

# THE ANTELOPE

THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6, 2003

## Campus organizations organize service projects



by Ben Broshar  
*Antelope Staff Writer*

While most students have a hard time balancing their studies, recreation or work commitments, some are taking additional time out of their lives to help support the UNK campus and Kearney community.

Many on-campus fraternities, sororities and Residence Halls help sponsor activities for community service. Three groups have been noticed recently for their service projects, although there are a great number of other groups that perform helpful acts as well that are not named here.

Phi Alpha Theta, the History Honorary Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma, the Freshman Honorary Society and Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honorary Society, have been busy with or preparing for their projects.

"Phi Alpha Theta hasn't done a community service activity in several years. Since I'm president this year, I decided that now is the time," Kendra Moore, graduate assistant and Phi Alpha Theta president, said.

Moore received a memo from Becky Diercks, head of the Kearney Area Housing and Homelessness Coalition, requesting aid for National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. As a result, Moore organized a food drive in conjunction with the Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska.

The drive lasts from Oct. 27 to Nov. 23 and drop boxes have been placed at Subway West, the Whiskey Creek Steakhouse, YMCA, Bob's Super Store, the KGFW radio station and various points on the UNK campus including: Copeland Hall, Bruner Hall of Science, Fine Arts Building, Thomas Hall and Calvin T. Ryan Library.

According to a Phi Alpha Theta pamphlet, "There are over 803 household members who were near homeless and considered to be in crisis last year in Buffalo County. This food drive will help bring awareness of the problem to our community and also try to help those in need."

The society isn't expecting

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For National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, Phi Alpha Theta is collecting canned foods at local businesses.

Photos by Nicole Erb

## California wildfires hit home for UNK students

by Jenni Epley  
*Antelope Staff Writer*

California may be 1,500 miles away from the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and what goes on there hardly affects most students, but the California wildfires blazing over thousands of acres of land are impacting more than just the people losing their homes and their lives.

These unfortunate people have family all over the country. Even here at UNK, students worry about their own families living in Southern California.

"The majority of my family lives in Southern California, but so far my sister has been the only one to have to evacuate her home. She was only able to take one item and the clothes on her back. She lives in the mountains and won't be able to assess the damage to her property until after Nov. 11. My dad lives in Anaheim, Calif., and told me that the fire isn't affecting him yet, but the area is very smoky and

cloudy," Katie Campuzano, Kearney sophomore, said.

According to CNN Headline News, firefighters have been working day and night to try and contain the many fires destroying Southern California. The fires are raging from northern Los Angeles to the Mexican border and have killed 20 people as of Oct. 30.

The fires have destroyed more than 2,500 homes and charred 730,000 acres. So far, the estimated damage is more than \$2 billion. "This will be the most expensive natural disaster this state has ever incurred," outgoing Gov. Gray Davis said. "The fires could not only end up being the largest but the longest in duration."

For days, firefighters were unable to stay ahead of the worst of the wind-driven blazes that rampaged through drought-stricken timberland in the mountain ranges of San Bernadino and San Diego counties. Luckily, fog and drizzle, along with some snow that accompanied a cold



Photo courtesy of www.msn.com

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front, allowed fire crews to go on the offensive. Fire crews hoped to take advantage of more wet weather on Oct. 31 to continue bulldozing fire lines and clearing brush from in front of the fires advancing through the mountains in the two counties.

On Oct. 30, firefighters managed to hold the line on the two largest and most active fires in San Bernadino and San Diego counties, which were threatening Julian and Lake Arrowhead, two of the state's most beloved tourist spots. Governor-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger is set to take an aerial tour of the fire zones with Gray Davis.

"My aunt and other California residents are worried about Arnold Schwarzenegger and Gray Davis working together on this horrible disaster. The two don't get along, which doesn't play in favor of the victims," Erin Rauhauser, Sacramento, Calif., junior, said.

Schwarzenegger declines to comment on whether the disaster will prompt him to raise taxes.

"I'm now looking for federal money for people, for victims of the fire, so people can rebuild their homes and rebuild their businesses as quickly as possible," Schwarzenegger said on CNN.

There has been much speculation as to how the fires were started, but police in San Bernadino County and San Diego County feel comfortable blaming the cause on arson. Police released a sketch of a possible culprit on Friday; they may be looking for four or five possible suspects.

"My family is devastated by the loss of their possessions--not only their home, but their land and everything they've accumulated over their lifetime. It hurts them even worse to know that this damage was caused by another human being, and it all could have been prevented," Campuzano said.

Insurance claims from fire damage are likely to reach more

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## NASA's Kepler Mission searches for new life, planets

by Beth Bremer  
*Antelope Staff Writer*

Despite the cloudy weather, the stars and planets were still visible at UNK last Thursday.

Dr. Jose Mena-Werth, department chair of physics and physical sciences, presented the Kepler Mission at the Thomas Hall Atrium. The Kepler Mission is a search for terrestrial planets conducted by NASA.

Mena-Werth has been associated with the Kepler Mission for ten years and returns to NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif., to work on the project every summer and winter break.

NASA's Kepler team seeks to answer the questions regarding

life on planets beyond our solar system and the number of Earth-size planets that are in existence by using the "transit method" of discovering planets.

According to the Web site "kepler.arc.nasa.gov," on June 8, 2004, observers from Earth will see a small black dot move across the sun, the black dot being Venus blocking sunlight as it moves between the Sun and the Earth. The event is called the "transit of Venus."

The term "transit" applies any time one object moves in front of another object. Kepler will find planets by looking for tiny dips in the brightness of a star when a planet crosses in front of it. A bit of the transit can be seen from Nebraska. However, the best location in the world to view the

transit is Iraq.

The launch of the Kepler spacecraft is scheduled for October 2007, but the hope amongst the Kepler team is that the launch will be bumped up to June of the same year to allow more time for observation. According to NASA, the spacecraft will stare continuously for four years, making brightness measurements of 100,000 stars every 15 minutes.

Measuring star brightness changes will enable the Kepler team to determine the length of planetary years, distances the planets are from their host star, sizes of the planets and what types of stars have planets. The Kepler Mission will look at 170,000 stars.

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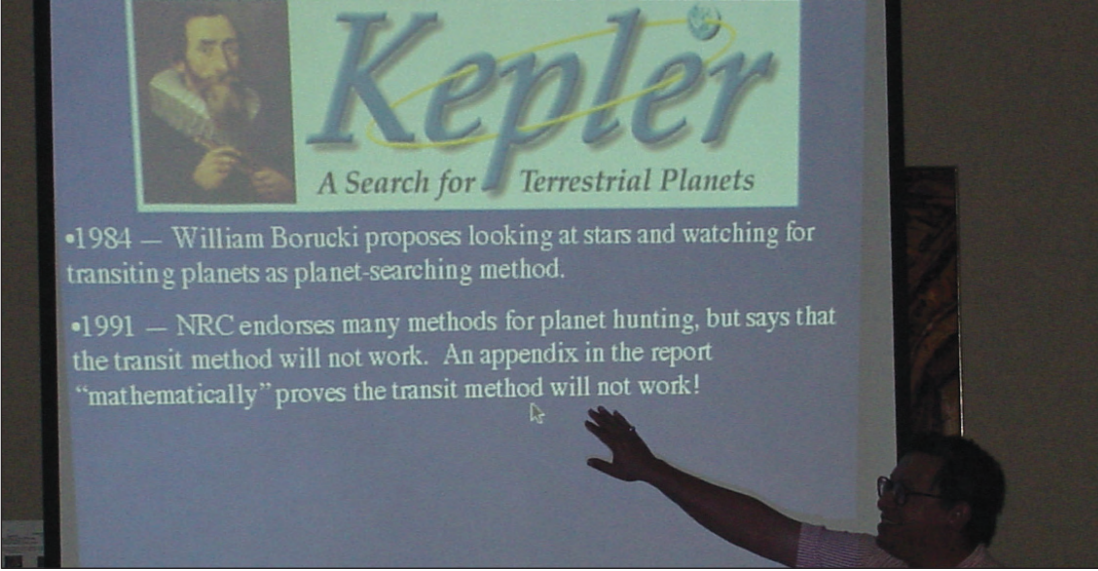


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### Weekend Weather



FRIDAY  
Sunny  
High 47, Low 26



SATURDAY  
Few Showers  
High 50, Low 32

SUNDAY  
Few Showers  
High 57, Low 31



## UNK CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov. 6: Poetry Reading, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, in the Fireplace Lounge.

