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No Better Time

Drew Wagner sees more to life beyond Xs and Os on the football field after life-changing experience

ANDREW HANSON
Sports Editor

Drew Wagner knew when he got a phone call from the National Bone Marrow registry saying he was a match for a patient with leukemia he might have to miss some football. But, he decided to put a stranger, a 36-year-old patient in need of a stem cell match, first.

"It would have sucked to have to miss the season, but I was prepared to if that was what it took to save the guy's life," Wagner said. "I was happy when I heard that I didn't have to miss the season, but I was prepared to if I needed to."

Just weeks before UNK practices began, Wagner, a recreation major from Madison, decided to work around a series of injections leading up to his stem cell donation, which he said did take a toll on his body. "The shots I had to get made me feel terrible," Wagner said. "I felt like I had the

flu, I was just really achy, tired and sore."

Wagner was given a week of daily injections of filgrastim, a drug that causes bone marrow to make and release stem cells into the blood. Side effects of the injections include bone pain, headaches, fevers and tiredness. Throughout the two-week process as he prepared to donate his stem cells, Wagner's body weakened. After the process he said, "I felt like I was half power, I got tired really fast."

Determined, Wagner's approach to the season continued just like any other. He spent the summer conditioning, lifting weights and working out, but instead of being stronger and having more stamina, Wagner had less.

Bob Crocker, Wagner's position coach and UNK's defensive coordinator, said he saw the effects of the procedure. "During the treatments you could tell it took a toll on him," Crocker said. "He worked

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Courtesy Photo

Drew Wagner, a linebacker for the UNK football team, donates stem cells at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. His blood was removed through a catheter in his arm and then cycled through a machine that separated stem cells from other blood cells.

LAST WEEK WE ASKED:

What movie are you most looking forward to this fall?

21% The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug

14% Rush

14% The Hunger Games: Catching Fire

14% Other

14% Thor: The Dark World

7% Ender's Game

7% 12 Years A Slave

7% Nebraska

2% Runner Runner

This week's online poll question:

Do you approve of Ben Affleck being the next Batman?

Info graphic by Marie Bauer

In search of a safe zone?

Become aware of LGTB principles and educate yourself as an ally

BY AUSTIN KOELLER
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In certain situations, others are uncomfortable with the lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender community and question how to approach social situations.

"Sometimes students haven't interacted with someone with a different sexual orientation when they come from small communities," said said Matthew Mims, UNK associate professor of counseling and school psychology.

"This is a way to help them evaluate and form their own personal opinions while promoting respect for other people."



Photo by Ru Meng

Sarah Hansen, a senior social work major from North Platte; Paige Williams, a senior international studies from Atkinson; Tiffany Weekley, a sophomore political science major from Grand Island; and Darrin Gonzales, a sophomore double major in English and philosophy from Gering presented on gay and lesbian issues.

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ANTELOPE OPINION:

"If you're wondering if members of Congress and the President get paid during all of this, the answer is yes."

It's been all over the news, but if you haven't already heard, brace yourself. The government shut down on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Everyone in America is freaking out, and we understand why, but there's really no need. As a whole, American citizens aren't all that affected.

There are certain groups of individuals that are, but altogether, we're not in any sort of foreseeable trouble.

Every year, Congress has to pass a spending bill that funds the government. This bill has to be decided upon by Sept. 30 at 11:59 p.m. because the government's fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

This year, House Republicans are

insisting that any new bill passed must include provisions that defund, or at least take some money away from The Affordable Care Act, more commonly known as Obamacare.

Senate Democrats disagree.

Essentially, Congress is being a bunch of battling toddlers right now that can't make a decision. Republicans are saying that Democrats won't budge and Democrats are saying that Republicans won't budge, and none of the arguing that is going on right now is going to solve anything unless they can work together. Right now, both of the groups think that they're doing what's best for the country. However, we can tell you something that

is not the best thing for the country- shutting down the government.

The shutdown of the government doesn't mean that police officers won't police or that we won't have a military or that people won't receive their Social Security benefits. However, if you're thinking of getting a new passport or applying for a federal loan to buy a house anytime soon, think again.

If you're wondering if members of Congress and the president get paid during all of this, the answer is yes. The 27th Amendment protects members of Congress' salaries and the president's salary is considered "mandatory spending."

