Fort Lewis should throw in the white towel before coming to Ron and Carol Cope Stadium to face the University of Nebraska-Kearney Football Team from now on.

On Saturday afternoon, the Lopers shut out the visiting Skyhawks by a score of 24-0, the second straight year UNK has blanked them at Foster Field. Last year, the Lopers racked up the points in a 61-0 spanking. That makes the scores from the two meetings a combined 85-0 in favor of UNK.

It was also the second shut-out of the season for UNK as the team also defeated Adams State 37-0 earlier in the year. This is the first time a Loper squad has forced the opposing team to lay a goose egg twice in a year since the Lopers did it in 1982.

“It’s great knowing that the defense is going to get a three and out and give us the ball back in great field position,” said Jake Spitzlberger of Denver, starting quarterback for the Lopers.

In seven RMAC games this

season, the Lopers are only allowing 12.9 points per game with opponents gaining an average of only 43 yards rushing per game during that span. The Loper defense sacked Fort Lewis quarterbacks seven times during the game, with three coming from senior defensive end Nate Reicks of McCook.

Not to be outdone by the

defense was sophomore wide receiver Kyle Kaiser from Broomfield, Colo.

Kaiser hauled in two touchdown passes on the day. The first was a 22-yard strike from Spitzlberger in the first quarter. The second was a 46-yard bomb from backup quarterback Bobby Adamson early in the fourth quarter.



Kaiser finished the game with six grabs for 110 yards receiving and those two scores.

The two touchdown receptions give Kaiser ten on the year, making him the fifth Loper to accomplish that feat. Kaiser has also nabbed seven touchdowns in his past three games.

“Kyle (Kaiser) has been amazing as my number one target,” Spitzlberger said. “It will be interesting see, looking into the future, what we’re capable

of.”

Meanwhile, Spitzlberger turned in another solid performance, going 15-for-22 with 167 yards and 2 touchdowns.

This marked the fourth straight win for the Lopers, the longest streak since the 2005 team checked off seven victories in a row. That mark seems to be more and more attainable, but it would take two more victories and a berth in the Division II playoffs to make it a reality.

The Lopers have two games left on the schedule, with the next game Nov. 1 on the road against a Colorado Mines team that is only one game behind UNK for second place in the RMAC.

UNK hosts Mesa State, a team currently tied for second

with the Lopers in the RMAC, in the season finale on Nov. 8.

“These next two weeks are going to be tough against two of the best RMAC teams,” Spitzlberger said.

“I am confident that we can handle these teams very well and make a push at a berth in the Division II playoffs.”

Photos by Garrett Ritonya
LEFT: Redshirt freshman quarterback Jake Spitzlberger of Denver stiff arms a defender Saturday afternoon against Fort Lewis. The Lopers won to move to 6-3 on the season.

BOTTOM: Junior Wyatt Barstow (81) of Springview and redshirt freshman Eli Hammond (14) of Colorado Springs tackle a Fort Lewis runner for a short loss. The Lopers shut out the Skyhawks 24-0 for their fourth straight victory.

Volleyball keeps rolling despite loss of Clausen

BY CALLIE ERICKSON
Antelope Staff

It was a victorious weekend for the University of Nebraska-Kearney Volleyball Team as they picked up a pair of wins in their matches against Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) teams Regis and Metro State.

The Lopers defeated the Regis Rangers in four sets (25-7, 24-26, 25-12, 25-23) on Friday and conquered the Metro State Roadrunners (25-13, 25-16, 26-24) on Saturday.

UNK is now 26-2 on the season and 14-1 in RMAC play. The Lopers hold a two-game lead over Metro State for the top spot in the conference as the regular season nears a close.

Things seem to be going in favor of the Lopers, who are well in to their season despite dealing with some injuries.

“Coach has made some changes in the line-up, but that hasn’t changed the way we have been playing,” junior Shannon Clausen of Beatrice said. “Our team is very versatile so whatever position one of us is put at we can excel at that spot.”