Thursday, Nov. 6: Film "Skins" sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, 7 p.m. in Copeland Hall room 133. Free popcorn and punch will be provided.

Friday, Nov. 7: Poet Jim Daniels- Reynolds Writers and Readers Series, 8 p.m. in the Brick Room at the Museum of Nebraska Art, 2401 Central Ave. Event free and open to public with a book signing and reception to follow.

Friday, Nov. 7: Coffeehouse Performer: Steven Jackson, 8:30 p.m. in the Student Union Atrium.

Saturday, Nov. 8: Fall Chess Tournament, 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. in the Nebraskan Student Union Atrium. The one day tournament is open to everyone. Please bring a chess set and board if you have one. Entry fee is \$4. For more information and entry forms contact Randall Heckman at 2034 Founders Hall, heckmanr@unk.edu or (308) 865-8868.

Saturday, Nov. 8: UNK Football vs. Mesa State (RMAC game), 1 p.m. at Foster Field.

Monday, Nov. 10: UNK Volleyball vs. Peru State, 7 p.m. in the Health and Sports

Center.

Monday, Nov. 10: Ulali Concert, Native American Acapella Trio, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building Recital Hall. Open reception commences at 6 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 10: Soprano Jeanie Darnell, 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

Monday, Nov. 10: UNK Chess Club, 7-10 p.m. in the Student Union Food Court. Anyone interested in more information may contact Randall Heckman at heckmanr@unk.edu.

Tuesday, Nov. 11: Recycled Percussion, 8 p.m. in the Nebraskan Student Union Great Room. Admission free with UNK ID, \$4 without.

Wednesday, Nov. 12: 'Can I Kiss You?', 7:30 p.m. in the Nebraskan Student Union Great Room. The Leadership Development Council sponsors this event, a look at dating and relationships in 2003. Refreshments provided. Call 865-8523 for more information.

Thursday, Nov. 13: Tentative Loper Luncheon, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. in the East concourse of the Health and Sports Center.

Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 13-15: UNK Volleyball RMAC Tournament

## POLICE BEAT

October 22: The Antelope Bookstore reported that a male suspect had stolen a book worth \$100 and sold it back for \$30 to the store.

October 22: A Case female reported ongoing harassment from a male Kearney man.

October 23: A female Mantor resident reported the theft of her red, black and silver bike from the rack south of Mantor between Oct.13-23. The estimated value of the bike is \$200.

October 24: A male was transported from the Burner Hall of Science to the Good Samaritan Hospital for a medical emergency.

October 25: An officer found a flask containing an alcoholic beverage during lockup of the Fine Arts Building. A male suspect is under investigation.

October 26: A Randall female reported three harassing phone calls from a male claiming to be a psychology student performing a research project.

October 26: A female CTW resident reported that someone had stolen \$235 worth of her belongings from the CTW laundry room from Oct. 16-26.

October 27: A female Ludden resident reported the theft of three rings and a charm bracelet from her room on Oct. 22 from 3 to 8 p.m. The estimated value of the stolen items is \$425.

October 27: A man reported that a window was broken on the south side of the Bruner Hall of Science. The estimated cost of damage was \$150.

October 27: A URN male reported the theft of his blue 930 Trek bicycle. The estimated value of the bike is \$550.

October 29: A male Martin resident reported that someone had broken his Ford Mustang's windshield while parked in Lot 11. The estimated cost of damage was \$200.

October 30: A female Stout resident reported receiving a harassing phone call on Oct. 26 from a male claiming to be a psychology student performing a research project.

October 31: A student reported the theft of a red bike worth \$100 from the rack outside of Randall.

October 31: A female reported that a female Randall resident was suicidal.

## FALSE PHONE SURVEY

Public Safety announced recently that several students have received calls from a person claiming to be conducting a study sponsored by the psychology department. This study, alleged to be on hypnosis and fetishes, is not a legitimate study and is not sponsored by the department. Call 865-8517 or 380-1422 to report any received calls or information.

## UNK ATHLETES EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

Several UNK athletic teams have been the recipients of academic accolades as of late. For the 2002-03 academic year, the UNK women's basketball team maintained the highest cumulative GPA at 3.723 for all NCAA, NAIA and junior college programs. Every season, the Women's Basketball Coaches' Association names an Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll for each division, based on coach nominations.

In addition, the U.S. Track Coaches Association recognized the UNK women's track team and several individuals for outstanding academic achievement in 2003. The women's team had the 10th highest cumulative GPA in Division II at 3.33. Also, six women and two men track athletes made the Division II individual All-Academic team including: Dave Smith, Arnold, Scott Jorgensen, Grand Island, Stephanie Schneider, Funk, Jessica Reinsch, Geneva, Leann Fritsche, Maywood, Megan Holmes, Minatare, Kate Semin, Bellwood, Amber Tiefenthaler, Butte.

Schneider also had the distinction of making the All-Academic Cross Country team as well. Congratulations to the UNK Athletic Department.

## FEELING CHEATED? EXPLORE PARKING TICKET APPEAL PROCESS

If students or faculty feel as though Public Safety has unfairly ticketed them, there are options to pursue. Ticket holders may write an appeal online at [www.unk.edu/public-safety](http://www.unk.edu/public-safety). They also may submit an appeal to the Public Safety Office located in the southwest corner of the Memorial Student Affairs Building. Another option to try is to submit the case to the Student Government court at 4 p.m. every Tuesday in the Student Government Area of the Nebraskan Student Union. All appeals must be written within 14 days of the ticket issue date.

## COFFEEHOUSE PERFORMER

On Nov. 7 at 8:30 p.m. the Nebraskan Student Union Atrium will host roots/rock singer and songwriter Steven Jackson. Jackson hails from the predominantly country city of Nashville, Tenn., but his music has been compared more to the Counting Crows and Bruce Springsteen. He claims Willie Nelson and Johnny Cash most influenced his "storytelling" music style. Concert attendees can expect a show full of humor and spectacular solo acoustic guitar pieces. Make sure to come see the artist Paste

Magazine says "gives form to your thoughts with words more beautiful, evocative and true than you could ever find yourself."

## JOB OPENING FOR LOUIE

The UNK Spirit Squad recently announced a new position for interested and spirited students. They are seeking a student to become a back up for the current Louie. For more information, call 865-8523.

## UPFF ALLOCATIONS

Does your student organization need money? The university offers UPFF Allocations for eligible student organizations every other year. Those that did not submit requests last year may still submit budget requests for UPFF funds. These funds are available to any on-campus student organization that is open to all UNK students. Budget submission forms are available in the Student Organizations Area of the Nebraskan Student Union. For more information, contact Ryan Wanek at (308) 440-4935 or [wanekra@unk.edu](mailto:wanekra@unk.edu).

## ENGLISH CONVERSATION TABLE

Any student with a desire to learn about worldwide culture is invited to come to the Nebraskan Student Union (near Coyote Jack's, in the area with tables and a TV). Starting this Thursday, there will be a lunchtime English conversation table meeting there from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. If a student is free during this time, he or she is wel-

come to come speak English with UNK's 340 international students who represent 48 different countries. Please come to learn a wealth of information and help international students learn more about the United States.

## REYNOLDS WRITERS AND READERS SERIES ANNOUNCED

Charles Fort, director of the Reynolds Writers and Readers Series, is pleased to announce this fall's upcoming lineup of readers. The series of readings all will be at 8 p.m. in The Brick Room of the Museum of Nebraska Art at 2401 Central Avenue. All readings are free and open to the public with a book signing and reception to follow. Poet Jim Daniels will read Fri., Nov. 7. The Office of the Chancellor, UNK's Creative Writing Program and the UNK English Department sponsors this series. For more information please contact Charles Fort at 865-8164 or e-mail him at [fortc@unk.edu](mailto:fortc@unk.edu).

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If anyone wishes to place an item of interest in the Antelope Calendar or News Brief sections, please e-mail Jillian Tangeman at [tangemanjl@unk.edu](mailto:tangemanjl@unk.edu). Placement in these sections is free of charge. Please include the date, time, contact information, details about the event or any pertinent information.

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## THE BOTTOM LINE

**QUESTION: Do you read the Antelope? If you do, what do you like/dislike? If you don't, why not?**



**Joe Bennett**  
Cheyenne, Wyo., freshman

"I've glanced through it. I don't read it because most of the time when I look at the cover it doesn't interest me. Excessive reading is hard to do in college."