We can't get passports, apply for a

gun permit, or use basic government services.

That might not seem like a huge deal, unless you're one of the 800,000 government employees sitting at home because your job isn't considered "essential."

However, over 3 million government employees whose jobs are considered "essential" are still working.

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A problem without a solution

Understanding of the conflict in Syria gained through discussion

BY JENNIFER MALOLEY
Antelope Staff

Every problem has a solution. This is what most of us believe, and in one way or another, it's true. However, solutions are not always easy and they are not always immediate, even when they need to be—even when lives are at stake.

A group of students and professors got together on Friday, Oct. 4 to discuss a problem for which it is very difficult to find solutions.

The talk was led by Dr. Charles Row-

ling and Dr. Diane Duffin, both of the political science department. Dr. Rowling began by giving the relatively crowded lounge a brief overview of what was happening.

The conflict in Syria has been going on since March, 2011. Protests at that time were met with extreme violence from the government, killing several thousand people. The violence has not stopped, or even slowed since, and now over 100,000 people have died as a result of this conflict.

Much of the conversation since Aug. 21 revolved around the red line President Obama drew in September 2012 regarding the use of chemical weapons. When evidence surfaced that the Syrian government had used chemical weapons on their people, killing over 1,000 citizens, the president began taking steps to take military action.

But, some members of Congress and, most notably, the American public did not welcome the idea. Not many citizens were very inclined to get into another war when the two we already have are still going on.

The biggest dilemma for us, howev-

er, is what we can do to help the people of Syria. How can we just sit there and watch innocent civilians be killed by their own government and do nothing? On the other hand, is sending more people to kill and be killed even going to help anything? We, as a country, seem to be getting tired of war, which is good. However, when is it still necessary to get the militarily involved?

The fireside discussion explored these questions.

One aspect discussed was the president's "red line" statement. Dr. Rowling asked: "Given Obama's red line statement back in 2012, do you think it is crucial or necessary for the United States to back this statement up with force?"

The discussion continued between students and professors about whether a country should go to war just to back up something someone said, especially if other avenues could be taken.

Part of the students who spoke formed a consensus that we do not have to go to war just to back up the statement, with varying views within this point.

Dr. Duffin then raised the question:

"The biggest dilemma for us, however, is what we can do to help the people of Syria."

—Jennifer Maloley

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Sept. 28: Two students were given conduct violations for an alcohol violation after they were contacted in Centennial Towers West.

Sept. 28: An ambulance was dispatched to University Residence North on report of possible alcohol poisoning. The party refused transport. The party was issued a conduct summons for a minor in possession of alcohol.

Sept. 29: A female subject reported a suspicious subject was following her and looking in vehicles. No subject was located.

Sept. 30: A male with a construction company called to report two windows broken out in Centennial Towers East.

Sept. 30: A mother and daughter were in a verbal and physical fight outside of Nester Hall- neither wanted to press charges. The student was issued a conduct summons for the altercation.

Sept. 30: A female subject reported her bike was taken while locked up and in the bike rack outside of Martin Hall.

Oct. 1: A male subject reported the theft of a wallet from Cushing. Later that day, a male subject was arrested for possession and execution of financial transaction.

Oct. 3: A female subject reported a broken door handle on her car, a 1999 mustang.

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Learning extends beyond the four walls

BY JOENE CROCKER
Antelope Staff

Heather Bright trained for her summer school class. She rented a bike and hit the Cowboy Trail because she has always enjoyed learning outside of the classroom.



HEATHER
BRIGHT

“It can be such a beneficial experience,” said the UNK senior English education major from Talala, Okla. And that is what two instructors and seven students did this past June when they hit the trail and biked more than 70 miles on the Cowboy Trail Line hike-n-bike path, learning Nebraska history along the way.

The adventure was part of the capstone course JMC 388, Trekking the Historic Cowboy Trail, a class co-taught by Dr. Keith Terry from the department of communications and Dr. Marta Moorman from the department of health, physical education and recreation.

Capstone courses, a part of the general studies program, challenge students to develop different learning and thinking skills by including materials from different academic disciplines. This class combined recreation, history and writing.

To prepare for the three-day journey, Terry said he and Moorman encouraged those enrolled to get on their bikes and ride.

