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UNK students work on habitat house



PHOTO BY KATHERINE BOURQUE

Students pitch right in to make this habitat house a nice place to live.



By KATHERINE BOURQUE
ANTELOPE GUEST WRITER

On the weekends, college students are prone to sleeping in and lounging around. However, Saturday, Nov. 6, a group of UNK students spent a good portion of the day helping to build future homes for families in Kearney.

The Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity was working to help build two homes on K Avenue in Southeast Kearney. The homes are being built for Jane Valenzuela as well as Jerry and Robin Wemben.

The day started early, between 8 and 9 a.m. students and other helpers poured in. After getting their coffee and breakfast from Elane's Cook Shop, everyone was ready to start. Merv Schliefert began the morning with devotion. He thought the most fitting was a Christmas story and read Matthew 2:1-12 to the workers. Then, it was time to begin.

Everyone split into groups. Some left to help get sod, others painted and yet others prepared the lawns for laying cement. Jerry Marlatt, the Construction Supervisor Intendent, was impressed with how many students volunteered their time.

"We really appreciate a group like this to help us. We like the help but also the exposure to let people know

what Habitat for Humanity is all about," said Marlatt.

Marlatt began discussing plans with Jake Jacobsen, the Speech-100 professor at UNK, in September after a First Year Class meeting. They tried to get some work that a big group could help with and came up with a date.

Jacobsen said, "We are trying to incorporate giving back to the community where you live. I think it is important to have a balance of education, work and social life. We need to learn to share our relents with others." Jacobsen made a special note about two students, Carrie Spresser and Kelli Wellensiek, her First Year Class Peer Leaders. "These two, young, talented women walk on water! I could not run such a smooth class nor handle such a large project without their help."

Habitat is a Christian organization whose mission is to work in partnership with God and people everywhere, from all walks of life, to develop communities with people in need by building and renovating houses. According to Jim Fudge, the Building Committee Chairman, Habitat has built 175,000 houses around the world since the organization was founded in 1976. Fudge said that every 26 minutes, a house gets completed.

How does one get to be the lucky new homeowner? You

must first call the Habitat for Humanity office at 308-234-6030 and leave your name and phone number. The selection committee will then contact you. There is an application process and to apply you must first complete 20 sweat equity hours. If you make it through the selection process you then must complete a total of 400 hours to move into your home. These hours do not necessarily have to be completed just by the homeowner. One hundred fifty hours may be donated by friends, family and even co-workers. Once all is complete the house is then dedicated.

Habitat is funded completely by donations. If you would like to send a donation to Habitat for Humanity, send it to the Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity at 1815 1st Avenue, Kearney, NE 68847. Or, if you would like to volunteer your time, they work every Saturday except major holidays.

All the UNK students that volunteered this weekend were given free T-shirts which were provided by Ann Tillery, the Head of Communication for UNK, and UNK Foundations. The students were a wonderful addition to the help and definitely made a difference with their efforts. Kelly Wellensiek said, "I never expected this experience to be so rewarding."

Men's Hall pilots education about sexual assault

By SILVIA MARTINEZ
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

"Want Sex and Free Pizza?"

If this has caught your attention, then know that sexual assault is a matter of concern on college campuses.

In fact, the above rejoinder on sex and pizza was the name of an educational program on campus meant to grab the attention of UNK students and to educate them about date rape.

The organizers, at Men's Hall, wanted students to know that if someone is assaulted, she has support from a broader network.

Ironically, sexual assault is often not reported, and the victim suffers alone.

Victims are asked to speak out to get help.

Part of this helping network became apparent in the resource program organized at Men's Hall.

Tristan A. Paige, director of Men's Hall, said that the Counseling Center idea is to expand this educational program to other buildings on campus.

Paige said the program was wonderful, and being the "pilot building" was a good start. The program brought awareness prevention by also seeking to explore the mindset of the perpetrator, she said.

Tina Chasek, counselor at the counseling center, organized the program in conjunction with Director Paige.

Chasek said about women students: "You have a right to say no or yes. You have a right to your own body. Women have to commu-

nicate, and men have to listen."

According to public safety officer Dawn Adams, "Sexual assault is one of the most underreported crimes on campus. There is a highest rate of date and acquaintance rape," Adams said.

Kevin, one of the participants at the program who wished to remain anonymous, said, "Women sometimes give hints, but they don't communicate."

On the other hand, Sarah, another participant, said that women feel "overpowered by men" and that women could "set up themselves for assault" – but she added that does not justify it.

Neil Hammond, a junior speaking out concerning sexual assault, said, "It's the men's job to listen and to know what you want out of a date."

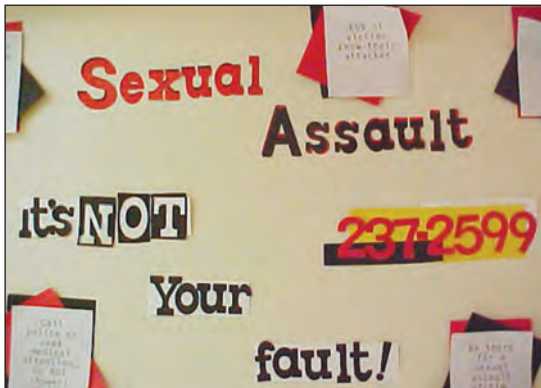


PHOTO BY SILVIA MARTINEZ

One of the bulletin boards at CTE educates students about sexual assault.

Successful teaching 101: "Tell a story-and learn"

By STEPHANIE QUEEN
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

Allusions to confetti and streamers were meant to spark the interest of those who live by learning. And they did get a strong response.

The UNK campus, teaching professionals, university community and regional researchers of psychology turned out to hear Dr. Susan T. Fiske of Princeton University deliver a lecture Friday afternoon titled "Teaching via Integrative Themes: Use Streamers, Not Confetti."

Dr. Fiske appeared as part of the joint Nebraska Psychology Society (NPS) and the Association for Psychology and Educational Research in Kansas (PERK) convention held this past weekend on the UNK campus. The Center for Teaching Excellence and Phi Kappa Phi, the psychology honor society, co-sponsored Dr. Fiske's appearance as part of the November Distinguished Lecture Series.

Dr. Fiske's main message was that students learn better if there are recurring patterns and

themes throughout a semester of teaching a course.

"Tell a good story," Dr. Fiske said.

She spoke to the crowd of around 100 about reminding students of recurring themes throughout the course, such as using at the beginning of the course the themes that a teacher would want their student to take away at the end of the class. Dr. Fiske called these the "take-home message."