**Amanda Covey**  
North Platte junior

"Yep, I read the Antelope. I like Rehor's Column. I like to read his smartass comments."



**Amy Crawford**  
Omaha sophomore

"I love reading the police beat. I like hearing about the stupid things people do. The paper could use more pictures, though."



# Where do we place the blame ?

As if I really care...



Lora Slusarski  
Sports Editor

They meet yet again, people of the United States versus videogames. Two teenagers, William and Joshua Buckner, 16 and 14 years old, opened fire on vehicles on interstate 40 in Tenn. with a .22 caliber rifle, killing one and severely injuring another. The victim's family has now filed a \$246 million dollar lawsuit against Sony Computer Entertainment

America, Rockstar Games and Wal-Mart.

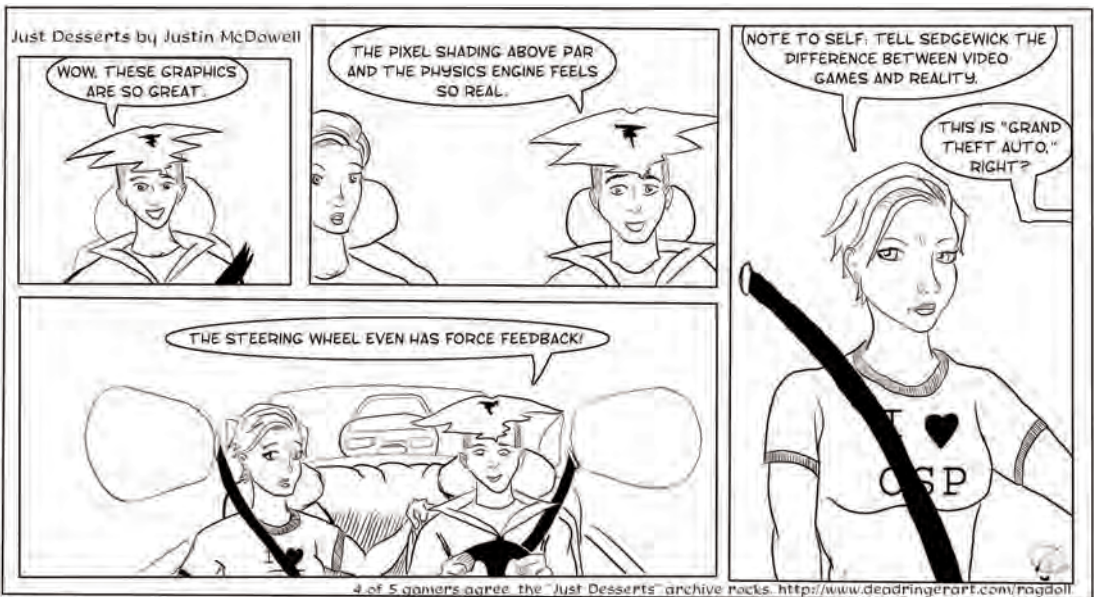
In a rush to blame GTA, Grand Theft Auto, for the killing, there are certain aspects of this case that one must observe. This game has a rating system on it, just like any television show. GTA is rated M, which makes it rated for 18 and older. Although there is no law in the United States stating that children can't buy these games, it is the assumption that parents will control the access to content unsuitable for their children.

Why didn't the parents control the access of their 14 and 16 year old sons to firearms, enabling them to take a fully loaded rifle on that fatal night and end a man's life for no other apparent reason then that

they were "bored"? Of course, no one is prepared to question the access to a rifle in this case, this being something of a touchy subject in American politics, but instead the blame being laid at the door of the games industry.

Where is the line that people must and need to draw between reality and games? I've played GTA before and that doesn't mean that I am going to drive around, pick up a hooker, do my business, pay her and then run her over with my car and take my money back.

This is not the first time that the games industry is being blamed. After the tragic Columbine school shootings in Littleton, Colo. the parents of several of the victims attempted to sue a host of game companies such as Nintendo.



Yeah, because after I play a game of Mario Kart the first thing I want to do is get in a car and race seven of my friends while running into them and

shooting objects at them.

People need to take individual responsibility for their actions and parents need to take responsibility for their

children. The games are not to blame for these actions, the people that commit the crimes are.

# Definitely a laughing matter

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood...



Nichole Jelinek  
Copy Editor

I have a photograph of a group of friends caught in a moment I'm sure none of them remember. It is a picture someone snapped at a birthday party a couple of years ago of everyone laughing; not just smiling or giggling, but laughing to the point of tears. Today I can't tell you what was so funny, nor can any of them, but anyone observing the photo would agree that everyone was having a good

time.

Laughing is not synonymous with being happy, something being funny, having a good time, etc. We all know unhappy people laugh. We laugh when we are frustrated or even angry with someone. We also don't always laugh when we are happy. But, being truly happy and being able to laugh at the same time is one of life's ultimate natural highs.

Looking at this photograph makes me wonder how many times in all of our 20- something years any of us have laughed like that. According to a poll by the Gallup News Service in Princeton, N.J., 94 percent of Americans described themselves as being "very" or

"fairly" happy. However, most adults do not laugh enough. Adults, on average, laugh about 15 times per day, as compared to children, who laugh approximately 400 times every day.

Why do children laugh so much more every day? Are their lives filled with more laughable moment than adults? I don't think so. Children just find the humor in everyday occurrences. Adults may have just as many opportunities to laugh, but don't. Most of us take each moment too seriously.

Patty Wooten, author of "Compassionate Laughter: Jest for Your Health", wrote, "A good sense of humor can just get you through daily life with fewer psyche bruises. Humor serves as an inner safety valve that allows us to release tension,

dispel worry, relax and let go."

What happened? When was the last time you laughed so hard you almost fell over or felt a sense of euphoria? Most of us are happy, so why aren't we laughing when it can be so beneficial.

Psychologist Paul McGee has researched and shown laughter relaxes muscles, helps control pain, may lower blood pressure, and helps to manage stress while increasing joy, circulation and respiration.

There are those moments in life when our minds temporarily dysfunction, when nothing seems to be going right or when we have a ton of stuff to get done and not enough time. But, the next time you have one of those moments, or even an entire day, don't say to yourself,

"I will laugh about this later." Laugh about it now and reap the benefits.

Psychiatrist Robert Holden, who runs laughter clinics for England's National Health Service says, "Smiling and laughing produce happy chemicals called endorphins which work in the brain to give an overall feeling of well-being."

But, don't wait for those moments to get a laugh out of life, set yourself up. Turn to the comics first, watch a funny movie or go out with friends. You are 30 times more likely to laugh in a social setting than when you are alone.

Laughter is a common language among all of us, some just laugh more than others. Don't take the benefits of laughter for granted, do what you

have to do. If you can't find anything to laugh at as an adult, take a break and be a kid again. I have friends who still buy themselves Happy Meals. Go to the park, play a game: kids do silly things and you still can too.

"Silliness is very serious stuff," says Doctor Lee Berk, one of the United States' leading researchers on humor and health.

So, right now, plan on doing something today that will make you laugh, then plan something again and again. Plan moments as many times as you need until laughing comes naturally to you once more, like when you were a kid, so you can laugh 400 times every day. Remember, "the most wasted day is that in which we have not laughed," Chamfort said.

## READERS' OPINIONS

Dear Editor:

I'm writing in reference to the article regarding the Purple Hedge Shoppe. It concerns me that the article made many statements regarding Christianity, but only one was made by a Christian. All comments made by people who don't practice the faith were allowed to stand as truth. This practice sets up a straw man, an easy figure to tear down. I would like to respond to a few of these claims.

"We have tender and loving gods and goddesses, whereas in the Christian faith, you are taught to fear God."

Though this statement does not directly say that the God of the Christians is not merciful or loving, the implication is hard

to miss. I believe in a God whose love for us is almost unbelievable. This God chose to give up his glory to hang out with the dregs of society, the poor, and the most inglorious people, know the full range of individual experience, and ultimately die the death of a convict to re-establish a relationship with us. This God has gotten mud on his feet. God experiences life with us as a friend here in this moment with each of us.