Clausen suffered a knee injury during a match against Western New Mexico in early October, as she tore her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL). She had her ACL repaired along with a few stitches in her menis-

cus due to a small tear as well. Clausen will be out the remainder of the season, but she hopes to be back in full swing this May or June.

“The worst thing about sitting out is not being able to play with my teammates and traveling with them when we have away games,” said Clausen, a criminal justice major.

Not only must she fit in classes and practice time, Clausen also has to squeeze in rehabilitation for her injury two times a day.

“I have to work on getting my range of motion back and also strengthening exercises to get my muscle back, not to mention a lot of icing too,” Clausen said. “I’m just working on being able to run and jump again.”

The road to recovery may be long for Clausen, but the dedication she and the Lopers have shown this season gives her confidence that she will be back and ready to go next season.

Much success has come from this young team.

“The thing that has contributed the most to our success is our team chemistry,” Clausen said. “We get along really well, so that definitely helps out during games. We are able to stick together as a team. If something doesn’t go right or if we fall behind in a game, we are able to pick each other up.”

As the Lopers prepare for

the rest of their matches this season as well as the RMAC Championships, their focus at practice is to concentrate on how they are playing based on what they are doing.

“We are working on maintaining intensity throughout practice and getting better each day,” Clausen said.

With only five games of regular season play left before the RMAC Championships the Lopers look to their team goals for direction. Winning the RMAC Championship and regionals are at the top of their list.

After switching regions, the Lopers are matched with teams that are highly competitive. Defending National Champion Concordia-St. Paul and other highly ranked teams are now in the same region as UNK. Looking ahead, the team is excited to take on the challenge and play against the tough competition that is to come.

The Lopers will take on Bellevue Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Health and Sports Center. The Lopers are looking to continue their dominance at home, as they are undefeated this season in Kearney.

“The best part about playing at home is definitely the atmosphere that our fans create,” Clausen said. “We have the best fans and support from the community, and that makes it so much fun to play at home.”



Aqualopers go 1-3 in Colorado

The Nebraska-Kearney Women’s Swimming & Diving Team returned to the pool this past weekend, competing in four duals in Colorado Springs and Denver.

On Friday, UNK (1-4) beat Metro State, 80-50, and fell to the host Colorado College Tigers, 80-55. The next day in Denver, the Aqualopers fell to Colorado School of Mines, 120.50-85.50, and to the Division I Denver Pioneers, 174-43.

Junior diver Annie Moyer of Lincoln led the way Friday as she won at both one (233.62)


and three meters (216.30). Showing good depth, freshman Jourdan McKevery of Wichita was runner up in both boards, scoring 181.12 (three meters) and 185.18 (one meter) points.

In the pool, UNK got first place efforts from Lincoln freshman Mandi Scheerer in the 100 free (59.01) and from freshman Heather Glodt of Pierre, S.D. in the 50 free (26.40) and 100 butterfly (1:07.16). Also, freshman Shannon Bornhoft of Holyoke, Colo. was runner up in the 1,000 free (12:43.70) and in the 200 breaststroke (2:51.44).

At DU, Moyer tallied 185.65 points to place second to Denver’s Elizabeth Yovich on the one-meter board. Both she and McKevery (154.65) finished ahead of the Pioneers’ other diver.


Glodt led the way in the pool, having a third place effort in the 100 breaststroke (1:17.44) and finishing fourth in the 50 free (26.59). Also making the finals in the 100 breaststroke was freshman Courtney Schmit of Olathe, Kan. (4th/1:20.94).

UNK hosts UNO Nov. 7 at 5 p.m.