"What kinds of lessons do you want the students to take away after they leave?" Dr. Fiske rhetorically asked the crowd.

Over the course of a semester, the student would hear the message over and over again, and hopefully the repetition would sink in. Her advice for telling a good story to students was to concentrate on unity, narrative flow, memory aides, coherence and organization.

"Generate discussions" and "take a stand" were two of the points Dr. Fiske made when she talked about telling a good story to a classroom of students.

"Themes should tell the story with a principle," she said.

Half of Fiske's message pertained mainly to teachers and students hoping to teach someday. The other half of her lecture explained some of the psychology behind her theory.

Fiske used the acronym B.U.C.[K]E.T. to explain why humans are social beings and need the repetition of themes in a course to take home a message.

Belonging, Understanding, Controlling, Enhancing self, and Trusting others were the core social motives that Dr. Fiske used in her acronym.

The Princeton professor has adapted her theory into a book that she uses in her own classrooms back in Massachusetts.

"Don't listen to your textbook representatives when they say it's easy to adapt a course into a book," she joked.

Dr. Fiske, in closing her lecture, asked teachers and students to look for intellectual challenges both practical and useful.

"This works for me. Maybe it will work for you if you teach social sciences," she said.

Dr. Fiske was presented with a plaque of appreciation from the president of Phi Kappa Phi, Dr.

Krista Forrest, at the end of her lecture.

Dr. Robert Ryciek, a professor of psychology at UNK, said the joint conference between NPS and PERK occurs every other year, with each society holding its own conferences during the "off" years. The conferences emphasize student research.

Dr. Fiske's lecture was part of the pre-conference on Friday, which dealt with teaching issues, while the student research presentations were reserved for the conference itself on Saturday.

Participating institutions were as follows: Baker University, Bellevue University, Bethany College, Creighton University, Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Friends University, Kansas State University, Missouri Southern State College, Morningside College, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Newman University, Sterling College, University of Kansas, University of Nebraska at Kearney, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Wayne State College.



PHOTO BY STEPHANIE QUEEN

Dr. Susan Fiske receives a plaque from Dr. Krista Forrest, president of UNK's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi

Election
Answers

ACROSS DOWN

3. Hoover

9. JackieO

10. Harding

12. Baines

14. Benjamin

15. Madison

17. Clinton

20. Checkers

21. Abe

22. Hayes

25. Nixon

28. Jefferson

29. Pierce

30. Alice

35. Ford

36. OliveOyl

39. Washington

40. Monroe

43. Quincy

44. Eleanor

46. Polk

47. Bush

49. MacArthur

51. Adams

52. Reagan
1. Jackson

2. Davis

3. Harding

4. Garfield

5. Johnson

6. Truman

7. Coolidge

8. Whiskers

11. VanBuren

13. Fillmore

14. Buchanan

16. Czolgosz

18. Taylor

19. Gettysburg

23. Eisenhower

24. Cleveland

26. skydiving

27. Kerry

31. Lyndon

32. Roosevelt

33. Kennedy

34. Tyler

37. Lincoln

38. Carter

41. Booker

42. Bush

45. Arthur

46. press

48. Grant

50. Taft

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- Across
1. He asked, “Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men?”

5. Among other movie roles of the noir genre, he played Sam Spade.

7. What stopped the Orient Express on its tracks?

9. Robert Stack does not like mysteries to be this way.

12. The first murder victim

13. One of his most famous works is “Strangers on a Train.”

14. In this movie, Jimmy Stewart and Kim Novak needed to learn

- the voyeur.

40. This real-life writer and love interest was the one who inspired Nora in his scripts on “The Thin Man.”

41. A criminal’s unvarying or habitual way of doing the dastardly deed.

45. “Et Tu Brute?”

46. She wanted him to play “Misty” for her.

47. He went with her famous wife on a haunted honeymoon.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

On Thursday Nov. 11 is a Blackboard II for Faculty workshop in Otto Olsen at 2 p.m. This is a free-of-charge workshop to learn how to use communication tools such as the course calendar, discussion board, and so on for faculty of the university. Call the Helpdesk to register at (308) 865-8363.

For anyone associated with the university who is interested in a workshop to explain how to use the UNK Web email a class is offered in Otto Olsen on Thursday Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. To register contact the Help desk at (308) 865-8363.

Hypnotist Jim Wand will be back on campus Thursday Nov. 11 for two shows in the Nebraska Student Union at 7:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. Tickets are available at the Front Desk in the Nebraska Student Union for \$1 with student ID or \$3 without.

Midwest Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (MACURH) will be in town on Friday Nov. 12 through Sunday Nov. 14. For more information contact Gail Sims-Aubert, coordinator of Residential and Greek Life at UNK at (308) 865-4833.

A class covering the Mail Merge tool in Word 2003. It is offered by Information Technology Services for free for anyone associated with the University. Call the Helpdesk to register at (308) 865-8363.

The 2004 to 2005 Nebraska Semester Abroad Application deadline is Friday Nov. 12 at 4 p.m. in Welch Hall room 104.

On Friday Nov. 12 is a Nebraskats Concert in the Fine Arts Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. Admission charged.

On Saturday Nov. 13 is a One-Handed Woodwinds Program Fundraiser Concert at 6:30 p.m. at the Museum of Nebraska Art featuring Dr. David Nabb, Jeff Stelling, Dr. Nathan Buckner, Franziska Nabb and Wes Hird. For further information contact Dr. David Nabb associate professor music and performing arts at (308) 865-8606.

On Sunday Nov. 14 is a UNK Opera Workshop. The workshop will cover Opera Scenes at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall. For further information contact Dr. Anne Foradori, associate professor of music and performing arts at UNK, (308) 865-8610 or foradoria@unk.edu.

The week of Monday Nov. 15 is UNK Disability Awareness Week. For further information contact Kristen Larson from Student Support Services at (308) 865-8988.

The week of Monday Nov. 15 is also International Education Week. Throughout the week International Students Organizations will sponsor several functions. Study Abroad is highlighted and receptions at various locations will be held. Locations will be announced.

A class sponsored by Information Technology Services will cover Advanced Word 2003 on Monday Nov. 15 at 11 a.m. in Otto Olsen. To register call the Help desk at (308) 865-8363.

For Disability Awareness Week, on Monday Nov. 15 is an Assistive Technology Fair at 11 a.m. in the Nebraskan Atrium with displays to include a variety of assistive devices for education, employment, and independent living.

Information Technology Services are offering an Advanced Excel 2003 class on Monday Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. in Otto Olson. To register, call the Help desk at (308) 865-8363.