I believe there's a reason God is described many times in the Bible in parental terms. God loves us as a parent. Most people would agree that parents who encouraged their children to do damaging things to themselves and others wouldn't be

considered loving parents. Part of parental love is to set consistent guidelines based on more experience and information than a child has access to. Parents must let their children know when they've violated these bounds so they don't harm themselves or others. God loves each of us individually. We must balance our individual desires with the needs of the whole. This is the goal of civilization.

"For me, I found it hard to believe in or follow a single male entity..."

I don't follow a single male entity, either. Human terms cannot always convey the eternal verities. We do not currently have a word for a God who is neither male nor female. God's

action consists of stereotypically masculine traits of confidence, rationality, boldness, and fiery passion. God's action also consists of more feminine traits such as gentleness, compassion, love, emotional nurturance and healing. To worship the human form of male or female is counter to worshipping the Christian God.

I also objected to the use of the last quote by Dar Williams to end the piece. Its position as the last thing read affects the whole tone of the piece. The sins that some Christians of the past committed against people in the name of God are atrocious. But the converse is also true: in Roman society, Christians could be crucified for treason for believing that there

was a power higher than Caesar. What we all must remember, is that humans have unfortunately hurt each other in the past. All we can affect is the present. The first quote suggests understanding and tolerance; the last quote is filled with indirect blame, which will not help either understanding or tolerance.

In closing, I would like to challenge the Antelope to run an

equally large story on Christianity. In fairness to the faith, gather research and quotes from those who practice the faith. I challenge the Antelope to present an exciting, living, and thoughtful view on Christianity.

Sarah Cole  
Franklin Senior

Dear Editors:

On the front page of the Antelope dated the Week of October 30, 2003 you have run a photograph of magickal books, videos and implements from the Purple Hedge Shoope under the banner headline "Discover the Magic of Wicca." This photo and its exhortation run unaccompanied, floating like an island in the midst of unrelated news events. Though there is a leader to a page-ten story on the same theme, it's separated from the photo, visible only to someone who looks for it. The photo and its banner exist on the page only in and of themselves.

Would the Antelope run, unqualified, a photograph of a hand-copied Torah and a mezuzah, under the banner "Discover the Shalom of Judaism"? Or a photo of the Rose Window of Notre Dame Cathedral headlined "Discover the Spirit of Christianity"? How about a muezzin singing the call to prayer under the banner "Discover the Peaceful Submission of Islam"? And if not, how can you justify the photo as it stands?

Kevin L Nenstiel  
Kearney Senior

To whom it may concern:

God, morality, abortion, gay rights, censorship, human rights, divorce rates...these represent only a part of the tools utilized in a battle that is truly one of life and death: the battle for your mind and soul. As we enter into college and progress through it, we are exposed to a myriad of worldviews that are delivered with the expectation that they are heard and devoured keeping the idea of tolerance alive. Regardless of one's personality, this battle is indeed one of seriousness as it not only determines the path of the lives of individuals but of society as well. Tolerance is fine however acceptance is where logical lines can be drawn. Use the resources available to you to form questions

and seek those who will listen and respond back. To tolerate in today's society implies one should do so blindly and that is a dangerous mire to trek into.

"Discover the magic of Wicca" carries the implication that worldviews rise and fall in waves due to popular trends and if one is looking for a spiritual pick-me-up, look no further than Wicca. I have no qualms about people checking such worldviews out however as a Christian who was once an atheist, I urge my fellow college students to be aware of this battle that rages every day and examine each worldview carefully for the only thing that will not be harmed...the truth.

Ben Webb  
Kearney Junior

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# Where is the Love?

by **Jessie Mohr**  
*Antelope Staff Writer*

Courtney Love has decided to enter drug rehab after being treated for an overdose in early October. Spokeswomen for Love said that she regretted having her daughter, Frances Bean, with her during her drug overdose in their Beverly Hills home.

"I calmed her while we waited for the ambulance to arrive," said Love about the mishap.

The night before her overdose, Love was arrested after officers were called to a residence where Love was allegedly breaking windows at 2:30 a.m.

The owner of the home said he knew Love personally and didn't want to press charges.

A drug evaluation was performed and when it showed Love was in fact under the influence of a controlled substance she was placed under arrest. A \$2,500 bail was set and Love was released later that night.

At 6:00 a.m. the following day, Beverly Hills police responded to a medical emergency where they found Love in a dire state.

Love, who is said to have been abusing prescription drugs and cocaine for some time, told American juvenile court that she is fit to look after daughter, Frances Bean Cobain. For the time being, Love's mother has



*Photo courtesy of www.rollingstone.com*  
**Singer/Actress Courtney Love is facing drug charges while fighting to maintain custody of her daughter.**

custody of the child.

What happened to push this entertainer to the edge? Her life has gone from unstable to out of control and unruly over the past two decades. Love is now reaping the consequences.

Love, 39, has struggled with her career, her love life and of course her drug problem for years.

Even as a child, Love has bounced in and out of relationships. After being placed in a succession of boarding schools,

foster homes and juvenile homes she left for Taiwan where she became a stripper making up to \$2500 a night.

Love later decided that she wanted to be in a punk band and returned to the Bay area where she eventually joined Faith No More.

Love was kicked out of the band because of conflicts with other members and decided to form her own.

It was 1989 and Love began searching for band mates. She

formed the group Hole, and in 1991 the band released their first album "Pretty on the Inside" which was a modest success.

Love's marriage to Nirvana front man Kurt Cobain is what she claims skyrocketed her career. The two were married in 1992 and six months later they had daughter Frances.

Much controversy occurred after the birth of their daughter because of the pair's wild behavior. Frances was almost removed from the home when it was suspected Love had done heroin while pregnant.

In 1994, Cobain was found dead from what is said to be suicide. A week after Cobain's death, Hole's highly acclaimed album "Live Through This" was released. Nonetheless, the tragic event sent Love into exile.

"Her music and her daughter are the only things that are keeping her alive," a source told Rolling Stone magazine. "I worked with her this summer on her new solo album and she was a mess."

Earlier this year, Love signed with Virgin Records to release her first solo album, Americas Sweetheart. Originally, Oct. 28 was the release date, but in September the CD was pushed back to February 2004.

Love is currently facing drug possession charges and could receive punishment of \$20,000 in fines, a year of jail time and mandatory drug rehabilitation.

# Halloween... it's not just for the kids

by **Jeff VanRoy**  
*Antelope Staff Writer*

October is now over, and so is one of the most prominent party-throwing holidays in the United States. As we look back on last weekend's festivities we realize how important Halloween is when you're in college.

No longer is trick-or-treating the activity of choice, rather, parading around town in something purchased at Walmart for under five dollars is the norm. Many of the problems in this festivity come about when people think they have the best costume on the block, as if they were the first to think of it.

The costume you wear decides whether or not you're going to have a good evening or not, something that many partygoers neglect to acknowledge. Wrapping yourself in Saran Wrap to represent "Safe Sex" may seem like a splendid idea early in the night, but a few Chardonnays and a couple of dances at the local club will find you painfully regretting the witty idea.

One UNK junior suffered such a tragedy. He thought his idea of being a spork for Halloween was more original than anybody else's. Much to his dismay, three gentlemen waltzed into the Jet as their own form of utensils.

This year's popular costumes ranged from Mario and Luigi to the wide range of Britneys and a horrendously frightening clown busting a groove at the Jet.

Props are essential in the formation of the costume - think functional. If you can successfully wear the enormous Incredible Hulk gloves and drink an adult beverage, chances are you will be the life

of the party that evening. Perhaps a Tiki torch enhances your outfit - bring it along to double as a beverage holder, proving success in both creativity and practicality. For many connoisseurs, props are the only way to explain why exactly you dressed the way you did. Nobody wants to be the tennis player without a racquet or a ribbon dancer without a ribbon.

As with each holiday fiasco, the host of a Halloween party always has quite a task to tackle, so plan your attire respectfully. The girls who wear the lovely dresses with the feathery headdresses and boas look amazing, but when they possess a chronic molting problem, the host is never very pleased.

Year after year, there is always the guy who tries to cop out of dressing up. There is no such thing as a "nudist on strike" and just because a serial killer can look like anybody, doesn't mean you do. Next year go for something much more creative, like the carrot, rabbit and dog trio. Then you and your two friends can chase each other and people will actually enjoy having you at their parties.

On a lighter note, Halloween served as the perfect opportunity for many students to act as stupid as humanly possible. If you were clad in a Richard Nixon mask nobody could recognize you on campus this week. For those of you regretting some Halloween episodes - remember this when picking next year's costume.