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Golf teams hope to carry fall momentum into spring season

BY JEFF KONCABA
Antelope Staff

The UNK Golf Teams had strong finishes to the fall golf seasons and hope that momentum carries into the spring. Although the men's team got off to a rocky start this fall, the members stepped up their game, and by the end they were playing their best golf. Coach Dick Beechner said he is proud of the way his team fought through the season and ended on a high note. "We started the season off playing very poorly, and everyone was disappointed because the coaches and the kids knew they could play better," Beechner said. Things were still rocky when the team traveled to Denver in the middle of the season and placed last out of eight teams. After that low point, they bounced back and got on a hot streak finishing the season by placing tied for fifth in Kearney, seventh in Hastings and a re-

cord-setting second in Sterling, Colo. in their last tournament of the season. "We shot an 863, which is one under par in Sterling, Colo., which is a 54-hole low at UNK," Beechner said. "The best thing about that tournament was that everyone contributed, and we played really well to end the season." Next spring, Beechner will be looking for leadership from senior Preston Foster of Broken Bow and juniors Max Hadenfeldt of Gering, Justin Onken of Omaha, Alex Ferrell of Kearney, and Devon Kastler of Ord. These five players went to the team's final tournament and know what it takes to win. The men's team will now hit the weight room to stay in shape as they get ready to make a run at the regional championship. The women's team also fared well this fall and got a lot of work done with a very young team. The leader of the group, senior Megan Marshall of Kearney, guided three freshmen. Sara Wissing of Hastings, Nicole Er-

win of Norfolk and Mami Stuart of Beatrice, transitioned easily from high school to the collegiate scene — which is no easy task according to first-year head coach Chad Lydiatt. "The three freshmen came in and made a big impact very quickly," Lydiatt said. "It is very hard to transition from high school to being a student athlete in college, and with the help of Megan Marshall, these girls made it look easy." The team played in five tournaments and placed out of the top five only once, when they placed seventh in St. Paul, Minn. "This was a very good way to start our season, building confidence in the girls and their abilities to compete," Lydiatt said. The team will now work on their cardio and weight training, still going to the Kearney Country Club to work on their swing with an indoor hitting net. The golf teams will kick off the spring season in February and are looking to build on what they accomplished in the fall.

Cross Country teams place seventh at conference meet; Fruit named to All-RMAC Team

The Nebraska-Kearney Cross Country Teams each placed seventh at the 2008 RMAC Championships Saturday morning in Grand Junction, Colo. Individually, Ogallala sophomore Tanner Fruit led the way as he earned third-team All-RMAC honors by placing 21st overall. He finished the 8k course in 26:32. Fruit, who missed most of the fall due to illness, becomes just the fifth UNK man to earn all-league honors. As a team, the Lopers men scored 184 points in the 11-team race. This marks the second time since 2002 UNK has cracked the top seven at RMAC's.

Adams State, ranked No. 1 nationally, had six of the first 10 finishers to score 20 points and easily claim the title. Sixth-ranked Western State (49) was second with fifth-ranked Colorado School of Mines third (89). On the women's side, UNK scored 197 points to beat six teams. No. 1 Adams, with four of the first 10 finishers, scored 29 points to win going away. Fifth-ranked Western was second (49) and No. 23 Mesa State (108) third. Minatare freshman Amy Long once again led the UNK women by running the 6k course

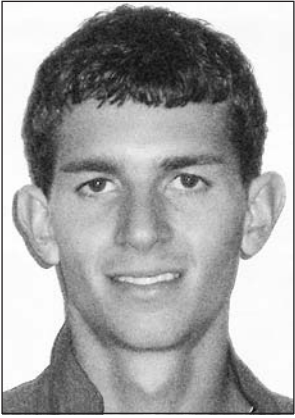


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Tanner Fruit, a sophomore from Ogallala, placed 21st at the RMAC Championships Saturday in Grand Junction, Colo. to earn All-RMAC honors. Fruit is only the fifth UNK man to earn the honors.

in 23:31 to finish 27th overall. Deshler freshman Lauren Stengel (31st/23:49) and Lincoln junior Megan McClure (35th/23:54) were close behind. Lavenna Mullenback of Adams paced the field in 21:23. Besides Fruit, UNK saw Minden freshman Al Sanabria come in 33rd place (27:01) with Malcolm junior Quinn Willet 36th (27:13). Aaron Braun of Adams easily outdistanced the field in 24:35. UNK hosts the Central Regional at Kearney Country Club on Nov. 8.