The Residence Hall Association, RHA, is sponsoring a Food Forum on Monday Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Student Union. This forum is a chance for students to voice their opinions of

Chartwell’s. Students will have the chance to speak with the UNK Administration and Chartwell’s.

The UNK Concerts on the Platte continues on Monday Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall. The free concert is featuring the guest voice of Wendy Eaton, mezzo-soprano, with Teri Heil, piano. For further information contact Nathan Buckner at (308) 865-8608 or bucknern@unk.edu.

On Monday Nov. 15 in the Hyper Gym at 7:30 p.m. is wheelchair basketball scrimmage supporting Disability Awareness Week. Come and watch talented wheelchair athletes demonstrate their basketball skills.

Disabilities Awareness Week has workshops on Tuesday Nov. 16 starting at 12:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Student Union room 312 sponsored by the Center for Teaching Excellence.

On Tuesday Nov. 16 is an Inaugural Reception for Phi Beta Delta international scholars honor society at 4 p.m. in Welch Hall. For further information contact Corliss Sullwold, student advisor for International Student Services at UNK, (308) 865-8946.

Geography Awareness Week has a Special Presentation in Copeland Hall in room 130 at 7:30 p.m.

Disability Awareness Week will have relay races on Wednesday Nov. 17 at 3:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Student Union rooms 238 A-E. Teams of four will compete. A popcorn and information table will be provided by Collegians for Integration and Accessibility, CIA, during the races.

Geography Awareness Week will have a special presentation on Wednesday Nov. 17 at 4:30 p.m. in Copeland Hall room 142.

A free UNK Departmental Recital will be on Wednesday

Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall. Performers will be announced from students who are taking private lessons. For further information contact Dr. Ron Crocker, professor of music and performing arts at UNK, (308) 865-8386 or crockerr@unk.edu.

The Leadership Take-out Workshop series will continue on Wednesday Nov. 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the Nebraskan Student Union in the Oak Room. This week’s topic is “Transitioning from Outgoing E-board to the Incoming E-board.”

Centennial Towers West is holding a “Glow With the Flow” black light dance on Wednesday Nov. 17 at 9:30 p.m. in the hall’s main lounge. There will be free glow-in-the-dark necklaces until they run out. Bring a white T-shirt and a highlighter to sign shirts.

Disability Awareness Week is bringing in a guest speaker on Thursday Nov. 18 at 4 p.m. in the Nebraska Student Union, Cedar room. The speaker is Dawn Peters who will discuss “Rebuilding Dreams”

Gamma Phi Beta sorority is sponsoring a free movie night, showing Shrek 2 on Thursday Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. in URN in the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to join for free popcorn, admission and fun.

A UNK theatre production is presenting “Triangles: Three One-Acts” on Thursday Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the UNK Studio Theatre. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students, seniors and UNK faculty and staff. UNK students receive on complimentary ticket with valid ID. Contact the UNK box office for further information at (308) 865-8417 or box-office@unk.edu.

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48. Smon Templar’s alias, “The _____.”
49. Jekyll’s bad side.

- DOWN
2. A person who is hired to solve a crime.

3. In the movie “ Fargo,” where the sheriff “saw” a foot.

4. Racehorse Evans knows what you have to be to get away with murder in Texas.

5. Clyde’s partner in crime.

6. Sherlock’s sidekick.

7. She was the wife who was murdered in “Dial ‘M’ for Murder.”

8. The murdered Frnak Little was the organize of the Indsutrial Workers of the World, also called the “_____.”

10. “Make my day!” he says.

11. She committed murder in an eclipse.

17. A season in “Life on the Streets.”

18. The other Jimmy Stewart movie gives him “a leg up.”

19. Johnny Depp played him in the movie.

20. In 1958, he and Caril Fugate went on a murderous crime spree across Nebraska.

21. This Roman orator accused Gov. Gaius Verres of murder and theft.

22. The surname of a famous mystery writer who disappeared after a spouse ran off with someone else.

25. He is brilliant, cunning, psyhotic and FBI agent Clarice Starling knows it.

28. Jesse James’ sibling

29. This son of an inspector ultimately solved the crimes with the clues his father had collected.

31. He came from Boston.

32. Usually, these guys are in a line-up.

34. A famous spinster who solves crimes.

37. The other surname of Nancy Drew.

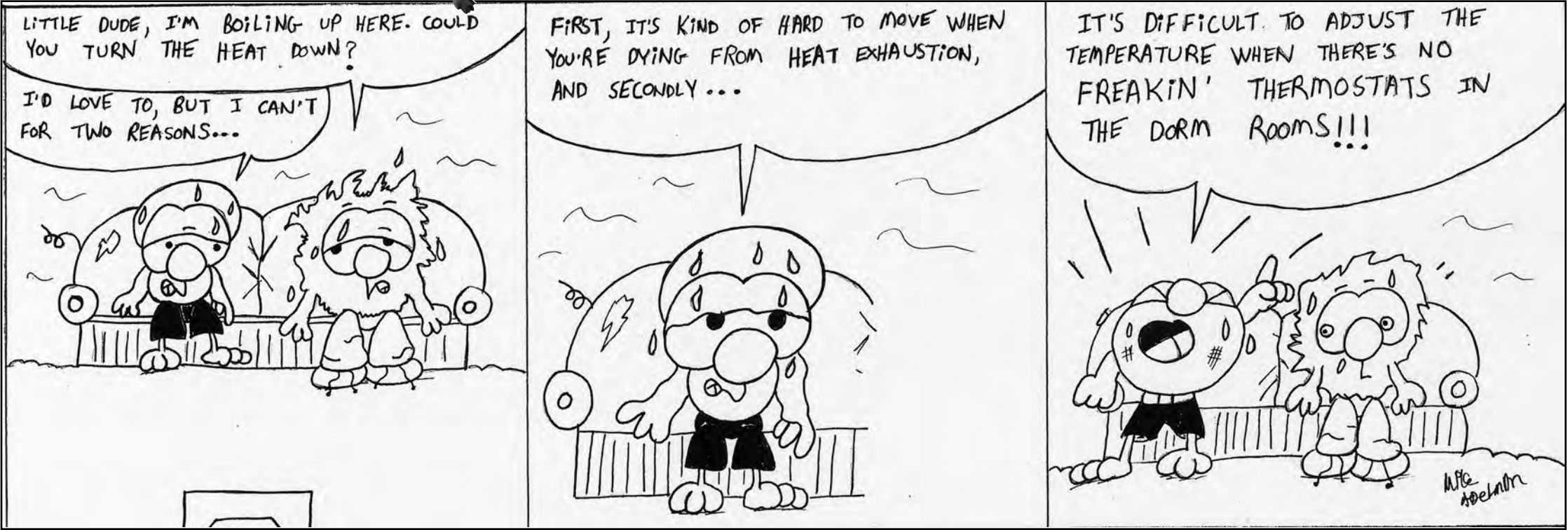
38. TRaining to be an attorney helped this novelist create new fiction in the mystery genre.