Bright took the instructors’ advice and rented a bike from the local Bike Shed for one month. “I tried to ride an hour a day around town the three weeks before the trip,” Bright said.

The group travelled to Norfolk equipped with tents, camp food, snacks, GPS units and technician Andy Talbert from the Bike Shed who was along for his knowledge and skill with bike repairs. They set up camp at Ta Ha Zouka Park the first night.

The next morning, the group was on the path that was once part of the Chicago and North Western Railroad’s Cowboy Line stretching 321 miles between Norfolk and Chadron. Currently, about two-thirds of the old railroad line between Norfolk and Valentine has been converted to a walking, jogging, hiking, biking or horseback trail route.

“Trains are not hill climbers,” said Terry. “Even though the path is flat, the surface is pea gravel, so there is more resistance on a bike.” Moorman described it as requiring more “oomph” compared to biking on pavement.

“I had to work so much harder to get through thick gravel or rocky spots,” Bright said. Her training to get in shape was worth it. The bikers rode 32 miles the first day, camped in Neligh, then biked 40 miles the second day to O’Neill where they set up camp again.

On the third day, weather interfered and the trip was cut short. “I woke up at 5 a.m. and the wind was insane. It was howling,” Bright said. The instructors saw dark, puffy clouds in the west and knew the high chance of rain. They did not want to get caught in something out on the trail, so for the safety of the group, they packed the trailer as it started to rain and drove back to Kearney.

“I like to finish what I start, and it was going to be the



Courtesy photo

Kaitlin Wright (left) and Heather Bright enjoy the scenery of the Elkhorn River that follows the Cowboy Trail during a summer capstone course, Trekking the Cowboy Trail. They biked 72 miles while learning about Nebraska history and visiting historical sites.

INSIDE SCOOP ON CAPSTONES

What is a capstone course?

A required general studies course, identified as a 388 course.

What does capstone mean?

Capstone courses allow and require students to demonstrate they have mastered critical thinking, written and oral communication and analysis skills.

When will a student take a capstone course?

It is one of the last courses students take in their general studies program.

What grade level do students enroll in a capstone?

A student needs to have a junior level number of credit hours or be within six hours of completing their general studies program.

When are capstone courses offered?

They are offered during the fall, spring and summer terms, and the variety and the quantity of 388 courses offered each term vary. Courses offered for a term can be found online or in the catalog.

What makes a capstone course unique?

They are designed to be inter-disciplinary, or include two or more disciplines in the course. Some are co-taught by more than one instructor. A student can venture out of his field when deciding which capstone course to take.

Info graphic by Kyleigh Skaggs

Sudoku ★★☆☆☆

How to play: Sudoku is a placement puzzle. The aim of the puzzle is to enter a numeral from 1 through 9 in each cell of a grid. Each row, column and region must contain only one instance of each numeral. Completing the puzzle requires patience and logical ability. The puzzle initially became popular in Japan in 1986 and attained international popularity in 2005.

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	5		1		3		7	
3		4				5		9

Find answer on page 9

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Safe Zone from page 1

To provide the opportunity for dialogue, the Queer Straight Alliance hosted Safe Zone training in the third floor of the Nebraskan Student Union Oct. 3.

"We just have a purpose to educate people," said Abbey Rhodes, a sophomore business major and president of QSA. "We want people to know how to become allies because sometimes people who are supportive don't know how to act."

According to the Safe Zone presentation, the purpose of the safe zone program is to reduce homophobia and heterosexism on the UNK campus by creating and encouraging a safe environment for LGBT by educating allies about LGBT issues.

The training was planned to educate the community about basic queer principles, address homophobia and transphobia issues and create awareness of harassment and its impact on the community, said Mims.

Darrin Gonzales, a sophomore double major in English and philosophy from Gering, spoke to the crowd about transgenders and preferred gender pronouns. Gonzales said that preferred gender pronouns are important because the pronouns he or she are statements of an individual's identity. However, Gonzales said that there are a few guidelines. "When dealing with preferred pronouns or facing an individual who may or may not be transgender, there is no 'it'," Gonzales said. "It is dehumanizing and disrespectful."

Gonzales said that if confused about

selecting a preferred pronoun, you can approach the situation in various ways.

