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Budget cuts will mean higher costs

Tuition, fees, room and board may be adjusted in fall 2011

BY ERIK DODGE
Senior Reporter

The proposed \$1.4 million budget cut will not have noticeable effects for students, at least not yet, according to Chancellor Doug Kristensen.

However, fewer university employees will be noticeable, and students will also likely see higher costs next fall to offset continuing budget problems.

"We're going to get smaller as a university in terms of numbers of people who are working here," Kristensen said. Positions for approximately eight full-time employees were cut or merged according to the proposed plan.

This does not mean every class will get larger, but budget cuts will affect the classroom. "Some classes will be taught by adjuncts as opposed to a full-time professor," Kristensen said.

Tuition rates, student fees and room and board have already been set for the year but can be adjusted for next fall. "You

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Photo by Debbie Epping

"I doubt very seriously that you could see more than a 6 percent tuition increase," said Barbara Johnson, vice chancellor of business and finance. Tuition rates, student fees and room and board have already been set for the year, but Chancellor Kristensen said the budget will be reviewed in June and students' costs will be adjusted accordingly.

Homecoming Royalty



Photo by Lyndsey Luxford

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Seniors Andy Greer, a broadcast major, and Allie Nightingale, an elementary education major, both of Kearney, are crowned homecoming royalty at Saturday's football game. Chancellor Kristensen recognized the two with a gift from the university.

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Lady Gaga stirs the DADT debate using social media

**BY BRIE MAASKE**
Antelope Staff

When newsmaker Lady Gaga speaks, world media hangs on every word.

Even the U.S. Senate recently sat up to listen as she continued to stand for a repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

"Every day we fight to abolish laws that harbor hatred and discrimination against all people—laws that infringe on our civil liberties, unfair laws like Don't Ask, Don't Tell," Lady Gaga said.

After Lady Gaga spoke these words in a video addressed to her fans, she uploaded a message to U.S. Senators on her website urging Americans to stand up for the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

The message can be seen at online at the link featured at the end of this story.

In the video, Gaga made attempts to reach her home state senators in New York, but was met with no response and a full voicemail inbox. She assured fans that she would not stop calling until she was able to

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Lady Gaga

speak to them about repealing Don't Ask, Don't Tell and urged other Americans to do the same.

Gaga and Democrat Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid traded tweets on Twitter regarding the Senate vote. Reid told Gaga repealing the measure was the right thing to do. "Anyone qualified to serve this country should be allowed to do so," Reid tweeted.

Gaga, along with the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network and many other organizations and individuals across the nation made efforts that were met with a disappointing setback on Sept. 21, when the bill, which would repeal DADT, was blocked by a Republican-led filibuster.



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Lady Gaga sparked controversy with her verbal protests against U.S. military policy "Don't ask, Don't tell."

The National Defense Authorization Act was stalled by a 56-43 vote, only four votes short of passing.

A week earlier, wearing a raw-meat

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Hoselton's in for move from RMAC to MIAA in 2012

**BY DREW HOSELTON**
Antelope Staff

As one era comes to an end, a new era is about to begin. On Sept. 24 UNK officially accepted the invitation from the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) to join its conference starting in the 2012-2013 academic year.

After a long process of figuring out whether or not the MIAA was a good fit for the Lopers, we finally have our answer.

"Joining the MIAA is a great opportunity to enhance the welfare of our student-athletes, increase our engagement with the community and bring excitement to the UNK campus," said UNK Chancellor Doug Kristensen. "The fit between UNK and the MIAA is natural, because the member schools have similar missions, values and goals."

The MIAA provides shorter trips and a cut on the travel expenses alleviating brutal travel schedules and athletes miss-

With the move, the Lopers will have five opponents closer than Chadron State and be in same conference with rival UNO.

ing several days of class. "A clear intent is to provide scheduling opportunities that would help avoid student-athletes missing class time while managing our schools' travel costs," said new MIAA commissioner Bob Boerigter.

With the move, UNK will have five MIAA opponents that are geographically closer than their closest RMAC opponent Chadron State.

The move to the MIAA is not going to be an easy transition. The MIAA is by far the premier Division II conference in the nation. Year after year, the MIAA is always represented well in post-season tournaments and has had several national champions in its history. The Lopers have had great success in the RMAC since joining in 1994, winning 54 regular season titles, several conference tournament cham-

pionships and appearances in post-season tournaments. "I've been able to watch how Kearney has grown their programs from a distance. Their facilities are terrific. They've done a wonderful job with their campus infrastructure, and they've hosted national championships... We're excited. It will be great," Boerigter said.

By joining the MIAA, the Lopers will be in the same conference as the University of Nebraska at Omaha for the first time in school history. The MIAA added UNO as a league member in 2008. UNK will also be in the same conference as long-time rival and former RMAC member Fort Hays State University.

Director of Athletics at UNK, John McBride, said the move is "a homecoming of sorts."

"There's a lot of familiarity between the MIAA schools and Kearney. Having UNO and Fort Hays in there kept Nebraska at Kearney in mind. And the timing is right to make the move," McBride said.

UNK is excited for its new journey, but until then, the Lopers need to take care of business in the RMAC.

How students deal with financial strain

BY SKYLAR LEATHERMAN
Antelope Staff

Sarah Hoefler, a junior English major from Firth saves money and energy.

How do you save money?

In my house we take a lot of care to save energy. We make sure we turn off lights, and we haven't used the air conditioner. We try to air dry our clothes. I don't buy things on a whim, and I have a budget. If something isn't in my budget, I wait and save up for it. I also ride my bike or walk everywhere.