So this is the bottom line. Halloween is about 360 days away. Start thinking of your costume now and, because there is nothing worse than a cross-dresser that forgets his underwear, don't start drinking until after you put it on.

# LPAC brings Jackson back

by **Traci Witthuhn**  
*Antelope Entertainment Editor*

Singer/Songwriter Steven Jackson will be making an appearance at UNK on Nov. 7 at 8:30 p.m. in the Nebraskan Student Union Atrium. This event is a part of the Mochas and Music series, sponsored by the Loper Programming and Activities Council.

Jackson returns to the Kearney stage after filling the atrium at last year's show. The young artist brings back his hipster sound and cutting humor to entertain students. LPAC Mochas & Music Chairperson, Patricia Borland, is glad to have Jackson on board this year.

"Steven really impressed us with his style last year," Borland, Papillion junior, said. "He is a good performer with an awesome stage presence - perfect for the coffeehouse setting."

The now 26-year-old singer's first album came out in 1999. "Gathering Rust" was a self-produced, 14-track cut recorded in Georgia. For his second CD, entitled "Boxfan," Jackson was backed up by a band called "The Leavers" including: producer/guitarist Rob Seals, drummer Eddie Walker, keyboardist Chad Barger and engineer/bassist Steve Graham. This crew gave the music a more "gritty" feel, but Jackson now finds himself on tour sans band, creating a rugged "it's just me" sound.

His third album, "Home

From the Fight," was released on Sept. 29. This CD contains 11 tracks, some of which are sure to be played at Friday night's concert.

"Roots-rock" and "acoustic Americana" are terms used to describe the distinctive sound



Jackson possesses; he has been compared to Counting Crows and Bruce Springsteen. Jackson claims to draw his story-telling technique from classic country artists Johnny Cash and Willie Nelson.

"I guess I just absorbed the sounds of traditionally-influenced writers," Jackson said on his website, www.stevenjackson.net. "I used to sit in the back seat of my parents' Buick and sing real deep and twangy - making fun of the country music they listened to. I was



*Photos courtesy of www.stevenjackson.net*  
**Steven Jackson, a roots-rock artist will take the stage in the Student Union Atrium on Friday, Nov. 7 at 8:30 p.m.**

into the Sex Pistols and Ramones then, but I remember really connecting with some of the songs I heard riding around in that car."

Paste Magazine described this folksy-lore style as "giving form to your thoughts with words more beautiful, evocative, and true than you could ever find yourself."

Borland says she has been hearing quite a lot of buzz on

campus about the soulful songster and Friday night's coffeehouse performance.

"There are quite a few people with plans to come out for the event. I've got a friend who hasn't been able to shut up about Steven since he was here last fall," Borland said. "LPAC is proud to sponsor on-campus activities like this and we invite everyone out for a fun Friday night."



*Photo by Adam Wagner*  
**UNK students donned costumes for some freakish fun on Oct. 31. Who says you've got to be a kid to enjoy Halloween?**

# The Joe Schmo Show is a hit

by **Heather Bunsen**  
*Antelope Staff Writer*

I love my Sunday afternoons. That may be an understatement. I cherish my Sunday afternoons. There is nothing better than ordering in a ton of Chinese take-out and filling up my afternoon with Hunans and the Lifetime Channel.

There I sit, engrossed by the four-hour story of a woman who was framed by her husband for a crime she didn't commit and sent to prison, only to be stricken with cancer and lose her children. For some time, I thought there was no other form of valuable entertainment.

And then Spike TV and the "Joe Schmo Show" came along.

Spike TV is an awesome new channel that is supposed to be guy-friendly television. Several shows that grace the screen, such as Star Trek, do less than peak my interest. The channel also airs an abundance of car shows that seem to last forever. However, there are plenty of other programs on this network that can easily fill up my afternoon.

One in particular that caught my attention and has gradually eased me away from my weekly dose of depressed housewives on the Lifetime Channel is the "Joe Schmo Show."

The "Joe Schmo Show" is another one of those crappy reality shows - or so I thought. The basis of the show is that every single person on the set is an actor; except Matt (Joe). Poor pathetic Matt, a middle class law school drop-out, has no idea that he is the butt of an extremely elaborate and cruel joke.

Let me give you a rundown of the show: Matt thinks he has been chosen to be on a reality television series called "Lap of Luxury." He believes that while he is staying in a mansion for a few weeks, he will be competing with ten other people for \$100,000. There are stupid con-

tests and people get voted off - the typical reality show stuff.

What Matt doesn't realize is that the whole show is a setup. There are loose scripts written and it is predetermined who is going to win and what is going to go on in the mansion.

At first, I really felt sorry for Matt. But after all of the stupid rituals, such as the "immunity robe" and throwing plates with the payers faces on them into a fireplace and declaring that player "dead" to the rest of the group, you would think someone with just a little bit of a clue would catch on. Especially when they were asked to eat dog feces as part of a game.

(Thankfully Matt declined)

The show ended with the season finale on Tuesday, Oct. 28, but I am still watching the reruns. I won't blow the ending for you just incase you haven't caught on to this fabulous guilty pleasure quite yet. Spike TV is still airing the show Sundays at 8:00 p.m. and sporadically throughout the week, so it won't be hard to catch it.

If the "Joe Schmo Show" just doesn't sound like something that would spark your interest, or you simply have a conscience and can't watch someone being put through the torture that Matt had to endure, there is still hope for your view-

ing pleasure.

I must also suggest "Most Extreme Elimination Challenge." This Spike TV program is boasted as the "ultimate in reality sports" and involves people trying to perform outrageous stunts, and usually failing. This time though, they know exactly what they are up for. "Most Extreme Elimination Challenge" airs Thursdays at 9:00 p.m. with Saturday and Sunday repeats.

If you are in dire need of some new forms of entertainment in terms of television, turn to Spike TV - entertainment awaits you.



# Volleyball continues to knock off competition

by Erica Wendland  
Antelope Staff Writer

The 10th-ranked Loper volleyball team extended their winning streak to 14 straight matches after a battle against the Fort Hays State Tigers on Tues. night at the Health and Sports Center.

Attendance was a season-high 1,911, as Loper volleyball supporters turned to watch the meeting between the two long-time RMAC rivals.

"Our home record is a direct reflection of how tough our court is for opponents. We love to play here, and most of the visitors do not really believe they can win here, so that is a good combination for us," Rick Squiers, head volleyball coach, said.

"Our crowd is the best in the country for Division II, and one of the best for all of college volleyball," Squiers said. "I am guessing there are a lot of teams who are hoping that we don't win on Fri. (against Metro) so they do not have to come back to UNK for the RMAC."

UNK had a 23-match, 11-year winning streak over Hays before losing 3-2 to the Tigers in Sept.

"I don't think the fact that FHSU snapped our winning streak against them had any-



Photo by Adam Wegner

Above: The Loper volleyball team awaits a serve from Fort Hays.

Below: Erin Gudmundson prepares for a spike attempt while Kelly Bunger backs her up.



thing to do with the way we prepared to play them at home. Our girls wanted to play well and stay in contention for the conference championship and we knew that we would have to play well to beat a team that had given us a previous loss," Squiers said.

The Lopers, looking for revenge, put the match away in just three games, sweeping then 21st-ranked Fort Hays in just three games (-24, -26, -17).

The victory over the Tigers moved the Lopers into first place in the RMAC.

UNK is 15-1 in the conference, just a half game ahead of Metro State (14-1).

Erin Gudmundson, Kearney sophomore, had 14 kills to add to the Loper effort, while Erin Arnold, Casper, Wyo., junior, added 11 kills and 16 digs.

Kelli Bunger, Grand Island freshman, contributed 11 kills, and Samantha Harvey, Taylor sophomore, had six kills, four blocks, and nine digs.

Also contributing to the Loper effort was Erin Brosz, Grand Island sophomore, with a team-high five blocks and six kills, as well as Bethany Spilde, Council Bluffs, Iowa, sophomore, with 43 assists and five kills.

UNK, the top-hitting team in the RMAC for the year with a hitting percentage of .278, ended the match with a .361 effort, with only nine hitting errors.

Fort Hays entered the match as the team with the second-highest attack percentage in the RMAC (.268), but a tough Loper defense kept the Tigers to a .184 hitting percentage, with 25 errors.