"Ask their name," Gonzales said. "If that doesn't end up working out, if appropriate, ask a close friend of theirs what they prefer."

You can also just ask the transgender, Gonzales said. You may be surprised that the transgender is comfortable speaking with you.

The Safe Zone training also dealt with stereotypes.

To show how prevalent stereotypes are, Tiffany Weekley, a sophomore political science major from Grand Island; and Sarah Hansen a senior social work major from North Platte, asked the audience to identify which one of them was gay. The audience perceived Weekley as being gay. When asked why, audience members said that Weekley's appearance – short hair, masculine clothes, converse shoes, tattoos, piercings – were typical of girls who were gay.

"You have to realize that we're all literally just different people," Weekley said. "I could not assume that any of you are gay or straight because of how you look."

The Safe Zone training also addressed the importance of allies within the LGBT community. Hansen told the audience that there are certain things that an individual must realize before becoming an ally.

"You have to realize that there is an injustice before you can become an ally," Hansen said. "You can not think that queer

people are the same as straight people. You have to realize that it is unequal. You have to believe that you can make a difference and take responsibility for learning about other minorities."

Hansen said each person has to look inside and be able to see biases that you have within before standing up as an ally for someone else. "You have to know how far you're willing to go to stand up for someone else."

At the end of the presentation, QSA gave out stickers to place in dorms or offices or on doors to signify safe places.

Rhodes said that the attendance for the Safe Zone training was the largest yet for the event. Hansen said she was shocked by how many people showed up for the Safe Zone training. "It makes me feel good because it shows that people do care and want to be more educated," Hansen said.

The event was co-sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Division of Student Affairs.

QSA will follow up on this event with the Matthew Shepard walk Oct. 14. Shepard was an gay American student at the University of Wyoming who was tortured and murdered near Laramie, Wyo., Oct. 12, 1998.

Meetings are held at 8 p.m. Thursdays in Room 312 of the Nebraskan Student Union.

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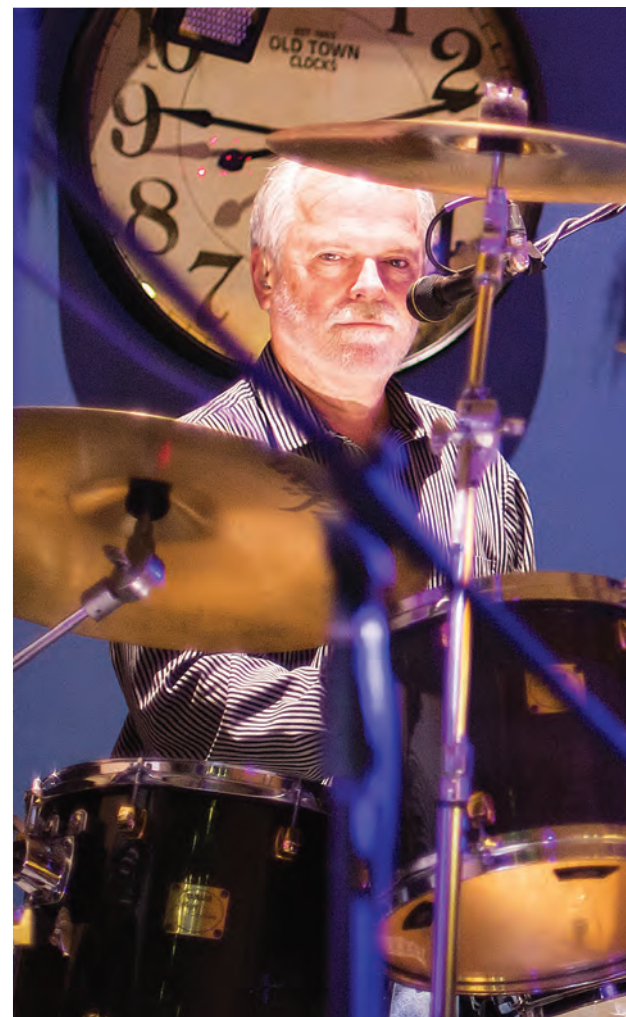
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Bases Loaded, a local band, played for UNK students at Loper's Live Music Nite Friday at the University of Nebraska at Kearney Student Union. More bands will be appearing for Loper Live Music Nites throughout the semester.