Do you have any tips for anyone thinking of starting a budget?

Don't be scared of it, and just try it out.

It's crazy to see where your money goes when you write it all down.

What's the best part of having a budget?

The best thing is that I know where all my money goes, and I feel like I'm managing it better.

What is your job situation like?

I babysit, and it can be anywhere from five to eight hours a week. I had a summer job where I made most of my money for the year.

Jaekeun Cho, a senior marketing major from Inchon, South Korea only buys essentials.



SARAH
HOEFLER



JAEKEUN CHO

How do you try to save money?

I use my money in an efficient way. I think that's more important. I spend a lot of money on food, but I never regret it. I buy good things and don't spend a lot of money in bad ways.

What do you spend most of your money on?

I spend most of my money on food. I go to Wal-Mart and spend a lot, especially on meat. I love the United States because it has cheap beef. Beef is expensive in South Korea.

Does your job interfere with your school-work?

No, I work less than 20 hours a week. My job helps my English ability and to have American friends.

What is some advice for students looking to save money?

I think some students think that saving money is the most important thing, but for me the most important thing is networking with friends. You should find the best way to spend. I buy healthier food and products, and I work out.

That's a good thing for me to spend my money on.

Read more student interviews

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UNK grad passionate about career in student affairs

BY REBECCA MCMICKELL
Antelope Staff

Megan Friesen loves seeing students succeed.

As an academic advisor and coordinator of the Mentor Program at UNK, Friesen's job is centered around students, and she wouldn't have it any other way.

"I feel very blessed to have such an awesome group of students to work with; they make it worth coming every day," Friesen said.

Friesen's friendly personality and desire to make a difference make her the perfect addition to UNK's Student Support Services, and she comes with experience as a Loper herself.

Originally from Hastings, Friesen chose to attend UNK after high school. "It was close to home, and it was just the right size for me," she said. After earning her bachelor's degree in vocational business education in 2007, she continued her education at UNK and recently received a master's degree

in counseling and school psychology with an emphasis in student affairs in May.

Before starting grad school, she landed a paid position on campus when Kristen Larson, the previous Mentor Program Coordinator, found a different position.

"Kristen Larson kind of inspired me to do this. I loved her job and I thought, 'I can do this,' so I went out on a limb and applied, and I got it," Friesen said.

She now has two titles. As an Academic Advisor, she helps students choose classes, research majors and look at careers, but that's far from all she does. With the help of Student Support Services faculty and staff, Friesen handles everything from teaching to coordinating.

"I teach two sections of Freshman Seminar, and I've also taught University Foundations in the past. I do a lot of programming of events for students; I plan, coordinate, put them together, invite the speakers and get them ready. I really look at what's needed, what the students are looking for and how we can make it fun and put it all together," Friesen said.

The Freshmen Seminar and University Foundations classes are transition classes, taught for the First Year Program, designed for freshmen making the transition from high school to college.



MEGAN
FRIESEN

One of Friesen's most important jobs is coordinating the UNK Mentor Program. Students must qualify to be eligible for the program by either being a first generation student, having a documented disability or a recipient of a Pell Grant. "We work intensively with freshmen," Friesen said. "Basically, it's their upperclassman go-to person."

Mentors and mentees are matched based on interests and majors. "I have a form that they fill out, it's like eHarmony

for the Mentor Program," Friesen laughed. The pairs meet at least seven times throughout the semester and attend UNK events or go through processes like class registration.

Gustavo Ramirez, a junior political science major from Lexington, said he has enjoyed being a mentor.

"It's great that I've had a chance to help someone out by mentoring. I think it's important, because we all remember being freshmen and being new to UNK, so this is a great way to introduce students to college life," he said.

For Friesen, being a part of UNK Student Support Services has been rewarding in more ways than one.

"I was an SSS student as an undergrad and I loved it," she said. Now as a Student Support Services faculty member, Friesen's students are her passion, "I love seeing them grow as people."

OCTOBER IS CAREERS IN STUDENT AFFAIRS MONTH

- ▶ If you love helping people and making a difference, a career in student affairs might be for you. Check out what's happening on campus.
- ▶ Oct. 6: Student Affairs Career Expo, student union atrium, the committee and several other Student Affairs staff will be in the atrium of the union from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. promoting careers in Students Affairs to students as they pass through
- ▶ Oct 13: Careers in Student Affairs Panel Discussion at 7 p.m. in Nester View, a group of Student Affairs professionals will discuss how they got into the profession and what they like about their jobs.

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'Corn Man' brings laughs, smackdown to UNK theatre



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Jordan Peterson, right, a junior musical education major from O'Neill, plays the lead role of Corn Man, while Spencer Wolfe, left, a senior theatre major from Lincoln, stars as the Playwright. This is one of two fight scenes between the Playwright and Corn Man.

BY MEGAN BLUME
Antelope Staff

Looking for something to do this week? Why not follow an ear of corn on his journey of self-discovery and have a few laughs during the performance of "Corn Man."

"Corn Man" is an original play written in 2001 by Janice Fronczak, a UNK theatre professor.

"I was new to Nebraska and the Midwest, and I was driving around when I got lost in the cornfields," Fronczak said. "I started wondering what it would be like if an ear of corn wanted to leave, and that's how the idea of 'Corn Man' formed. After Sept. 11 happened, the play totally changed, and took on a new direction."

"Corn Man" centers around a disgruntled ear of corn that escapes from the cornfield, and embarks on a journey of self-discovery. Along the way, he meets a number of colorful characters including Potato Man, She-Corn Man, the Stranger and his own creator, the Playwright.