"Hitting percentage is a critical stat in volleyball because it reflects not only hitting, but setting and passing as well. One of our team goals is to always be at or near the top in this category because we know it will give us a chance to win. This year's team has done well because we are passing well,

setting well, and obviously we have some hitters who can put the ball away and limit unforced errors," Squiers said.

The next challenge for the Lopers was Fri. at the Health and Sports Center against Regis, but the UNK volleyball team rose to the occasion to put Regis away in three games (-18, -21, -15).

The victory over Regis brought the Loper's record to 25-4, 16-1 RMAC, and marked the 17th straight home match won by UNK.

UNK's straight match streak is the second longest win streak in the volleyball program over the last five years.

Gudmundson had a team-high 15 kills, as well as a team best seven blocks.

Brosz helped her out, with 11 kills. Brosz had only one error for a .526 hitting percentage on the night. Brosz has a .373 hitting percentage for the season.

Arnold also added to the team effort, with ten kills and a team high 14 digs. The three "Erin's" on the team had a combined 36 kills, 21 digs and nine blocks for the Lopers.

Harvey had seven kills, five digs, and three blocks to contribute to the Loper victory, while Spilde had 36 assists and four kills.

A tough Loper defense forced Regis to hit a negative .019 for the night.

"We have tried to emphasize all season that we need to get better each week and so far we seem to have done that. By the time we reach the RMAC tournament, we hope we are playing our best volleyball of the season. At that stage, usually everyone you play is a good team so we will have to be at our best to advance through the tournament," Squiers said.

The Lopers continue to come up against their RMAC opponents, playing seventh ranked Metro State Fri. in Denver.

# Ross sets records as Lopers fall at Hays

by Byron Bell  
Antelope Staff Writer

The Loper football team came in riding a seven game winning streak against Fort Hays, and has won three in a row on their turf. All of that changed Saturday as the Tigers defeated UNK 38-34.

Pat Korth, Hastings senior, had a career day against the Tigers completing 26 of 42 passes for 464 yards and two touchdowns.

His second 400-yard performance of his career, for the season, Korth has passed for 2,859 yards this season second only to Justin Coleman's 3,167 in 1999.

In addition, Korth needs only four completions next week to

break Mike Muma's completion record of 190 that he set in 2001. Korth was not the only Loper having a record setting day.

Richie Ross, Lincoln sophomore, had 16 catches for 317 yards and a touchdown.

Ross set school and conference records on Saturday. His 16 catches broke Jebb Hatch's of 15, and his 317 yards shattered the previous record of 246 set by Ted Murray back in 1985.

This total also broke Mike Colledi of Colorado School of Mines conference record of 310 yards dating back to 1970.

The output is the most by a receiver this year in all of Division II and it ties for eight most in Division II history.

For the season Ross has

caught 68 balls for 1,300 yards and nine touchdowns. Ross was named D2Football.com's National Offensive Player or the Week along with Player or the Week honors from the RMAC and Nebraska Division II.

Alongside Ross, fellow receiver Garth Mins, Lexington junior, had seven catches for 135 yards and a score.

The Loper special teams could not seem to help out their defense as they let Hays gain more than 200 yards on five kick returns giving the Tigers a short field to work with.

Also the Loper defense could not seem to corral backup quarterback Josh Todd as he carried the ball 21 times for 116 yards and completed six of 12 for 95 yards and score.

In a game where both defenses were struggling, UNK managed to score 20 unanswered points to take a 34-23 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Hays responded with a drive of their own as Todd found receiver Andre Freeman for a 25-yard pass to the 35-yard line, the very next play he raced 35 yards for the touchdown and completed a two point conversion to cut the lead down to 34-31.

"I definitely feel this season has been a disappointment because there have been a hand full of plays that we needed to make but could not make them," Jered Butts, Colorado Springs, Colo., junior, said.

The Lopers have lost all four games this year by a combined

26 points, and in all but one of those games they have out gained their opponents by wide margins.

"It has been frustrating that we have been able to stay in games but haven't been able to execute at the right times," Butts said.

The Tiger defense held the Loper offense and then drove down the field 69 yards in nine plays to take the lead for good.

UNK did manage to get the ball back with 1:04 left to play after Fort Hays missed a 27-yard field goal.

"No, they really did not come out with anything special or that we were not prepared for we just could not pull it out in the end," Ross said.

UNK began driving down

field converting a fourth and eight to Mins to keep the chains moving.

The Lopers had one last opportunity to continue driving down the field but Korth's pass fell incomplete to receiver Dustin Schmeits, Wayne junior.

"Yes this season has been a disappointment but also a humbling experience. This lets us know that we need to stop playing down to our opposition," Ross said.

With the loss it marks the first time in Darrell Morris's head coaching career that he has not one at least seven games.

UNK will finish out the season this Sat. against Mesa State at Foster Field, kickoff scheduled for 1:00 p.m.



# Three R's good for children

by Chrys Wiebelhaus  
Antelope Staff Writer

The combination of reading, rhyme and rhythm are three 'R's' that excite children. Reading a book, rhyming words and recognizing rhythm in music are fundamental tools to a child's development.

UNK and Kearney High School students recently teamed up in an effort to get children excited about books. Reading, Rhyme, and Rhythm Rock was hosted by UNK College of Education students for Kearney area children on Oct. 28. More than 20 children, ages 4 to 6, participated in the event held at the United Methodist Church in Kearney.

The UNK students involved in the planning were Kari Brooks, Indianola junior; Jerome Mallek, McCook junior; Marcus Donner, Madison junior; Jessica Loveless, Naponee junior; LeAnn Schluntz, Naponee senior; Nick Lemek, Omaha sophomore; Holly Henn, North Loup senior; Nicole Plambeck, Grand Island senior; and Erin Schack, Columbus junior.

Kearney High School students involved with the events were Samantha Jones, Rachel Miller, Heather Sherwood, Brooke Sherwood, Abby Bittman and Allen Jones. Sharon Andes-Cozad, a former kindergarten teacher and current UNK graduate assistant in teacher education, and Deb Iwan, a child development specialist in the Kearney communi-

ty and a consultant for the Parents as Teacher's Program, helped plan Reading, Rhyme and Rhythm Rock.

As an elementary and special education major, Brooks enjoyed working with the Reading, Rhyme, and Rhythm Rock program. She finds it gratifying to help children, especially ones with special needs.

"I really enjoy working with kids, especially young children," Brooks said. "I have learned that you mean a lot to the kids and that they look up to us as a role model."

The event began years ago when students from UNK and other Nebraska colleges planned a themed event called Storybook Ball. Geraldine Stirtz, director of the Office for Service Learning in the UNK Department of Teacher Education, helped implement the event.

"I felt this would be a great way to get our UNK students to work with the high school students in an effort together," Stirtz said. "It turned out to be a great way to get students involved in actually planning and implementing a service event in which they could take a leadership role and experience the outcomes of their efforts in many different ways."

The event highlighted five stations, each with different books to read. One UNK student and one Kearney High student teamed up to mentor the children in each group. The team members lead a discussion about reading and books and

then read a story to the children. The children then took part in an activity related to the story. Refreshments were served, and each child received a creativity box containing art supplies.

For example, the children's classic book "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" was read to the children, and then they were given construction paper palm tree parts to assemble. They pieced the parts together and glued alphabet letters to the tree.

"Each child took his creation home, which would allow the child to retell the story to a parent or friend as they talked about their tree," Stirtz said.

"In a classroom of texts and lectures, students cannot understand or envision the issues that might arise in a real-life setting. Getting children excited about books and reading can have a lifelong impact on their future interest in school and learning to read," Stirtz said.

Many children do not have the opportunity to have books in their homes, and parents often do not have time to read to their children, Stirtz said. Early literacy development is very important in helping children gain a broader, more extensive vocabulary and to help increase their level of interest in books, reading and writing.

Sponsored by the UNK Office of Service Learning and the Nebraska Consortium for Service Learning in Higher Education, the goal of the event was to provide real-life experiences to the students.



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The uncontrollable wildfires in Southern California forced firefighters to risk their own safety.

## After thousands evacuated and over 20 deaths, worst of fires over

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than \$1 billion.

"My family lives in San Bernadino and Hesperia, and fraudulent insurance agents are beginning to approach victims of the fires," Rauhauser said.

Tens of thousands of people were without homes, either because of mandatory evacuations or because their homes had been burned to the

ground or made uninhabitable. Advancing flames on Oct. 29 forced the evacuation of most of the city of Hesperia.