39. Someone who solves a mystery with a sixth sense.

42. The author of “The Murders in the Rue Morgue.”

43. A person who solves the mystery.

44. Nevermore



Nebraska voters should pay closer attention, pass any gambling initiative

By **BRANDON CARLSON**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

You cannot be serious!!

No, this isn't Johnny Mac, but rather a very disgruntled Nebraska voter and responsible gambling advocate.

And you?

You cannot be serious.

Every moment I spend thinking about the absurdity of the final vote on Amendment 3 and the other initiatives related to legalizing gambling, I pray that I would wake up in front of my favorite slot machine at the local Harrah's casino recently opened here in Kearney and exhale a heavy sigh of relief upon realizing that this was just a wretched nightmare.

What were you thinking on Nov. 2 when you voted against legalizing all games of chance and casinos in Nebraska?!

Obviously, not even the least semblance of rational and logical thought was employed in your decision to not implement gambling and casinos, and I'm positive you are utterly oblivious to the dagger of a mistake you've made. Allow me to enlighten you, ye poor victim of ignorance.

Perhaps you were attempting to be bold and heroic with your swing-into-action-and-save-the-day mentality by ensuring the perseverance of small businesses and keeping families together. How wonderful. Well, let me give you an idea of what you've actually done, oh mighty slayer of responsible gaming. And try not to be so hard on yourself when

you realize the error of your ways.

Have you ever heard of the greater good? Wait, why am I even asking – you didn't vote for gambling so there cannot possibly exist any notion of the greater good within that limited mind of yours. Try to stay with me, though. You may want to read this particular section more slowly and diligently than you customarily do. I want you to learn from this so our state doesn't continue to suffer from stubborn voters refusing to follow both sides of an issue.

The greater good is this neatly packaged concept in which an action benefits the vast majority at the expense of a few. And in this instance, by greater good I'm talking to the tune of \$90 million, the annual revenue projected for the state's tax coffers *had* casinos been established in two locations within the state, such as Omaha and Grand Island.

The end result?

Why, with 90 million extra dollars laying around, taxes in every current form could be lowered, funding would be available for new and existing programs and organizations – those of which would help people with needs such as hunger, education, activities – a substantial stimulation to the economy would be generated, more jobs would be created to eliminate unemployment, and so forth. There are so many more advantages, but only so much more printer ink.

What a tremendous opportunity! All of these wonderful

things that everyone wants – and yes, *everyone* includes small business owners and dysfunctional families – made possible by the increase in Nebraska state government revenue – which the state government desperately needs – directly from taxation on casino income.

Still feeling good about your decision?

I understand that you meant well by trying to maintain small businesses and keeping families together, but the simple fact of the matter is these two adverse side effects do not come close to the overall positive impact that casinos would have on the state – which of course follows the essence of the greater good.

Smaller businesses really won't suffer at all unless they are in direct competition with the field of gambling – and I doubt very much that you can name any businesses in Nebraska that do – and let's face it, there are not that many cases of gambling addictions. Besides, the divorce rates are so high anymore that those marriages that *may* potentially suffer from gambling addiction would most likely end in divorce regardless.

What about gambling addicts who are single? Either way, married or single, a person with a severe gambling habit will find a way to get his fix. First of all, games of chance already exist in Nebraska. Lotteries, horseracing, and keno, are just some examples that people can gamble their money with, not to mention all the underground forms of gam-

bling that exist which are illegal.

And just because casinos are not available in the state does mean a gambler won't be able to gamble in a casino. No one is going to toss his hands in the air, wave his white flag of submission, and exclaim, "Aw shucks! Tain't none casinos in the state. Guess I won't be able to gamble."

You may have heard of a city by the name of Omaha. Well, Omaha comprises half of this state's population. You may also know that Omaha is located on the Iowa border, a state full of intelligent people who legalized gambling a long time ago. Conveniently enough, there is a nice stretch of casinos along I-29 and the Missouri River. Wonder why that is? Say, you don't suppose they were strategically placed there to lure in Nebraska citizens who want to gamble, do you?

That's right. A quick drive across the river on I-80 and an immediate exit onto I-29, and a gambler is set for the night – and any other night for that matter. So Iowa will continue to benefit for years from Nebraska's infallible dunder-headed decision-making.

They may laugh at us, but at least we saved a couple marriages, right? We'll be able to sleep at nights resting assured that the awful plague of casinos won't infest our perpetually common, ordinary, stagnant state of Nebraska. Chalk one up for the good guys.

KLPR Goes Global, Radio Sevice Available Online

By **JILL WOOLEY**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

The radio world that was once dominated by only AM and FM stations has dramatically changed over the past 10 years, both within the industry and outside the industry.

There once was a time when thousands and thousands of individuals and small companies operated America's airwaves at the pleasure of the people and their licensor, the Federal Communications Commission. Not anymore, due to the evolving technology to which people have access. It is called internet radio or "streaming."

Internet Radio is an exciting innovation as radio itself. Not only does it provide enormous variety and niche programming, but it also allows practically anyone to start up and run their own online radio station and reach the world. Never before have so many people been so empowered with audio.

Streaming has become more popular lately because more and more people have a high-speed internet connection and can listen at much higher quality. Streaming provides a great way to listen to music while not having to worry about the over-the-air reception.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the word "streaming", it is the opposite of downloading. The listener receives the audio from the station, which is downloaded and discarded on demand. This makes it so the listener does not have a file on their computer when they are finished. It is a way to listen without any strings attached.

"The Power" KLPR, 91.3 FM, is your radio station here at UNK. Now you can listen to KLPR anywhere, anytime with the addition of streaming.

At the beginning of the 2004 summer, Information Technology Services (ITS) purchased a server, specifically for Web streaming. UNK student Aaron Asay thought that this purchase was extremely valuable to the Department of Communications. He approached KLPR advisor Laura Sherwood and Communications professor Keith Terry about the possibility of communications utilizing this new equipment specifically for KLPR.

The decision was first approved by ITS, then was proposed to the department. Dr. Terry and Sherwood later made the decision to move forward with the project.

"KLPR is a rich entity of UNK, not only is this project a valuable tool for the Department of Communications, but it speaks well for the university as a whole. We are committed to excellence in every area, and this technology proves that," Asay said.