LOPER LIVE MUSIC NITE



ABOVE: Bases Loaded guitarist Mike Sciachitano plays at Loper's Live Music Nite Friday.



ABOVE: Bases Loaded drummer Steve Main plays at Loper's Live Music Nite Friday. **LEFT:** Students play games at intermission during Loper Live Music Nite.

Photos by Adam Buerer

The Organix Crew dance group comprised of Karina Alvarez (bottom), Clyde Thomas (left), and Carlos Tapia laid their dancefloor outside the student union to give passersby a show. The group performs for a variety of events around the Kearney community.



Organix Crew dance group formed in 2013 with members coming from different backgrounds and different professions.

Through hard work, Organix Crew hopes to inspire those who are willing to practice and improve themselves on a daily basis. The group contributes to the Tiny Hands International Charity and are currently in the process of beginning dance programs for all ages throughout the Midwest.

Organix Crew performs for a variety of different events such as weddings, graduations, birthdays and much more.

Those who wish to learn more or to dance with Organix Crew can visit their website www.organixcrew.com.



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BEN AFFLECK

Can Ben Affleck pull off role of superhero?

BY COURTNEY JONES
Antelope Staff

Rumors swirled about who would replace the iconic Christian Bale as the new Dark Knight after he supposedly turned down the offer of \$50 million to continue his role as Batman.

As Warner Bros. announced their choice of Ben Affleck to play the new Batman, fans reacted in surprise, outrage and disbelief. Social media sites everywhere exploded questioning the choice. "Ben Affleck is the new Batman in the Superman mash-up — really? Pee-wee Herman wasn't available?" tweeted Keeley Ibrahim.

Affleck will star beside Henry Cavill, who played Superman in this summer's hit "Man of Steel." The upcoming movie will be a mash-up Batman and Superman film, which producers think will be a hit.

As fans and media have exploded over the idea of Ben Affleck becoming the new Batman, some UNK students are trying to stay positive and see things from a good angle.

"My initial reaction to the news was I thought it was a terrible choice," said Blake

Fahrenbruck, a senior sports administration major from Axtell. "But then I debated about it with other people who are for it and very against it, and I put myself on the fence. I think it could turn out alright."

"Obviously no one can match the last Batman, so it makes me a little nervous because Christian Bale was my all-time favorite, but I think Affleck could surprise some people. He isn't a bad actor, so I'm going to go in open-minded. Although, I'm not sure about the mash-up of the two movies because Batman is way better than Superman."

So what was Affleck's response to all the angry comments about him on the Internet? On Monday's "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon" last week, Affleck told the host "I'm a big boy. Producers said just don't use the Internet for a couple of days...I handle shit. I'm very tough. I saw the announcement, I look down on the first comment...the first one just goes, 'Noooooooooooo!'"

"Given his role as the Daredevil, I think he could carry it in rather nicely as the new Batman," said Trevor Erbsen, a freshman theater major from Denver, Colo. "I think Ben Affleck is an amazing

actor, although he might not have the same smoker voice as Christian Bale has, I think he will do very well."

"I think people are upset about Affleck being the new Batman because, like I said, the last 'Batman' was just so good. Christian Bale did such a great job that nobody thinks anyone can match up to his standards," Fahrenbruck said. "But also because most people in society are pretty closed-minded, they aren't willing to give the guy a chance. People are pretty picky now when it comes to superhero movies."

Affleck has had many successful movies in his career, one of his most recent being "Argo" which raked in over \$136 million and was still only rated his fourth best movie. No one can know for sure how big the new Superman-Batman mash-up will be, but the last Superman movie proved very successful.

"I don't think Affleck being cast as Batman will affect how many people go

and see the movie," Fahrenbruck said. "Batman is so popular and the brand name is just so huge right now, that even though some people will be going into it thinking it's going to be bad because of who's playing Batman, I still think everyone will go to it so they can make an opinion after they actually watch it."

"I think the main thing is people don't want the change in actors because it's supposed to be continuing the saga," Erbsen said. "I think it could affect how many people go see the movie, but I think everybody wants to see this actually happen, so most people will probably still go."

Both Fahrenbruck and Erbsen say they will certainly go see the movie. We can all only hope that Affleck proves himself worthy to play the role of our childhood favorite cape wearing superhero.