"I have an aunt who lives in Hesperia. She has asthma and is unable to leave her home. Hesperia is on hill and community members are forced to drive through the fire to get to work in nearby Los Angeles. My aunt and other community members are very worried about their jobs and income,"

Rauhauser said.

As of Nov. 3, many people who were forced to evacuate in Southern California were able to return to their homes, or what remained of their homes. Many returned to piles of ash.

On the positive side, CNN said California firefighters feel the worse part of the fires are over. It's now time to rebuild and move on.

# Renovated \$20 bills: rich in color, security

by Stephanie Fielder  
Antelope Staff Writer

The newly redesigned \$20 bill is flashing its way around Kearney. The U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing introduced the colorful and more secure bills into circulation on Oct. 9.

The bills were released as part of the bureau's effort to curb counterfeiting by updating currency every 7-10 years.

Although the new bills have the traditional U.S. currency appearance and size, they are noticeably different from the older design.

For the first time in modern history, the bill features colors other than black and green, according to the BEP. The new designs have subtle hues of peach, blue and green in the

background.

The new design includes a blue eagle in the background and a metallic green eagle next to an enhanced portrait of former president Andrew Jackson. The image of the White House on the back of the bill is unchanged with the new design.

In addition to its altered appearance, the newly designed bill has three important security features carried over from the last design.

These features include the watermark, or a faint image of the Jackson portrait, visible on both sides when held up to a light.

There is also a security thread, the vertical strip of plastic embedded in the paper which reads 'USA TWENTY' with a small flag next to it.

Finally, the numeral '20' in

the lower-right corner has color-shifting ink. The color changes from copper to green when the bill is tilted. This feature has been made more dramatic with the new bill.

Many counterfeiters have turned to advancement in digital technology to try to replicate the bills.

Even with the advancements in technology though, counterfeiting is rare. There are one to two counterfeit bills for every genuine bill in circulation reports moneyfactory.com.

Dana Dierwechter, Guest Service Team Lead for the Kearney Target, has never seen a counterfeit \$20 bill come through at the store. She believes it is a very real possibility that it could happen in Kearney though. Cashiers at Target are trained to look for counterfeit bills, but they can-

not always be detected immediately.

"They (Cashiers) are taught to look for the security strip, but I don't believe we are always doing that when we are busy," Dierwechter said.

The BEP and Federal Reserve System have been promoting the new bill heavily around the globe.

Advertisements in print media, the Internet and commercials have increased the public's curiosity on the bill's new features.

An extensive educational program was established for businesses to prepare their employees and their cash-handling equipment for the transition. The program included brochures, posters, videos and CD-ROMs.

As the BEP and Federal Reserve System alerted busi-

nesses early to the new bills, there have not been many problems like when the last bill was introduced in 1998.

Most vending and slot machine software has been upgraded to support the new bills, according to MSNBC.com. They also reported that the only problems thus far have been with the automated payment devices on self-checkout machines.

Kearney banks noticed an increased demand for the new bills and businesses began seeing more of them come through once advertisements alerted the public that there was a newly designed bill in circulation.

"It seems like as soon as they advertised the new bills on TV we saw them right away," Jason Shulteis, Skeeter Barnes Front of House Manager, said.

Across town at Target,

cashiers have yet to handle many of the new bills. "I haven't seen a whole lot of them. We still have a lot of the old ones," Dierwechter said.

The Federal Reserve Board emphasizes that the old bills will still maintain their value despite the increased demand for the new design.

The new bills will co-circulate with the old bills until the old bills become worn and are pulled from circulation, according to moneyfactory.com.

While the federal government does spend a lot of money to update the currency, most people agree that it is worth it to have secure currency.

"You look at it this way, it's going to make my dollar worthless if there is all this illegal money out there," Shulteis said.



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by Traci Witthuhn

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Forget baseball - America has a new favorite pastime: shopping. Each year Americans spend \$84 billion on clothing alone. We could feed a small country with the money we shell out for undergarments.

For Americans, shopping is a sport, leisure activity, and a torturous ritual. A skillful shopper can stalk a bargain and smell a

clearance rack across the store. Relaxation is the goal when easily sliding into the season's sweetest sweaters. Torture? This can be achieved in high-pressure shopping situations (looking for a dress two hours before an event).

I would venture to say that everyone has or will take part in the tradition at some point in his or her life. Unless you are self sufficiently living in a cave or have an extensive regime of servants to manage the task, you

will surely experience the sheer joy or absolute terror of the shopping trip.

For shopping connoisseurs that dare to forego the mainstream madness found in malls and major department stores, one of the greatest shopping adventures lies downtown. These central business districts are making a comeback in the millennium. Quaint shops give the areas a high-class reputation, such as Chicago's Oak Street, Denver's Sixteenth

Street, or Seattle's Broadway Shopping District.

Kearney's downtown area spans Central Avenue from Twenty-fifth Street to just south of the railroad tracks. This brick-paved parkway is home to a variety of specialty shops and charming businesses.

Shoppers can land any number of finds on Central from scrubs (Scrubs PRN LLC) to shoes (Brown's, Redman's), and urban gear (Urban Styles) to western apparel (the Cowpoke).

This shopping destination includes classy clothing (Schweser's), spiritual stimulation (the Solid Rock), eateries (The Roman, Tex's Café, El Vallarta), and even a pet store (Pet Kingdom). If any of this intrigues you, head downtown yourself to see these fabulous stores and so much more.

Besides the selection, downtown shopping also offers an irreplaceable experience. Parking along the strip and strolling form shop to shop ads

value to the phrase "window shopping." In this area, it is okay to take your time, browse, perhaps bringing back nostalgia of those pre-Christmas shopping trips with Grandma.

The holidays are fast approaching, so gather your friends and make a day of downtown Kearney. Catch a matinee (World Twin Theatre), see an art exhibit (Museum of Nebraska Art), peruse the unique shops and have some fun.

# Find your groove at Urban Styles

by Kaisa Gleason

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If there is one thing Kearney lacks, it is variety. Not just in things to do on a Saturday night, but things to wear as well.

We all know the scenario: You are so excited to wear your new outfit out on the town. However, your enthusiasm quickly fades as you walk into the bar/party and see three other people wearing that same thing. Another Saturday night wasted!

Fortunately, one local business is here to help bring that "I

look hot in my new outfit" feeling back into your weekend. Urban Styles, located at 2007 Central Ave., is a fairly new fixture in the downtown scene which offers shoppers an alternative to everyday wear.

Kristi Bryant and her husband Collin relocated their store from North Platte to Kearney in March of this year. They originally opened their store because Collin couldn't find the type of clothes he liked without driving to Denver or Omaha. When Kristi decided she wanted to return to Kearney to finish school, they brought their busi-

ness along for the ride.

With Kearney's nightlife centering in the downtown area, you can easily stop in before you hit the club and grab a fabulous new ensemble. Because the store only carries a limited number of each item, chances are you won't run into your twin as you mingle through the crowd.

So who does Urban Styles cater to? According to Kristi, "We try to offer something different for anyone wanting to look good when they go out."

They offer clothes for both men and women, mostly in a

"street/club wear" fashion. Brands like Johnny Blaze (worn by such rap artists as Obie Trice and Method Man), Pelle Pelle, and Snoop Dogg in the men's department. Lovely Girl and Flame (the women's line by Johnny Blaze) are offered for women. Urban Styles is also one of the first and only stores in the country to carry the Pelle Pelle brand for women. They also offer hats and assorted jewelry to add some "Bling-Bling" to your finished look.

The Bryants go to market in Chicago and have most of their merchandise shipped from New

York. They try to find pieces that have special detail and an added flair to differentiate their clothing from the everyday styles seen at more traditional chain stores. They hope that by providing Kearney with something different, they can create their own niche in the "Hey, isn't he wearing the same sweater as Bob?" kind of market seen so prevalently in Kearney.

If finding the perfect "unique" outfit isn't enough incentive to stop in, make sure to grab the Urban Styles coupon out of your Campus Cash and

save some extra money on the store's already affordable prices. You will also find in-store sales and an easy lay-away plan to fit any budget. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 10-6 p.m., and they are open late on Thursdays.

You will find that you can add some metropolitan flair to your wardrobe without having to drive to the city. The friendly staff will be happy to help you find the right alternative to discovering that you are wearing "Marcia's sweater" or "Joe's jeans" on your next night out.