Streaming makes KLPR a station that can be heard worldwide. KLPR "over-the-air" signal only reaches about 30 miles, so this greatly increases the listening area. KLPR is non-profit and it is an excellent opportunity to the students. Student's friends and family can now tune in and hear them no matter where they live.

Listen now to KLPR radio. Visit www.klpr.unk.edu where you can listen to the entire broadcast day, playing every type of music for every type of listener. This also allows you to meet the DJ's, follow up on the Loper news and chat with whomever you choose.

Streaming is the new wave of radio technology.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Geography Awareness Week is running through November 15th to the 19th and there are a couple of very interesting presentations that you should be aware of.

The first is going to be presented by UNK Professor Robert Lind, on Tuesday, Nov. 16th at 7:30 PM in Copeland Hall Room 130.

Robert Lind, a very respected and renowned world traveler, will be discussing the region of China from many first hand experiences with the increasingly powerful country. Lind has travelled in many parts of China on three separate occasions in his career, and is basing his presentation on the past, present and future aspects of the country.

This is an excellent opportunity for students and nonstudents alike to learn about his personal experiences in this area of study and, considering the fact that the upcoming week is also International Education Week, it will appeal to the interests of

many.

The second presentation will be by Mark Svoboda, on Wednesday, Nov. 17th at both 4:30 PM and 7:30 PM in Copeland Hall Room 142.

Svoboda, a climatologist and research assistant professor with the National Drought Mitigation Center in Lincoln Nebr., will be discussing his work with drought monitoring, assessment and prediction at the state, regional and national level. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in Earth science and some of the problems that we, as a whole, face in respect to the planet and climatic consequences.

Please come to listen and learn from two very well educated and well respected individuals who have vast knowledge in these areas. These presentations are open to all students, faculty, staff and to the general public. Join us, as we honor an area of study that is seldom appreciated.

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Football whips Mesa State in season finale

By **RYAN SCHMIDT**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

The UNK football team ended their season with a lopsided victory over the Mesa State Mavericks. Behind five touchdown passes by Moorpark, Calif. junior Kevin Arbuckle, the Lopers were able to defeat the Mavericks 52-28.

With this victory, the Lopers finished their season with an overall record of 5-6 and 4-4 in the RMAC. This loss capped off a disappointing season for the defending RMAC champion Mavericks, leaving them winless for the season. This is only the second time in their history that they ended up with no wins in a season.

Arbuckle completed 18 of 21 passes, compiling 291 yards and five touchdowns. His completion percentage of 85.7 (minimum 15 passes) is the second best in school history. He is second only to Justin Coleman, who completed 18 of 20 for a percentage of 90.0. Arbuckle also became only the third quarterback to throw five touchdown passes in a single game. Mike Muma threw five against Adams State in 2001 and Justin Coleman threw for six touchdowns on two separate occasions.

Littleton, Colo. running back Mike Miller rushed for 118 yards on 37 carries. He fell 20 yards short of rushing for 1,000 yards in his fourth straight season. He finished with 4,818 career rushing yards, which ranks 23rd in Division II history.

Miller was one of three players to come up with four receptions in the game. Denver, Colo. senior Darnell Wood ended up with four receptions for 38 yards and one touchdown. Redshirt freshman

Tyler McNitt, Kearney, also had four receptions for 61 yards.

Lexington senior Garth Mins and Lincoln senior Richie Ross had three catches apiece, combining for three Loper touchdowns. Mins scored once and compiled 104 yards receiving. Ross finished with 28 yards and two touchdowns.

Ross and Mins were able to find their way into the record books

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-Denver senior Darnell Wood

in the final game of the season. With his two touchdowns, Ross became UNK’s all-time leader in touchdown receptions with 31. He came into the game tied with Trevor Weston with 29. Mins had two punt returns for 27 yards versus the Mavericks, moving his total to 407 on the season. This total surpassed the single season record of 384 set by Mike Smith in 1995.

It was not just offense that won the game for the Lopers. The Loper defense was stifling, coming up with four interceptions and forcing two fumbles. Mesa State bases their offense on running the option, but they were held to 177 yards rushing by the Loper

defense. Mesa State quarterback Jeff Mowry was frustrated by the Loper defense and completed a meager 8 of 24 passes for 161 yards.

Elkhorn safety James Rosenbaum had three of the four Loper interceptions, giving him a team-leading five on the season. Leading the team in tackles were Northglenn, Colo. senior Deano Korecky, Chino, Calif. sophomore Paul Jiminez, and Grand Island junior Jared Goodwin. They combined for 18 tackles, recording six apiece.

Mesa State kept the game close in the first quarter, as they were able to tie the game at 14 with a 96-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. UNK had a strong second quarter and at halftime the Lopers led the Mavericks 28-14.

The Mavericks brought themselves within 14 early in the fourth quarter on a 35-yard touchdown pass for Mowry to John Dannen. Mesa State then attempted an on-side kick, but it backfired on them. Denver, Colo. cornerback Byrone Bell returned the kick 47 yards for another Loper touchdown. This score put the game out of reach and UNK went on to win the game by 24 points after Northglenn, Colo. sophomore Jessup Pfeifer kicked a 39-yard field goal.

The Lopers may not have finished the season with the record they desired, but it was important for the UNK seniors to close out the season with a victory. “It was great to end our senior year with a win. It was important for us to go out on top as seniors,” said senior receiver Darnell Wood. “Oh yeah, my touchdown was tight, too,” Wood went on to say.

87-57 loss to Creighton Jays prepares Loper basketball for upcoming season

By **TERRA BOYER**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

The UNK Lady Lopers, down by ten at the half, could not bounce back to overcome the Creighton University Lady Blue Jays at their exhibition game last Saturday.

Division I Creighton won the pre-season exhibition game in Omaha by 30 points, the final score was 87-57.

It was apparent that Head Coach Carol Russell was not overly concerned with the final score and more pleased with what the team could take away from the game.

“We go into exhibition games more worried about us and try to focus on what we are working on,” said Russell, “Exhibition games exploit our weaknesses and that helps us to get ready for our regular season.”

Going into halftime the score was close with the Lopers trailing 39 to 29, but after the break Creighton came out and landed four three-pointers that the Lady Lopers could not answer.

The Lady Jays heightened the pressure on the Lopers by shooting over 60 percent in the second half. The Lopers shooting percentage was just over 32 percent. UNK made 10 shots out of 31 attempted in the half. “It just really shows us that we need to take our time and look for the better shots . . . it is the little things that are going to make us successful,” said Russell.