RMAC Championships
Grand Junction, Colo.

UNK Men

- 21. Tanner Fruit 26:32
- 33. Al Sanabria 27:01
- 36. Quinn Willet 27:13
- 49. Thomas Neemann 27:55
- 61. Zac Groenke 28:41
- 63. Rylan Little 28:53
- 66. Brandon Wissing 29:07
- 67. Nick Kizzire 29:10
- 74. Chris Hennessy 30:20

UNK Women

- 27. Amy Long 23:01
- 31. Lauren Stengel 23:49
- 35. Megan McClure 23:45
- 42. Shiloh Villar 24:27
- 76. Claire Aylward 26:20
- 82. Jamie Rudder 26:39
- 84. Mackenzie Schulz 26:45
- 86. Hilke Brandon 27:06
- 91. Abby Richter 27:40



Loper Golf Accomplishments

Men

- Shot 863 in a tournament, which is one under par and a 54-hole record for UNK (Sterling, Colo.)
- Shot a one under par 283 round, which is the lowest 18-hole round shot in Kearney
- Shot a three under par 285 round, which is the third lowest 18-hole round shot by UNK (Sterling, Colo.)

Women

- Sara Wissing tied for first in her collegiate tournament debut by shooting a 36-hole total of 158 (Scottsbluff)



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Pride of the Plains to march in Rome on New Year’s ‘09

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Senior clarinet player Eryn McBride Kearney



Photo courtesy of Dr. Neal Schnoor
The UNK Pride of the Plains Marching Band moves toward St. Peter's Square on Jan. 1, 2006 to the annual Papal New Year address and blessing. The band will again travel to Rome this December.

BY TARA PURDIE
Antelope Staff

Recognition, appreciation and respect are a few reasons why several students are members of the UNK band, and they will receive all of these along with a warm welcome when they travel to Rome this December.

Clarinet player Eryn McBride, senior physical science and psychobiology major from Kearney, said that being a member of the band takes hours of practice and requires enormous amounts of dedication, and that in preparing for Rome she will have to put countless more hours in to be ready.

The band has selected the music that they will play in Italy based on what was most liked from the previous trip, and they will soon start practicing for the parades they will perform in.

McBride went on the trip to Rome her freshman year and said she had an awesome time. She said the most memorable experience from her last trip was the impromptu performance outside Vatican City. McBride said they were packing up their instruments, and the drum line was finishing their cadence when people started gathering around. Then, the crowds

“People were dancing on top of cars, videotaping our band and hanging out of their apartment windows nearby.”

Eryn McBride

soon amounted to hundreds cheering on the drum line, so the band took their instruments back out.

“We put on a spur of the moment performance right there in the street. People were dancing on top of cars, videotaping our band and hanging out of their apartment windows nearby. Italians bands don’t have percussion sections like we have, so they went crazy when they listened to us,” McBride said.

To prepare for the trip, McBride said that she is trying to immerse herself with the Italian culture and is trying to learn some of the language from a phrase book. She said the Italians appreciated and respected that some of the students took time to learn about their culture, history and language.

“The culture is just so different in Italy, and visiting another culture just gives you so much more insight into seeing how the world works,” McBride said.

Freshman Katherine Flentie from Lincoln majoring in middle school education in math and English said that she is also participating in this trip because she has always wanted to travel outside of the country to visit another culture.

“I want to experience the culture and see what everyone has been talking about that attended the trip before,” Flentie said.

Flentie said she has heard only good things from students who went on the previous trip and that “they would do it again in a heartbeat” and is just looking forward to “experiencing.”

The band will be playing on New Year’s Day in Rome. They will be marching in this parade in the Vatican City to St. Peter’s Square and it will be concluded with the Pope’s Papal Blessing in ten different languages.

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