"It's definitely a comedy, but it has romance in it. My idea was to combine all the genres, so there is drama, comedy, music and more," Fronczak said. "It's a play with music, but not a musical."

Jordan Peterson, a junior musical education major from O'Neill, plays the lead role of Corn Man. He has been in four UNK productions, and several plays and musicals at Ozark Actors Theatre in Rolla, Mo.

"I feel like I have a lot in common with

the character that I am playing," Peterson said. "He [Corn Man] really doesn't know his place in the world, and the whole play is about him trying to discover where he should be in the world, and where he came from. I think this is a question that anyone at this stage in their life goes through."

According to Fronczak, Peterson was a good fit for the role. "I chose Jordan Peterson as Corn Man because I knew he could switch from the different genres, and he matched the singing requirement."

Peterson said the cast is the best part of "Corn Man." "I am thrilled to be working with really good friends of mine in the theatre department. The cast really does an outstanding job, and I think everyone fits their characters perfectly. It really makes for some truly beautiful and outright hilarious moments."

One hilarious moment we can expect: the Playwright giving Corn Man a smackdown. What could be funnier than a fight scene between a vegetable and his creator?

"The audience can also expect a very unusual play, because you never know what's going to happen," Fronczak said. "You will think it is one thing, but there are a lot of surprises."

Peterson agrees and said the show has something for everyone.

"Expect to see a great new play that really has a little bit of everything, from really truthful moments to some of the funniest moments I've been a part of in a show."

INTERESTED IN SEEING THE PLAY?

See 'Corn Man' Oct. 6-10. The play will be showing in the studio theatre located on the lower level of the Fine Arts Building. Tickets are free to UNK students and \$5 for non-students and faculty.

Oct. 6-9 at 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 10 at 2 p.m.

AmeriCorps volunteers keep rural Nebraska strong

BY SKYLAR LEATHERMAN
Antelope Staff

AmeriCorps students at UNK are serving their country by serving locally and giving time and energy to volunteer around the community.

The rewards are clear said Grant Anderson, a full-time AmeriCorps volunteer. According to Anderson, a year of service can help you make connections with the community. "You get to work long enough to see the impact of what you're doing."

Working with AmeriCorps can also strengthen your resume, help develop better leadership skills and help build new relationships.

"In the public schools, the kids actually recognize volunteers," Anderson said. "People in schools get jobs or excellent reference letters. It's great for

connections and networking. It helps the general community's need."

AmeriCorps helps communities across the nation to address critical needs in education, the environment, public safety, homeland security and other areas. The program was first founded in Kearney in 2004 with the Service-Learning Corps of South Central Nebraska. The formal name is Rural Corps of South-Central Nebraska. The

current program began as a campus and community partnership in 2008 when Geraldine Stirtz founded the AmeriCorps program at UNK. Stirtz, the

Rural Corps program manager and supervisor, works with the program and its members closely.

Stirtz decided to start the program when she noticed a need in the community. "Rural Nebraska

is hurting. We see many small communities losing citizens who chose to leave

for college and not return as the jobs are not there," Stirtz said.

"I felt we could support a program here in central Nebraska that would get people more engaged as citizens to support their communities and take pride in them. I feel the AmeriCorps program can help get things turned around as we engage individuals in serving others and not focusing entirely on themselves. AmeriCorps is about serving and giving of oneself in service for others less fortunate than our own self."

AmeriCorps creates a connection between the community and campus.

"The program works with service-learning corporations and creates outposts for volunteering in the community. Our biggest goal is to connect the campus to the community by getting

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- ▶ Organizing for disaster preparedness
- ▶ Caring for environmental issues
- ▶ Engaging senior citizens
- ▶ Strengthening rural Nebraska Communities

Taking a chance with the opportunity of a lifetime

Wemhoff and Vieth have the experience of a lifetime teaching English abroad

BY EMILY WEMHOFF

Guest Writer

I've never had the desire to be a teacher, so when I was told I would be teaching students at a middle school and high school here in Shijiazhuang, I really didn't know what to think about the situation. Of course, I was more excited than anything, but I was also afraid of being a complete failure at the process. I've never even taught American students, but here I am expected to teach hundreds of Chinese students something about myself and about America.

Saray, Vanessa and I were all assigned to one school, and there was some confusion when we first arrived at No. 9 (schools in China go by numbers). Our first day was on Monday, and we met with about 20 middle school teachers. Right away, one of the teachers asked me, "How do you keep a student's attention in the classroom?" I think they thought we were actual teachers, so I quickly clarified that we were only students. However, we all agreed that we could teach them a lot about America and tell them about our experiences as students. We obviously knew what teaching styles we like and how we learn the best, so we could at least demonstrate these techniques to the teachers at No.9.

On Tuesday, we visited with 7th grade students. Saray, Vanessa and I were told that we would all be in the same classroom, but when we arrived, they split us up into three separate classrooms. Once again, we were misinformed or had some sort of miscommunication, but we managed to get along just fine. In fact, I loved every moment I had with the students and guessing from how they reacted once class was over, I believe they enjoyed it too.

Each class that I talked to had about 50 students and the period lasted 40 minutes. I was startled when I first said, "Hello! How are you?" and 50 students loud and proud, and in unison, replied, "Hello! I'm fine, thanks. How are you?" I was not expecting it, and I'm sure my eyes popped out their sockets for a while.

I began by introducing myself. I showed them pictures of my family, my house, my friends and pictures of what I like to do, such as singing and dancing.