# Franca's offers unique merchandise

by Sarah Skarka

*Antelope Staff Writer*

By now, most of us have heard the name, or at least seen the glowing red neon sign while out on the town on Central Avenue in downtown Kearney.

Whether it's the sign that we can't help but notice, or the sparkling jewels in the window as we pass by, it's true: most of us have heard of or know of Franca's Jewelry Repair shop.

Located just south of Club 3 and north of O'Malleys at 2019 Central Ave., one of the coolest shops in town, Franca's has been in the downtown Kearney Centre for over 19 years, where Franca, the owner, opened up shop after a few years of saving her pennies.

Specializing in custom-made jewelry and repair, Franca's has built not only a fantastic reputation, but also quite the clientele, causing her to downsize her business a bit. It used to be that Franca not only did custom work and repairs, but also would accept jewelry and other interesting items from clients all

over to possibly refinish and resell.

People would give or sell Franca old items and jewelry, and she would then resell them in her shop. The only problem was, that she found herself stuck with a lot of miscellaneous items that she didn't have a home for, therefore leaving her with the chore of taking them to auction or second-hand stores.

Now, Franca is a little pickier with what she'll accept, and it definitely shows when one steps foot into her ultra-hip store.

From her 'pin wall' on your right to the more boutique style items towards the back and her finer jewelry in cases in your left, it's impossible not to fall in love with at least one item in her store (Believe it, I know from experience--hello 1920's era Italian hand-woven handbag).

Now how in the world did this spunky lady end up in downtown Kearney? Well, a series of interesting turns brought her to where she is today.

Franca was born in a town in



*Photo by Heidi VanNostrand*

**Franca's offers a selection of unique jewelry and accessories.**

Italy, Lecce, which is about the size of Grand Island, and from there, lived in southwest Germany, where her passion for jewelry design was inspired. She dated a young man there whose father owned a diamond cutting shop and recognized the talent and potential that Franca possessed. He taught her and encouraged her to act on her unique skills.

Franca moved to America in 1967 where she was a restaurant cook, a liquor store manager, and a cafeteria cook over a peri-

od of about 17 years.

For about the last three years of her time spent working in the cafeteria, Franca began doing jewelry repair and custom design for her co-workers, where she saved enough money to eventually open her fabulous shop. Nineteen years later, Franca's has a stronger presence than ever.

When asked what the favorite part of her profession is, Franca responded that she loves to 'see' things on people. She looks at their figure, and

their energy when they walk into her shop, and is driven by what she sees in that person.

Customizing jewelry to a person is what she loves most about her job, and she made sure to let me know that she has one rule: to never make the same thing twice.

Franca told me that often times people will come in after seeing one of her pieces on someone else and ask if she can duplicate the piece for them. To this she responds, "Yes I can. But I won't."

One look into her store and one can see that Franca's is absolutely (and refreshingly) a very one-of-a-kind place. Franca informed me that she has no plans to expand her booming business because she's very happy with where she is right now. She has a great clientele,

and it's obvious she values each and every one of her clients and relationships very much.

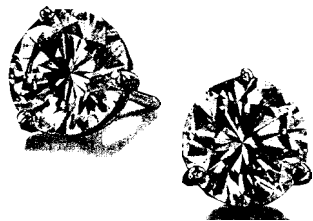
Franca's is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., and from 1:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. On Saturday's, Franca exclusively devotes her time to energy and aura readings, by appointment only.

Simply meeting Franca is a great experience in itself. She is one of those people who will not tell you what you want to hear to make a sale; Franca is a sincere sales woman who will give you an honest opinion.

If you're someone looking for something a little out of the ordinary and definitely different from the rest, stop by Franca's. One step in the door and you'll see why.

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# 2,000 new planets could be discovered by NASA

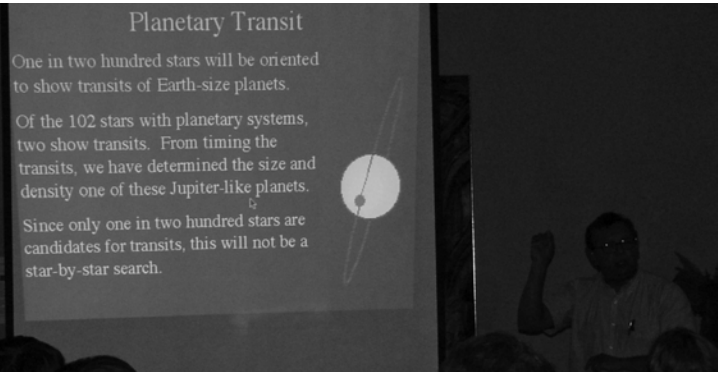


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The \$350 million Kepler Mission seeks to explore new planets.

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“Kepler is a large staring eye waiting for the stars to wink,” Mena-Werth said.  
The hope of the Kepler team is to discover planets they believe certainly exist in the universe. In October 1995, two observers discovered a planet orbiting a Sun-like star. Rather than focusing on the scientific achievement of the discovery of a new planet, most attention was shifted to the possibility of life existing on planets other

than our own. Time magazine’s headline of the event read, “Is Anybody Out There?”  
“There is a strong correlation between the existence of planets and the existence of humans,” Mena-Werth said.  
Mena-Werth said the expected results include the discovery of 50 Earth-size planets; about 185 larger Earth-size planets; 640 giant Earth-size planets; 165 combined outer and inner-orbit Jupiter-size planets; and a total of about 2,000 new plan-

ets to be discovered by Kepler.  
Mena-Werth believes the mission is extremely important to science and mankind, noting that even if Kepler does not uncover any planets the mission would be far from a failure.  
“”The worst that Kepler can find is no new Earths,” Mena-Werth said, “which would lead to the conclusion that Earth is unique.”  
The Kepler Mission is costing \$350 million to fund, which

Mena-Werth noted costs each American a total of 10 cents a year for 10 years.  
Mena-Werth believes the cost of the mission is well worth it. He thinks we are naturally intrigued about the possibility of life on other planets. “What fascinates us most in the whole universe is ourselves,” Mena-Werth said.  
For more information and resources on the Kepler Mission, visit [www.kepler.arc.nasa.gov](http://www.kepler.arc.nasa.gov).

# UNK groups understand importance of service



Photo by Nicole Erb  
Bob’s Super Store is a canned-food drop-off site for Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week.

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any sort of reward or even recognition for their efforts. They are doing this because it's the right thing to do.  
“I just want to thank everybody that donates food, because it's going to be a real help,” Moore said,  
Phi Eta Sigma, the freshman honor society, is busy trying to

help the community as well. Though they don't have a name for their project, they are currently focusing their service efforts on stopping the waste of recyclable bottles in Thomas

Hall.  
“There isn't much point to can recycling anymore,” Dr. Rob Luscher, society advisor, said, “not since Pepsi came in and replaced most of the machines with ones that hold bottles.”  
As a result, the honor society decided to start recycling the plastic bottles. “We had the blue recycling bins brought in and posted signs above each trash can telling people to recycle their bottles,” Luscher said.  
Dr. Luscher feels optimistic about the effect the Freshman Honor Society's efforts have had and will hopefully continue to have. The first bottle pickup from Thomas Hall occurred not long ago and there's no reason to believe that the program won't continue as it has started.  
This group also has no expectations of a reward for their efforts. The society feels that the greater number of recycled bottles is enough of a reward.  
Dr. Luscher also wished to mention other activities that Phi Eta Sigma participates in or sponsors: a fall barbeque, the release of balloons at the first Kearney score of a football game (discontinued for this year), Habitat for Humanity and Power Drive, a high school competition to see which school

can build the fastest electric car. This honorary obviously is quite involved with campus and community activities.  
Not all groups are organizing or participating in community service projects at the moment, but many are planning ahead for the spring semester.  
Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honorary Society, is already getting prepared for their spring writers’ workshop. They give local middle school students a chance to write for a competition in the areas of poetry, fiction and nonfiction. The students then attend a workshop given by students and faculty to learn about writing and hear the

reading of the top three pieces in each category.  
To help pay for this, the society is preparing for a baked goods, books and videos sale on Nov. 20 and 21 in the Student Union Atrium. The group will be in the atrium from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Nov. 20 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 21.  
There are many other organization out there working toward a better tomorrow by helping the community today. Some are school or student sponsored, some aren't. What all these organizations do have in common, however, is that all of them could use help, if anybody has the time to spare for it.

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