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Football:

10/5 UNK Lopers vs. Lindenwood W 56-6

Pass: Luke McNitt 2-3, 61 yds, 1 td

Rush: Romero Cotton 36 car, 215 yds, 1 td

Rec: Nate Burns 1 rec, 53 yds, td

Men's Golf:

10/7-10/8 UNK Lopers @ Central Missouri Invitational

Soccer:

10/5 UNK Lopers @ Emporia State W 2-0

10/6 UNK Lopers @ Washburn T 0-0

Volleyball:

10/4 UNK Lopers @ Emporia State

W 3-0 (25-18, 25-14, 25-22)

10/5 UNK Lopers @ Washburn

L 2-3 (26-28, 25-17, 22-25, 25-22, 12-15)

10/8 UNK Lopers vs. Wayne State 7:00 PM

Women's Golf

10/7-10/8 UNK Lopers @ UCO Classic

This Week's Lopers

Cross Country:

10/12 Fort Hays State Tiger Invitational 9:00 AM

Football:

10/12 UNK Lopers @ University of Central Arkansas
3:00 PM

Men's Golf:

10/11-10/12 Nebraska Intercollegiate

Soccer:

10/11 UNK Lopers vs. Northeastern State

2:00 PM

10/13 UNK Lopers vs. Central Oklahoma

1:00 PM

Tennis:

9/27-9/29 UNO/Creighton Fall Tournament

Volleyball:

10/11 UNK Lopers @ Pace University

6:00 PM

10/12 UNK Lopers @ Merrimack College

1:30 PM

10/12 UNK Lopers @ University of New Haven

4:00 PM

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Sudoku answer:

Upside down, from page 4

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1	6	3	5	9	2	8	4	7
5	9	1	4	7	3	6	8	2
2	4	6	8	1	9	3	7	5
7	3	8	6	2	5	9	1	4

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Loper Spotlight



Photo by Adam Buerer

Freshman Quarterback Luke McNitt looks to make a pass in Saturday's game against Lindenwood University at Ron and Carol Cope Stadium in Kearney. The Lopers dominated Lindenwood 56-6.



Players of the Game



ROMERO COTTON



LUKE MCNITT

ANDREW HANSON
Sports Editor

The Loper football team picked up their first win of the season with a convincing 56-6 win over the Lindenwood Lions

Loper running back, Romero Cotton, who rushed for a career high 215 yards, was one of the players of the game in the MIAA game of the week, which was broadcast throughout Nebraska.

last Saturday at Foster Field. The Lopers rushed for over 350 yards and forced seven turnovers. Also, making his first career start was true freshman Luke McNitt who accounted for four touchdowns.

Both players of the game, which was televised on TV, were Lopers. McNitt was named one of the players of the game, as was running back Romero Cotton who rushed for 215 yards and had a touchdown.

This week, the Lopers travel to Conway, Arkansas to play the University of Central Arkansas. UCA is a member of the Southland Conference in Division I's Football Championship Subdivision.

through it, but you could tell it took something from him physically.”

UNK coaches did not question his choice, instead voicing respect and support for Wagner’s decision. Crocker said coaches had zero hesitations because of the importance of Wagner’s decision. He said that head football coach Darrell Morris felt the same way. “We just felt that Drew made such a tough decision, it was a thing he had to do, there was zero hesitation,” Crocker said.

Crocker added, “I thought it was such an unselfish thing to do.”

Wagner’s decision had a short-term negative impact from a football standpoint, but a positive one from a leadership standpoint. Wagner, a safety in his fifth year with the Loper football program, already has the leadership qualities, Crocker said. He emphasized, “It’s an attitude that players will gravitate toward- that unselfish personality.”

The unselfish personality meant Wagner’s playing time could be up in the air.

While the series of injections and the process of donating the stem cells took its toll, Wagner knew that missing practice would affect his play or playing time the most.

During the week leading up to the first game, Wagner had to travel to the Univer-

sity of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha for his last procedure, actually having the stem cells removed through his blood.

That meant missing practice and meetings, which meant that he was demoted to second-team and lost his starting job for the week. “I didn’t get the practice reps, so I got demoted to second team which stunk,” Wagner said. “It’s understandable,

though, because they have to prep for whoever is there and who’s going to play in the game.”