The students knew very little English, so I was surprised when they would raise their hands and ask me questions. Each time I called on a student that had a question, they would stand up and stay standing until I told them to sit down. It was kind of flattering, but I also felt awkward when they stood because it was such a respectful gesture. I don't ever recall having such respect shown towards me, not saying that people aren't respectful in America. This was just different and it made me feel...old. I don't know how old it made me feel, but not 21.

The students asked me a range of



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Emily Wemhoff says she received more than a dozen mooncakes and one Chinese decoration after giving an English presentation to middle school students in China. A mooncake is a Chinese bakery product offered between so special and 'one of a kind,' "I had to hold back tears," Wemhoff said.

questions ranging from my favorite foods, holidays, my experience in China so far, American celebrities and Obama. Remember, these are 12-year-olds in China who know very little English, and they ask me about my feelings toward Obama. Honestly, I hardly know anything about the guy, which made me feel a little pathetic...

BY JOHN VIETH

Guest Writer

One of the opportunities we had when we signed up to come study abroad in China was to help with English Conversation Tables. With us being native English speakers, it would be a great opportunity for the kids to have us in their classes to help them become more fluent in English.

We had a date set up to go to the middle school to meet our teachers and get a tour around the school. When we



Photo Courtesy

John Vieth, a UNK student studying abroad in China, had the opportunity to give an English presentation to Chinese students. Little did he know he would be teaching a 40-minute class. "What I thought was going to be the worst two days a week of my life turned out to be one of the most exciting things I have ever done," Vieth said.

got to the meeting, we could tell there had been some sort of miscommunication.

We had all figured that we were just going to be in the classroom helping them with their English classes, but the teachers thought differently.

They told us that we were going to be split up into different classes and that

we would not be helping the students, but we would be teaching a 40-minute class, four times a week.

This immediately got me shaking in my shoes. My worst fear in life probably has to be standing up in front of a group of people to give a speech or present some sort of material. I immediately wondered what the heck I got myself into.

We proceeded through our meeting working out little bits and pieces of information and figuring out what time we had to be at the school.

We were then handed our first topic that we would be teaching our first classes; it was the top tourist destinations in America.

I was relieved to hear that it was about tourist destinations since I can relate it to my major. When it all came down to making the PowerPoint and what we were actually going to teach the kids, it really hit me that we were actually going to be somewhat close to teachers.

At that moment, I became really nervous and freaked out, but I had no other choice and there was no way of backing out of it, so I just had to suck it up and make do with what I could.

When the first day of our classes at the middle school rolled around, I was dreading the fact of having to get up in front of a class and teach for 40 minutes, but once again I just had to suck it up.

When we got to the school and met up with our teachers, I asked her about how many kids were going to be in each class. She gave me a blank stare while she processed the question in her head and gave me the answer "40."

Let's just say finding that out didn't make me feel any better. We finally reached my first class, and I took a deep breath and walked in.

Immediately all of the kids stopped what they were doing and stared directly at me and started applauding.

They were so happy that there was an American in the room with them that they couldn't contain themselves. I proceeded to start my PowerPoint and lesson about the top tourist attractions in America, and the next thing I knew my first class was already over. I was really surprised at how fast the time flew by...

Go online to read more of Wemhoff's and Vieth's journey

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Homecoming 2010:

Where the magic happened

Lip Sync, Battle of the Brains, football game make Homecoming a success once again



Photos by Lyndsey Luxford

LEFT: Martin Hall and Conrad Hall teamed up once again for their Lip Sync and received third place for their "Martin the Magician" act. Led by homecoming king candidate Bryan Frost, Martin and Conrad danced to Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance" and performed their own magic trick. This year's theme was "Where the Magic Happens."

ABOVE: Loper Legion members cheer on the UNK football team. The Lopers beat Adams State 27-17 on Saturday.



Photo by Hope Merrick

Delta Tau Delta, Alpha Phi and Fiji members eagerly answer Battle of the Brains questions before the Pi Kappa Alphas and Gamma Phi Betas reach their buzzers. The Battle of the Brains took place Sept. 28 at the Health and Sports Center. The team of Antelope Hall, Nester Hall and TIARAS took home first place in the competition followed by the team of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Theta Nu, Alpha Tau Omega and Reserve Officer Training Corps.



Photos by Lyndsey Luxford
ABOVE: Look at that crowd! The attendance for Lip Sync and homecoming royalty is always one of the best attended events on campus. Lip Sync was held Sept. 30 in the Health and Sports Center.

RIGHT: Lip Sync winners Mantor Hall, Men's Hall and Stout Hall performed a snippet of multiple movies, including "Toy Story" and "Harry Potter." The team also took first place overall in the homecoming sweepstakes competition with 1,230 points. Second overall went to Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Theta Nu, Alpha Tau Omega and Reserve Officer Training Corps followed by Antelope Hall, Nester Hall and TIARAS in third.



Photo by Lyndsey Luxford

The cheerleaders and Sapphires get the students on their feet before the first, second and third place winners were named for Lip Sync. First place went to Mantor, Mens and Stout; second place went to Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Theta Nu, Alpha Tau Omega and Reserve Officer Training Corps. Third place went to Martin and Conrad.

For Martin, coaching isn't just a way of life, It's a calling



Photo by Nate Britton

Russ Martin (far right), offensive coordinator for the Loper football team, helps the quarterbacks get more comfortable with their position. Coach Martin believes quarterbacks are the key to a successful offense

BY NATE BRITTON

Antelope Sports Staff

Offensive coordinator and quarterback coach Russ Martin has been with the football team for seven years. Coach Martin's knowledge of football comes from his love of the game and his stint as a player.