Russell felt that the Lopers did a fairly good job of taking care of the basketball even though the team had a high number of turnovers totaling

27. “We knew that they would pressure us and we really wanted to work on taking care of the ball,” said Russell.

The 10th-ranked Division II Lady Lopers did however excel in certain areas.

“We really crashed the boards a lot and we pulled down more rebounds than Creighton did,” said Russell.

The UNK team collectively had six more rebounds than Creighton, out-rebounding the Blue Jays 43 to 37.

Kalee Modlin, a UNK junior from Knoxville, Iowa, led the Lopers with 14 points. Modlin also grabbed five rebounds.

Three other UNK players reached double figures. Anne Manning, a junior from North Platte, had 11 points and nine rebounds while Loper guard Amber Whitlock, a senior from Stoneham, Colo., chipped in 11 more points.

Amy Mathis, a freshman from Omaha, contributed 10 points and 10 rebounds coming off of the bench.

Mathis is one of the two true freshmen that will be coming in and getting a lot of playing minutes.

Coach Russell said, “The freshmen are going to get a lot of playing time because we are low on numbers, which is great because they are ready to play and the more minutes they get the sooner they will have a chance to be a bigger part of the program.”

The Lady Loper’s season opener is at home at the Health and Sports Center on Nov. 15 against in-state rival the University of Nebraska at Omaha Mavericks. Tip-off is set for 6:00 p.m.

By **LESLEY CRUTCHER**
ANTELOPE SPORTS EDITOR

The UNK cross country was in action again last weekend at the North Central Regionals in Vermillion, S.D. The event was a qualifying meet for the NCAA Championships in Evansville, IN. on November 20th.

As always, Kearney junior Luke Garringer turned in the top time and finish for the men. Garringer completed the men’s 10k in a time of 32:07 earning him 14th place in a field of 141 runners. His time has earned him a trip to the national championships in two weeks.

Overall, as a team the men finished 11th out of a 20-team field. This is their second highest team finish of all-time.

On the men’s side, Western State pulled out the team win. Cross country uses a scoring system much like golf where the lowest score wins. Western scored 32 points to that of 33 by runner-up Adams State. Kelly Christensen of Western was the men’s individual winner with a time of 30:33. Western accumulated the top two spots with Adams State gathering four of the top ten spots. 13 of the top 20 runners were RMAC athletes. The RMAC has one of the strongest



PHOTO COURTESY OF SPORT INFORMATION
Kearney junior Luke Garringer finished 14th at Regionals and will be packing his bags for a trip to Nationals Nov. 20th

groups of distance runners in the country and will be well represented at the NCAA meet in Evansville.

Also scoring for UNK were juniors Andrew Heller (68th/34:35) and Jason Relph (56th/33:52). The strong freshman class also contributed with Kiki Rodriguez and Brock Steinbrink placing 54th and 73rd respectively.

Alma freshman Adrian Robison was the highest finisher for the Lopers turning in a time of 22:52 in the 6k to finish in 19th place in a field of 120 runners and just out of the spot for going to

the national meet.

As a team, UNK tied with Augustana for seventh place just 11 points behind Colorado Mines who placed sixth. The seventh place finish gave the Lopers their highest place at Regionals in team history.

Adams State took the team title scoring 20 points. Adams’ Stephanie Bylander placed first along with five of her teammates placing in the top ten. Western State’s team came in second scoring 47 points. Western managed three runners in the top ten spots.

Also scoring for the UNK women were senior Laura Emmerich (59th/24:33) and a host of freshmen including Jordan Pallas (37th/23:51), Jennifer Fritz (50th/24:17) and Anne McGovern (62nd/24:35).

The 2004 cross country season ended with the regional meet. Some members of the team will transition to track and field who begins their season December 10th at UNK.

Garringer will prepare for the next two weeks for the cross country national meet on November 20th that will be held at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville.

Wrestlers kick off season with Blue and Gold Open



By **JAY STEADMAN**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

Imagine looking your older brother in the eye and thinking, “Not today brother, not today.”

Brother versus brother competition is the best way to describe the attitude that the UNK wrestlers had at their Blue/Gold scrimmage. The inter-squad scrimmage was a refreshing and necessary step the wrestlers needed to check their progress on the mats. Not to mention, it also pinned the number one ranked wrestler versus the number two ranked wrestler at that weight class.

“Competition is good for a team,” Wrestling Coach Marc Bauer said. “Without competition we do not get better. Whether you are the number one wrestler or third on the depth chart, you have to be ready to compete.”

Coach Bauer was pleased with the effort he got from his team on Saturday. “One of the key things we were looking at was who came to perform,” Bauer said.

“There are some athletes that are great at practice, but they can not perform in a meet,” Bauer said. “For the younger kids, this is

their first time competing at this level, and it is a great way to evaluate them as well as the entire team.”

In evaluating the team, Bauer was pleased with the overall conditioning and the performance the freshmen had. “The freshmen performed well and they gained a lot of confidence from this,” Bauer said. “One of the draw backs we noticed was our younger wrestlers seemed to fight the wrong fight. That is, they relied on strength instead of technique.”

Coach Bauer says his staff is a “technical staff” that looks to work to improve weaknesses that the wrestlers need to work on. “At this level that is what you do. You take an athlete and work on weak points so they can become the best they can,” he said.

The wrestling squad is ranked third in the nation and returns three All-Americans in junior Jeff Sylvester, and seniors Bryce Abbey and Adam Keiswetter. Sylvester is the defending national champion at the 197 pound weight class, while Abbey is ranked third at 125 pounds, and Keiswetter is second at 133 pounds.

The wrestling team will begin their season on Sunday at the Cowboy open in Wyoming.



PHOTO BY SCOTT BARRY
UNK wrestlers grapple at the Blue/Gold Open

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11/15 Women’s Basketball vs. UNO @ KEARNEY 6:00 p.m.

UNK volleyball to host Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference tournament *No. 1-ranked Lady Lopers annihilate Colorado Mines, record now at 32-0*

By **JUSTIN KERCHAL**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

The No. 1- ranked Nebraska-Kearney volleyball team improved its record to 32-0 on Saturday, by defeating Colorado Mines.

In the first set, UNK overpowered Mines with a score of 30-25. The second set did not treat Mines any better with the Lopers overwhelming them with a score of 30-21. The third set showed no change with a score of 30-21, in UNK's favor.

With Gudmundson's effort this weekend she moves into third place in the UNK career kills list with 1,487, Erin Arnold is in the lead with 1,588.