It was questionable as to whether Wagner would even be able to play in the game at all.

—Drew Wagner

“When I was talking with the Bone Marrow Registry, they told me I might not be able to play in the first game,” Wagner said.

But on Thursday, Sept. 5, Wagner took the field with the Lopers once again, this time as a backup. While he may have struggled physically during two-a-days, game day was a different story.

“He battled through it and played well,” Crocker said. “You really did see a difference on game day.”

After recording just one tackle in the opening game against Washburn, he followed it up with three and seven tackle games respectively.

Wagner, who says he is, “back to 100 percent and everything now,” also has his starting job back.

Although he didn’t record any tackles in the Lopers victory this past weekend, he did help a defense that has struggled at times this season force seven turnovers and hold the opposition to only six points.

All of the attention Wagner’s been receiving for his decision has surprised him. “I didn’t think it was a huge deal, I just thought it was a part of life, but the reaction and support has been cool,” he said. “I didn’t think it deserved any attention, so I was surprised when all the stories were

coming out.”

This experience has also helped Wagner see the bigger picture. Wagner said, “I see that there’s life besides football, as both a person and a football player, I just see the big picture.”



Photo by Adam Buerer

Drew Wanger (43), a linebacker for the Lopers, had his DNA matched with a 36-year-old leukemia patient and donated stem cells while going through two-a-day football practices. "I would have been willing to put that guy's life over football, obviously," Wagner said.

In the end everyone wins

- 2008 – Illusionist Jim Munroe is diagnosed with leukemia, a 19-year old who had joined the National Bone Marrow Registry a year earlier saves Munroe’s life by being a bone marrow donor for him.

- Spring 2013 – Jim Munroe performs at UNK. After hearing Munroe speak, hundreds of students, including Wagner, join the National Bone Marrow Registry.

- Summer 2013 – Wagner finds out he is a match for a 36-year-old patient.

- Football 2-A-Days 2013 – Wagner undergoes a series of injections to prepare for the stem cell donation.

- 1 Week Until the First Game – Wagner goes down to UNMC and has the procedure done that removes the stems cells. He has

this procedure done multiple times before the game.

- Sept. 5, 2013 – Wagner takes the field with the Lopers during their first game of the season, registering one tackle in a loss to Washburn.

- Oct. 5, 2013 – One month after the first game of the season, Wagner makes his second start, helping lead the Lopers to their first win of the season.

For more information about joining the National Bone Marrow Registry visit: bethematch.org or call the National Marrow Donor Program at 1-800-627-7692.

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applications until the problem is resolved.

So, any member of a branch of the military who is starting classes after Oct. 1 will not receive tuition assistance.

Once the problem is resolved, military personnel will be allowed to start filing for tuition assistance again, but they will not receive any tuition assistance for classes that started during the shutdown because that would just be too nice.

The shutdown has affected members of the military that are just trying to get a college education, it's a nightmare. Interestingly, to a lot of American citizens who have no idea what they're talking about, it's a crisis.

In reality, it's just Congress being their normal selves and not passing bills in a timely manner.

Celebrities, like Jon Stewart and

Stephen Colbert, who both hosted "Rockin' Government Shutdown Eve" specials on their shows, added to the millions who have boiled this issue down to just a joke.

Sooner or later, this too, will pass. Just think, a month ago, everyone was freaking out about Syria and another potential war. With all the ignorance-fueled hype about the government shutdown, nobody has thought about Syria for weeks.

All we need is for the next political scandal to hit the public sphere and this whole shutdown business will be old news.

After the members of Congress have a chance to cool down a bit and realize they're being stubborn and inconsiderate, things will go back to normal.

Fear not, we will have a government again...sometime.

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shortest day riding 29 miles," Bright said. "But after the second day, everybody was sore, and it was nice to sleep in my own bed that night."

The pre-required reading materials gave the students background information to sites visited along the way such as train depots in Meadow Grove, Clearwater and Inman, a horse racetrack in Neligh where the famous horse "Shade On" won numerous races and a runway field in Ewing that seven Savidge brothers used when they developed and flew their first powered plane in 1911.

Now, only traces of foundations exist at some of the building positions, but the historical stories Terry told impacted Bright. "Dr. Terry had wonderful old pictures of the sites," she said.