Martin played football in college at Chadron State where he started out as a running back but soon fell into the line-backer position for his last couple of years on the gridiron.

Early on, he knew his next step in life was to become a coach.

"I believe I was called into coaching as my form of ministry when I was 12 or 13 years old," Martin said.

For a total of 32 years he has been coaching both at the high school and college level. Martin has played and coached on both sides of the ball, but being the quarterback coach was something he really wanted when he came to UNK.

"I wanted to be able to coach the quarterbacks, because I run the plays for offense," Martin said. "There are times when the quarterbacks have to call a different play right at the line of scrimmage, and I want to know that they are comfortable when they have to make those decisions."

A good quarterback can read the defense and know when a play isn't going to work, so they have to be able to choose the

right play at the right time. Martin works hard with the quarterbacks to make those tough decisions a little easier.

Martin modifies the offense a little bit from year to year, deciding if they are running the ball a little more or passing. When making these decisions, Martin believes it depends first on the quarterback and then the abilities of the other players around him.

"My main strategy isn't making the offense the same every year— but to gear the offense to the talents and abilities of the players to give them the best chance for success," Martin said.

Sir Keevin Hardiman, a former defensive end and UNK graduate, has a high respect for Martin.

"Coach Martin is definitely the players' coach. He will help any player with anything they need," Hardiman said. "He is also a lot of fun to just shoot the breeze with."

Hardiman said Martin's strategy comes from experience and is having a positive impact on the team.

"He never gets away from his offensive scheme," Hardiman said. "A lot of coaches have one scheme for most of the field and then change the way they call plays at the goal line or in the red zone. But Coach Martin knows what works and sticks with his strategy all the way up and down the field."

UNK CROSS COUNTRY ON THE RUN



Photo courtesy Colten Venteicher
Liz Damman, a freshman from Seward, edges past a Minnesota State runner this last weekend at the South Dakota State Meet. Overall, the Loper men, who are ranked 16th, placed 2nd and the women placed 6th.



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Rocky: adj. the type of road that leads to the top. Mountain: n. climbed daily in pursuit of perfection. Athletic: adj. a way of life for students. Conference: n. a gathering of elite. Player: n. an individual who makes a team possible. Year: 365 days of commitment to volleyball excellence.

Seniors, Cola Svec and Katlyn Heiserman know about the hard work and dedication it takes to be a top Division II athlete.

Svec, a business administration major from Elkhorn, was honored with the 2010 RMAC Preseason Setter of the Year award and Heiserman, an exercise science major from Manchester, Iowa, was honored with the 2010 RMAC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year award. Both players have set high goals for this season of volleyball.

"As an individual, I want to do whatever I can to contribute to the team by playing consistently and working hard every day. We want to be a national championship contender. The team has set goals that gradually get us to our biggest goal of being a national champion team," Svec said. Those goals include winning the RMAC, regular season and tournament, making it to the regional tournament and qualifying for the Elite 8.

"I want to see the team play our best volleyball at the end of the season. I want us to grow and get better during each match and practice. If we do those things, we should set ourselves up to be successful in the conference and post-



COLA SVEC



KATLYN HEISERMAN

season play," Heiserman said.

Both Svec and Heiserman say they are honored to receive their awards, but realize that without their teammates it wouldn't have been possible.

"It's just an added reason to work hard, but it is kind of one of those things you hear about, say 'thanks,' and move on and not think about very often," Heiserman said.

"I think it's awesome, but my focus is dedicated to what I can do to contribute to our team's success," Svec added.

According to Heiserman, the loss of four seniors last season won't have too much of a bearing on the 2010 season. "We have a good core group of seniors who have a lot of experience and some younger girls with a lot of enthusiasm. As a senior, the leadership has been upped a little, I try to make sure I'm doing things that would be worth following like staying focused and going hard all the time," Heiserman said.

Svec has always felt like a natural leader. "Last year I felt like I stepped into a leadership role, and I want to continue that this year. This year's seniors have the ability to lead the team to a great year," she said.

The Lopers have started their season off right with a record of 15-3. Their next matchup is 7 p.m. Oct. 7 with Bellevue at the Health and

LOPERS DEFEAT ADAMS STATE



Photo by Lyndsey Luxford

The Lopers defeated Adams State, 27-17, Saturday afternoon at Ron and Carol Cope Stadium at Foster Field. No. 31 Brendan Liess, a senior K-12 physical education and health major from McCook, ran for 98 yards for a touchdown, helping the Lopers finish with a win for the homecoming game.

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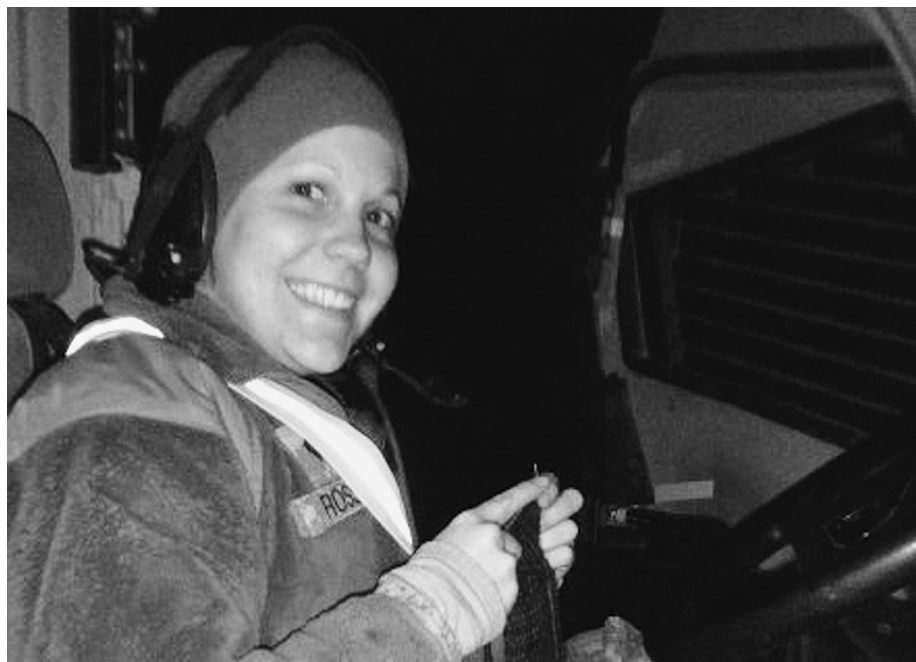
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Courtesy Photo