If the Lopers defeat Peru State on Monday night, they will become the third team in Division II history to have a perfect regular season. The Lopers have a perfect Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference record (19-0), which is why they will play host to the RMAC volleyball tournament this weekend.

UNK will host the RMAC tournament on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with the Lopers playing Colorado-Springs on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. If UNK wins on Friday they will play either Metropolitan State or New Mexico Highlands on Saturday at 3:30

p.m. The championship game will take place on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. All games will take place on the campus of UNK in the Health and Sports Center.

According to Peter Yazvac, Sports Information Director at UNK, the Lopers have not won the RMAC tournament since 1999, which was Coach Rick Squiers first year as head coach.

"UNK has come close many times to winning the RMAC since then, but it seems like something always happened that stopped them," Yazvac said. UNK lost to Metro State last year in the finals.

The last time that Kearney played host to the RMAC was in 2000, when the Lopers lost to Western State.

The Lopers have played everyone in the conference and have defeated everyone in the conference, so they have the best odds of winning the RMAC tournament this year. "It's great that we get to stay at home this year, it's really intimidating to other teams to play us at home with our crowds that we have," Yazvac said.

You can listen to the Lopers play on Friday and Sunday on KGFV AM 1340. Saturday's game will be broadcast on KLPR FM 91.3.

The championship game will also be broadcast on television on the Altitude Network. The Altitude Network is only available on satellite and in Denver.



PHOTO BY **SCOTT BARRY**

No. 55 Will Taukiuevea lines up for a shot against the Dreambuilders in UNK's exhibition game Saturday. UNK roasted the Dreambuilders by 58 points. The final score was 137-79. Men's basketball begins their regular season against UNO this Monday at the Health and Sports Center. Tip-off is at 8:00 p.m.

Loper Luncheon spotlights fall sports, kicks off men's basketball

By **TERRA BOYER**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

Sports seasons are starting, continuing and ending; the UNK coaches look back as well as forward at last Thursday's Loper Luncheon.

At 11:45 a.m. alumni, staff, students and fans were still shuffling in waiting to get seated to hear coaches Tom Kropp, men's head basketball coach, volleyball Head Coach Rick Squiers and Darrell Morris, head football coach, speak about their teams.

Coach Kropp opened up the luncheon speaking about the up and coming season of his men's basketball team. He very openly thanked the staff that is working with him, especially Associate Head Coach Kevin Lofton.

"In the nine years before Coach Lofton the men's basketball team had a record of 16.8 wins per year, since Lofton has been here, the team has experienced 24 wins a year, and that is attributive to Coach Lofton," said Kropp.

Kropp and Lofton share the same philosophy on coaching and Kropp said that they ask six things from their players.

Number one, they have to have a good attitude and treat others like they would want to be treated. They have to be unselfish and they must work hard. The players also have to be fundamentally sound which they can gain with practice and conditioning.

And lastly, in the list of things that the coaches expect from the team, the players must enjoy every step and get that good feeling that playing the game can give.

"If all of these are met, record doesn't matter," said Kropp.

In looking at the UNK men's basketball team in terms of talent Kropp said that he has six returnees, three that are quality players including include Marty Levinson, Will Taukiuevea, and Dusty Jura. Unfortunately, Marty Levinson and Dusty Jura will have to miss the first two games.

Due to the absence of these two players Kropp expressed concern about the first four games that the Lopers will play. UNK is scheduled to meet up with three of the top four teams in the 30-team region. These top teams include the University of Nebraska at Omaha, North Dakota, and Wayne State College.

With the encouragement of Coach Kropp, Coach Squiers took the podium to talk about the volleyball team and their recent success that has gained them a home-court advantage in the RMAC Regional conference tournament.

Squiers gave the fans that attended the last few games at the Health and Sports Center the credit for the last two wins over Metro and Colorado Christian.

"We overwhelmed them, we had a tremendous crowd that was really into the match," said Squiers.

The focus then turned to the individual players. Squiers, with enthusiasm, remarked how veteran players were having the season everyone hoped they would have, and luckily everyone was able to stay healthy. Squiers also thanked the whole team for the effort they had put forth in practice.

"The last couple of weeks have been devoted to cleaning things up, adding new wrinkles and challenging the team," said Squiers.

To close the coach voiced his concern about the great pressure that is on his team. "We are in a tough spot, we have a bull's eye on our back, it is only going to get tougher. We are now in the position where we have to beat teams for the second or third time."

Tickets are going to be pre-sold for the RMAC Regional until Thursday. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$20 for adults. The games will be Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Finally, Coach Morris spoke about his team's final game of the season; a season that had been ransacked with injury. So much injury that the other coaches teased Morris about not getting too near so he would not pass on the bad luck.

"Our season has not gone the way we had hoped. I had hoped for a 7-4 season and with

luck thought we might win eight," said Morris, "but injury decimated us."

However, Coach Morris was very confident about the game against Mesa State. Mesa State, who had been 10-1 last season had not won any games this year.

"Mesa State scares the heebie-jeebies out of me. Mesa State never once quit trying to win . . . but I know we will play with them as best as we can," said Morris.

With the season coming to a close Morris is focusing on recruitment. He is hoping to bring in more transfer players from junior colleges or Division I players that want to get more playing time. Morris hopes it will be these types of players that will offer the immediate assistance that the team needs.

This is the opposite approach that Morris and his staff normally take.

"I like to go to the high school players so that we can develop ownership, but the team is going to need experience next year," said Morris.

However, with the success of both of the Kearney High School teams, Coach Morris is not looking away from the outstanding athletes that are right under his nose.

The next Loper Luncheon will be held at Bico's Restaurant on west highway 30 on Nov. 18.

NCAA inflicts rules and regulations on all involved in athletic events

By **JUSTIN KERCHAL**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

Many people believe that athletes lead an easier life on campus than regular students.

However, with the rules and regulations that athletes have to follow along with practices and academics, you might find out that being an athlete is not so easy.

Laure Smith, associate athletic director and compliance officer for the UNK athletic department, outlined the various hoops that athletes have to jump through to remain eligible.

According to Smith, every freshman athlete, as well as first semester transfers, and any athlete that has below a 2.5 GPA has to go to academic enhancement for at least four hours a week.

Academic enhancement can take place at a variety of different places, such as a computer lab or with a tutor. Also, Smith said, that athletics has a study table every Monday through Thursday in the library staffed by different coaches during the week. If they don't get their hours in a week, then they can't practice, Smith said con-

cerning the athletes.