Terry emphasized to the students prior to the trip to imagine the trail not as a bike path, but to remember it was once a railroad—a railroad that preceded highways and interstates.

"It's how people got from point A to point B. It was a lifeline that brought lumber, farm animals, dairy, food, ice and new ideas. It took crops to market," Terry said.

"I would recommend this class to others," Bright said. "The instructors did the entire trip with us. They weren't 'We'll see you down the road' as we ride for 10 miles and they ride in their air conditioned vehicle. They were in it with us and it was super fun."

Terry was very familiar with this par-



Courtesy Photo

Dr. Marta Moorman co-taught the capstone course JMC 388, Trekking the Cowboy Trail, with Dr. Keith Terry. The class will be offered again next summer.

ticular trail after writing the book "Nebraska's Cowboy Trail: A User's Guide" published in 2008. The book documents history nearby or along the rail line and is a practical user's guide to present-day recreational enthusiasts.

Terry relocated to Morehead State University in Kentucky and currently serves as chairman for the department of communication, media and leadership studies.

Moorman hopes to continue the capstone course and felt it was an excellent experience for all participants. "It was pleasant to personally interact with students outside of class," she said.

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"Is the mere fact that they used chemical weapons somehow different from all the slaughter that had taken place with conventional weapons before that?"

Another student talked about social and UN norms against chemical weapons. Another said that using chemical weapons did change things, but since the more diplomatic agreement Russia presented (giving Syria deadlines to give up and destroy their chemical weapons) existed, we really should go that route.

Students explored the broader moral standpoints, such as the idea that if a loved one gets killed in a war, does it really matter if it was a gun, bomb or a chemical weapon that killed them? Why the distinction? Why are chemical weapons the "red line"? This type of discussion came up throughout the talk.

Participants discussed other options and ways that we could help the Syrians, Syria's relationships with other countries, including ours, and how tough of a decision this is to tackle.

Overall, this talk helped those of us who were there to gain better understanding of the situation and others' views on it. No one disagreed that it is a very difficult situation or even disagreed too much about the decision not to use force at this point and go with the Russian agreement.

The reasoning behind some of the discussion surprised me. Some felt that peace was the best way to go if we can manage it, and some felt that we need to take care of our own country's needs before we take care of others. A solution was not devised in that one hour in the Fireplace Lounge, but more was achieved in understanding through discussion than watching the news by ourselves. Understanding is where solutions begin.

Fireside Chats

Fireside Chats, which are free and open to the public, take place from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the Nebraskan Student Union on the first Friday of the month. Fireside Chats are informal, discussion-oriented events, rather than formal lectures, with a new topic and discussion facilitators each time. The Oct 4. Fireside Chat Led by Dr. Charles Rowling and Dr. Diane Duffin addressed the topic: US Involvement in the Syrian Civil War: Is This Our Fight?

In covering this Fireside Chat, we decided to watch and listen and not use names so that the participants could express opinions freely.

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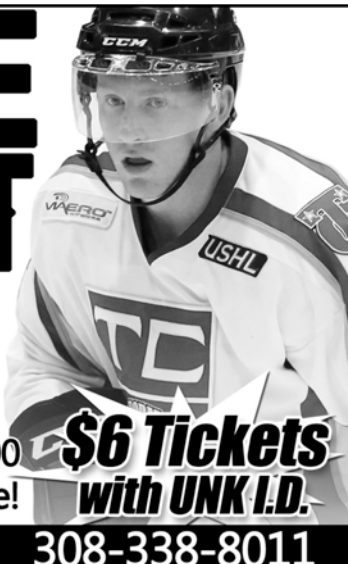
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TOP LEFT: Tyler Tingelhoff (29) along with the rest of the special teams players line up to kick the ball off to Lindenwood.

TOP RIGHT: Freshman quarterback Luke McNitt takes the snap down on Foster Field during the Loper game.

BOTTOM LEFT: Tyler McKeone (17) holds the ball for kicker Payton Fluckey (10) to kickoff following one of the Lopers' eight touchdowns on Saturday.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The Loper offensive lineman line up to snap the ball during the cold and windy game. Fans that didn't want to brave the cold could have watched the game on the MIAA network.