Ellen Ross, a freshman radiology major from Broken Bow, passes time in her convoy truck while serving in the Army in Kuwait and Iraq. Ross said readjusting to life on campus is harder than she thought it would be.

Student-soldier Ross readjusts to campus life

BY HOPE MERRICK
Antelope Staff

As a freshman, Ellen Ross wasn't enrolled for long in the fall 2008 semester before she was sent to basic training for the U.S. Army. Now in 2010, she is once again at UNK thinking about signing for another leave of duty.

Ross's face lights up when she talks about what drew her to the Army.

"When I was 17 years old, a lot of my friends were joining. This made me interested, so I went and talked to a recruiter," she said. "My family didn't take the news very well. My mother was very upset and worried. She didn't want me to be deployed."

She laughed out loud when she thought about getting ready for basic training.

"I had heard it was scary and they made people cry. I heard right. It was pretty tough. I flew out for training November of 2008, then was sent to California in April of 2009. I was able to go home for a month, then flew out to Fort Stewart, Ga. for more training. Then on July 8, I flew to Kuwait and Iraq in August."

Ross did not fight on the front lines but provided convoy security to get supplies to those who did.

"I was an MOS or truck driver. We

were in charge of convoy security. We drove supplies from base to base with toiletries, food and other things for the soldiers," she said. "Going out on these missions was my favorite part. I was able to see the whole area. There were times we wouldn't have a mission for a month or we'd have one everyday. It just depended."

When the time came, she was ready to go home. "I was so excited when I heard I was coming home. I was ready to see my family," she said.

But being back in the States was harder than she thought it would be.

"For me, it was hard. I need structure and someone telling me when to get up, where to be, what to do, so coming back and not having that was the hardest part."

Would Ross go back for another tour?

"I'm thinking about it," she said with a frown. "It's an easy way of living, and I would definitely want to do it again. If I do sign for a second time, I would be gone for a year in Afghanistan. Iraq was a lot safer than Afghanistan, so it is a little scary."

Ross's family was not the most supportive of her decision to join the Army, but her views are different.

She says she would support her future children joining the Army.

"It's an amazing opportunity," she said.

Freshman accused of sexual assault

BY DEBBIE EPPING
Editor in Chief

After court action Sept. 28, a UNK freshman is accused of sexually assaulting a female student on Sept. 19 in her dorm room in Mantor Hall.

Anderson Garcia, 17, of Kearney is charged as an adult in Buffalo County Court with one count of felony first-degree sexual assault.

According to court records, Garcia, a pre-med major, lives in Conrad Hall.

Brandon Benitz, assistant to the dean of student affairs, said he could not comment on Garcia's enrollment status, because of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), but the alleged violations will be handled according to the UNK Student Code of Conduct.

The incident is alleged to have happened Sept. 19. On Sept. 22, the woman reported to a UNK Public Safety officer that a man she knew as Garcia attempted to force her to have sex with him.

Michelle Hamaker, director of police and parking services, said a Public Safety officer interviewed and arrested Garcia on the Buffalo County Warrant without inci-

dent at 3:40 p.m. Sept. 27 at 2615 11th Ave. State law says it is illegal to have sex with someone without the person's consent.

On Sept. 28 Garcia appeared before Judge Graten Beavers where he was informed of the charge against him.

He was released from Buffalo County Jail on Sept. 29 after posting 10 percent of \$10,000, or \$1,000.

Garcia is scheduled to appear in court this month for a preliminary hearing. He could ask to have his case transferred to juvenile court because of his age.

Garcia faces one to 50 years in prison if he is convicted and isn't placed on probation.

Hamaker says an alert was sent to UNK students on Sept. 24 as a timely warning.

"Immediate notification goes more with something that is happening right now, and people need to be aware so they can take safety measures to protect themselves," Hamaker said. "The timely warning is more so people are aware that a crime occurred on campus, and they can take safety measures."

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Alcohol a factor in campus assault

BY ERIK DODGE
Senior Reporter

In the early morning on Sept. 30 Brandon Shirkey was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital for potential alcohol poisoning. Later he was cited for third-degree assault in response to an incident reported earlier that morning.

UNK Police made contact with Shirkey, a 20-year-old student from Benkelman, at 7:15 a.m. in response to a medical call. He was found in the Mantor Hall student lounge and placed in emergency protective custody, according to the police report. Michelle Hamaker, director of Police and Parking Services said Shirkey appeared intoxicated and incoherent, and an ambulance was called due to concern for his medical well-being.

Hamaker said Shirkey was handcuffed for resisting assistance. "As they tried to put him in the ambulance he resisted, at which time he was handcuffed so that the paramedics, the officer and his safety would be in check," she said. No charges were filed against Shirkey for the incident.

He was charged with third-degree as-

sault for verbally threatening four students and physically assaulting one student according to the UNK Police incident report.

At approximately 4 a.m. UNK Police officer Jarvis Kring responded to a report of the incident from a Mantor Hall Community Advisor. The offense was described as assault with minor injury. Alcohol was also involved in this incident, according to Hamaker.

The university policy on alcohol is two-fold according to assistant to the dean of student affairs Brandon Benitz. "First the use, distribution, public intoxication, or being in the presence of alcoholic beverages is against the UNK Student Code of Conduct. More importantly is the education side of it," he said.

UNK works with Community Advisors and provides services and programs through Counseling and Health Care to help students make good choices about alcohol, he said.

Counseling Care offers alcohol and psychotherapy visits, alcohol education/diversion classes and court-ordered alcohol and drug evaluations and counseling. It is located in the Memorial Student Affairs Building Room 144.

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Hamaker says the alerts also serve as a chance to send out safety tips and educate the campus on what happened with a particular crime and possibly refer them to resources.

"A lot of people think of rape or sexual assault as that person who jumps out of the bush, and unfortunately, acquaintance rape is going to occur more often," Hamaker said.

Hamaker said the alerts also serve as a way to educate people on what sexual assault really means and refer them to a website where they can go to get resources.

"Statistically sexual assault is one of those crimes that are underreported," Hamaker said. "Victims sometimes do not

come forward, so it's a chance for us to let people know where they can get help."

Hamaker says the university encourages individuals to report the incidents, and the reason is two-fold.

"It's a chance for individuals to get referred to services and help them through the situation," Hamaker said. "It can be a very traumatic event for them, so we want to make sure they get the medical attention and counseling they need."

Hamaker said it's likely that if an individual gets away with sexual assault, they could do it again to another person.

"We like to have that information, so if we can stop this from happening in the future we can do that," Hamaker said.

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can bet next June we'll be reviewing in future budgets what tuition should be and what fees and room and board should be," he said.

Vice chancellor of business and finance, Barbara Johnson, assessed the potential tuition increase.

"I doubt very seriously that you could see more than a 6 percent tuition increase," she said. She acknowledged past increases but says large increases do not have support. "That's not to say that historically we haven't had double digit increases in tuition, but that is not something our board, nor the president of our system, nor the chancellors of our system would support," Johnson said.

The budget woes have been created by negative state revenue growth reflected in diminished funds to the university system.

The NU system budget has dropped from 21.3 percent of the state budget in 1986 to 14.5 percent in 2011. Tuition made up only 11 percent of the 2010-2011 Nebraska University budget, according to a presentation by NU director of budget Chris Kabourek.

Approximately 23 percent of the budget comes from state appropriations.

Nebraska's state revenue growth was negative 4.4 percent in 2009 and negative 4.8 percent in 2010.

Proposed budget cuts did not eliminate any programs such as majors or courses according to Kristensen, but this may not be the case for future cuts. He said there will be pressure to eliminate smaller programs and those that are considered less efficient. "There will be pushes to eliminate those, but we have done everything we can to avoid impact on students in terms of opportunities. I hope we can continue to do that in the future."

Past UNK cuts have eliminated the mathematics Master of Science program and statistic and actuarial sciences majors according to Kabourek's presentation.

Course offerings were also cut in adaptive P.E., German, music, chemistry, physics, computer science, mathematics, sociology, management/marketing, education, communication disorders, e-campus and summer school.

The podcast of the budget presentation by Dr. David Lechner, University of Nebraska Vice President for Business and Finance, may be accessed at <http://podcasts.unk.edu/groups/chancellorsoffice/blog/>.

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students to volunteer," Anderson said.

"We want to let other college students know about the opportunities to volunteer," he said. "We want to help students make a better connection with the community."

The program is partnered with Kearney organizations and schools. Each member has a position and volunteers at the organization for designated amount of hours during the grant cycle. The current grant cycle is Sept. 1 through Aug. 31, 2011. Members also receive a living allowance stipend during service and an education award after each grant cycle. The education award can be applied to future education, or to repay student loans.

Anderson and Stirtz agree that being in AmeriCorps benefits individuals and the community.

"When people volunteer, you don't always get to see how you're impacting peoples lives," Anderson said. "The program provides long-term support. A lot of places I talk to say they get a high turnover rate and don't have stable volunteer support. Through AmeriCorps they get someone who is there more often."

Anyone 18 and older can join AmeriCorps. "The program is for people who want to serve their country or have benefited from the community and want to give back. We want to connect with the community long-term," Anderson said.

If you need more information on AmeriCorps, you can contact Grant Anderson at andersongs@unk.edu or Geraldine Stirtz at stirtzg@unk.edu. You can see available positions at www.ruralcorps.org and apply for the program at www.americorps.gov.

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dress, Gaga also used her star power to bring attention to this issue by bringing four members of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, who had been discharged under Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy as her dates to the 2010 MTV Video Music Awards.

Gaga has been working side by side with the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network in gaining support for the repeal of DADT.

In a continuation of her attempts to educate the public on why DADT should be repealed, Gaga spoke to a crowd of almost 4,500 people in Maine on Sept. 20.

In her speech, Gaga pointed out that the Constitution gives rights and freedoms to all Americans, equally, and that the government shouldn't be able to pick and choose who are entitled to these rights. She stressed that with DADT, that is what is happening.

"We're going to war for you and you and you and you, but not you, because you're gay. You can risk your life for this country, but in the end, you're not fighting for yourself; you're fighting for straight people. You are not included; you are not included when we say 'equal.' You are not even fully included when we say 'freedom,'" Gaga said.

The president of the gay rights advocacy group, The Human Rights Campaign, says that there is still a chance that DADT can be repealed via congressional action, but encourages Americans to keep fighting.

Since DADT was enacted by President Clinton in 1993, more than 13,500 service members have been discharged under the law, including 72 Arabic Linguist Specialists.

Within the first year 49 nuclear, biological and chemical warfare specialists, 212 medical-care workers and 90 nuclear power engineers were discharged.

Service members can be "outed" by anyone: a superior officer, a past lover or by accident. The current law says they must be discharged.

Maj. Margaret Witt was "outed" by the wife of a serviceman because she was angry with the review that Witt had given her husband.

Witt served for 20 years with the Air Force and was working as a flight nurse for an air-medical transport unit when the process began. Her employee reports described her as an "exemplary officer," an effective leader, skilled clinician and caring mentor.

Despite this, she was discharged because of a six-year relationship with a civilian woman.

U.S. District Judge Ronald Leighton ruled that Witt's discharge under DADT was unconstitutional and ordered that she be reinstated as soon as possible on Sept. 24.

As Americans, we have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We are all created equal and are all entitled to the rights and freedoms given to us by the Constitution. Use those rights to stand up for what you believe in and what is right.

If someone is willing to sacrifice their life in order to save your rights and your freedoms, isn't the least you can do is vote for theirs?

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Take a stand against unhealthy relationships

Screenings, awareness events in October help break the cycle of violence

BY DEBBIE EPPING
Editor in Chief

Violence has no boundaries. It affects people in every socio-economic status, religion, age group, gender and type of relationship, said Nikki Gausman, executive director of the Spouse/Sexual Abuse Family Education (S.A.F.E.) Center.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and its purpose is to provide support for victims of abuse and raise awareness so people can come together to help end domestic violence, Gausman said.

Linda Shaw, Women's Center advisor and counselor at UNK, said the Women's Center is coordinating with the S.A.F.E. Center in an effort to get involved with the community.

The Women's Center sent out healthy relationship screenings to students and passed them out in the student union yesterday.

"Sometimes students get stuck in a relationship and don't know what to do and don't really know if it's healthy or not," Shaw said.

Shaw encourages students to seek help and information about what constitutes a healthy relationship.

The Women's Center offers relationship advice to those who want to work on relationships and not necessarily just unhealthy or romantic relationships.

"Maybe you're in a good relationship and you want it to grow and be stronger," Shaw said. "I think that's very exciting for people to have the opportunity to find out where they're at with parents, siblings, friends and partners."

Dr. Julie Campbell's victimology class and the UNK women's basketball team are working together with the S.A.F.E. Center to get people involved in the S.A.F.E. Center's Step Out Against Violence Walk Oct. 11.

Becca Geidel, a sophomore from Clarks, who is leaning toward a major in criminal justice, said the walk provides an opportunity for people to come together and show they don't want these things happening in our society.

"I think it's such a good cause," Geidel said. "We're reaching out to people who are still being victimized and to those who might not have come forward yet."

PURPLE TIE TUESDAY OCT. 26

Wear a purple tie to show support for ending domestic violence.

Geidel said she and her classmates in the victimology class will be helping with registration and will have signs and different things along the trail to help impact people along the walk.

"It's a great event to show support for ending domestic violence, listen to survivors and learn what individuals can do to help end domestic violence," Gausman said.

People can register up until the day of the event for \$10.

"I think it's so important, because people don't want to believe it can happen to them, so they aren't careful and don't always take certain precautions," Geidel said.

The event is 6-9 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Kearney Holiday Inn and will include a five-kilometer walk and music by the OK Sisters.

This year the S.A.F.E. Center is also promoting Purple Tie Tuesday on Oct. 26.



"We're reaching out to people who are still being victimized and to those who might not have come forward yet."

Becca Geidel
Sophomore, Clarks

"It's wearing a purple tie to show support for ending domestic violence," Gausman said.

"We really hope people will be more aware that there are families and individuals who are living with violence, and it takes all of us to step up and make a difference," Gausman said.

The S.A.F.E. Center has services available 24/7 for anyone who has experienced domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault or dating violence.

The S.A.F.E. Center has a confidential crisis line available for victims and also to provide information for family members, friends, coworkers or anyone who needs information or help dealing with a situation.

ARE YOUR RELATIONSHIPS HEALTHY?

Take the healthy relationship screening test sent to your LoperMail on Oct. 5 by UNK Counseling and the Women's Center, and find out your score online. Talk to a counselor at the Women's Center in the Memorial Student Affairs Building, Room 158, open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday about what your score means.

"We encourage people to call toll-free 877-237-2513 or stop at our office at 3710 Central Ave. if they need assistance," Gausman said. "We have a lot of resources here that we can share."

If people don't feel comfortable calling a local number, they can call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE or the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE.

In addition to the hotline, the S.A.F.E. Center has a shelter available for people who might need to flee an abusive relationship or just have a safe place to stay.

For more information, visit www.safecenter.org or check out the S.A.F.E. Center on Facebook.

"We have a lot of services, but I think the most important thing for people to know, is we are here to provide information, options and support," Gausman said.

Counseling and support groups are also available right here at UNK.

"I always offer a sexual assault support group through the Women's Center if there is a need," Shaw said. "If a person isn't comfortable with a group then we can do an individual session."

For more information, or if you are interested in being a part of a sexual assault support group, contact the Women's Center at womenscenter.unk.edu or call 308-865-8279.

"This is an issue that affects all of us," Gausman said.