Every athlete must pass 24 hours in an academic year, said Smith. They are not allowed more than six hours in a summer, and the hours must count towards their area of study. Athletes also have to maintain a certain GPA as well. After completing 24 hours, they must have at least a 1.8 GPA; after 48 hours they need at least a 1.9 GPA and so on.

The NCAA is very, very strict about athletes and their GPA's, Smith said.

Rules are just not limited to the players; they also extend to the coaches as well. According to Smith one of the biggest things coaches deal with is recruiting. Timetables for recruiting differ for each sport.

One more factor coaches deal with a lot is setting up practices and the different timetables associated with them. Basketball was allowed to start on-court practice on Oct. 15. The date for starting does vary for each sport.


So being an athlete is not all fun and "games". Rules and regulations restrict everyone involved in athletics.

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Syd plays to huge crowd in Union

By **MOLLY MITCHELL**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

The band Syd turned our cozy Nebraska Student Union into a real coffee house music haven on Friday night.

Syd is a band originally out of the East Coast. The band consists of Syd on guitars and vocals, Tuck on guitar, Dylan on bass, and Sam on drums.

The union was filled with sounds of rock that can be compared to Tonic, Third Eye Blind, Matchbox Twenty and Ani DiFranco.

According to www.sydband.com,

Syd credits his original inspirations to “Fraggle Rock, the Transformers, and G.I. Joe.” Early in the band’s career they cultivated a dedicated fan base almost entirely due to touring and the Internet.

The performance Friday night was passionate, yet light-hearted. The band has a reputation for being a bit comedic during their shows, and they did not disappoint UNK one bit.

“Mochas and Music,” the event that drew the band, is a popular event on our cozy campus. Musicians from throughout the county greet us with a wide

array of tunes. Syd brought to us a unique blend of coffeehouse rock and a lot of energy.

The turn out for this particular “Mochas and Music” was great. The fans of Syd had the opportunity to purchase band memorabilia such as CD’s and T-shirts.

The dark lighting, intimate setting and personal connection the band had with their audience made our UNK Union a true performance venue.

As written on Syd’s Web site, on what the band calls its “blogs,” Sam said he was in “surprisingly good spirits”

when they were here in the Midwest.

Syd said, “Breaking a new market like the Midwest is a lot of fun.”

The band spent a good amount of time in Chicago before coming to Nebraska. The band lives a simple life in comparison to some other bands, crashing and hanging out with friends, reputedly eating good lasagna, playing super-sized video games, watching Disney movies and mainly relaxing.

The UNK show marked the halfway point of the band’s college tour; Syd has been playing

on college campuses, clubs, and bars throughout the country and are looking forward to returning to the East Coast for Thanksgiving.

On the bands’ Web site, www.sydband.com, a fan can purchase albums released, including the latest CD “Fault Lines: Second Full-Length Album.” On the site one can buy later albums such as “Week Days, Weak Knees” and “Bootlegs: Limited edition live show recordings.” Demos are also available.

The band Syd is growing rapidly; it has risen to the top of

Mp3.com, reaching the No. 2 spot with “Week Days, Weak Knees.” It is not hard to see why the band is growing so fast, with lyrics so meaningful that it could rival John Mayer and a sound that is reminiscent of the Wallflowers with a bit of Goo Goo Dolls mixed in. Syd has a sound that appeals to a large market.

Check out who is coming next to “Mochas and Music” from the UNK website. For more information on Syd himself, his bandmates, and his next shows, visit the official website at www.sydband.com.

Author Merullo informs audience about dangers of cystic fibrosis

By **ROBIN SANDERS**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

Novelist Roland Merullo presented excerpts from “Leaving Losapos” on Thursday at the Kearney Reynolds Writers & Readers series.

“Leaving Losapos” is one of his four novels and two non-fiction works. It is currently being written into a screenplay by John Turturro and GreeneStreet Films.

Merullo is an international author. He has had his books translated into German and Spanish. He is a seasoned writer whose experience consists of writing for several magazines and newspapers across the United States including the Los Angeles Times, Forbes, New York Times and Newsweek.

The author was also a teacher. He taught for seven years at Bennington College in Vermont. Currently, he serves as a visiting lecturer in fiction writing at Amherst College in Massachusetts.

Merullo has overcome a lot. He was driven to write “Leaving Losapos” because of his concern for a loved one suffering from cystic fibrosis.

He said he knows more than he should know about cystic fibrosis. His 6-year-old daughter Alexandra has been diagnosed with the disease. He said that cystic fibrosis varies from person to person, and it is not noticeable now that she has it but soon things may start to get worse for her.

He hopes for a cure.

“There are approximately 30,000 people with cystic fibrosis in the United States,” Merullo said. “Doctors believe that in the next 10 years there

will be a cure. One in 28 people have the gene for it, which means that two or three people in this room could carry the gene for cystic fibrosis. If a person marries someone else who has the gene there is a one in four chance that their child will have cystic fibrosis.”

He said that it is very important for him to address the topic of cystic fibrosis and inform people about it. When he did not have enough money to donate, he did what he could do best and started writing and publishing articles about it. Eventually, he wrote a book dedicated to cystic fibrosis.

His book, “Leaving Losapos,” is about a woman who becomes sick with cystic fibrosis. Her husband becomes more humorous as his wife becomes more ill. His humor is out of love and not a way of running from the situation, Merullo explained.

“I tried to make it funny and sexy without being pornographic,” Merullo said. “I wanted to make her a full human being. I don’t want the pity of the readers. Usually, people that are sick with it are upbeat and their families are too. I didn’t want to make it a gloomy book even with the topic.”

He also said that he is personally invested in the topic so he could not make it more difficult for the readers with cystic fibrosis. One reader in her late twenties who was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis came up to him after one of his lectures to talk to him about her experiences. She said she wanted a dating life, but her relationships always ended because the other person knew it could not be long term because she has cystic fibrosis.

“Leaving Losapos” also deals with the husband’s point of view after his wife dies. He begins to date another woman.

This woman dies in a plane crash in Pennsylvania on Sept. 11, 2001. Ironically, it is suspected that the girlfriend is cheating on him with another man on the plane.

Merullo said that he put this into his novel after he visited the site of the plane crash. He wanted to show that even though all passengers on the plane were heroes, they were real people who also made mistakes. He also said that the 9/11 site should be made into a national monument.

In the novella, after the main character’s girlfriend dies in the plane crash, he becomes very self-conscious and has problems dating. He meets a girl that bumps into his car outside of a restaurant in Boston. They exchange information and eventually go on a date.

It is noticeable that what he has been through makes it difficult to date again. He is very tense, relying completely on humor during the date. He takes her on a boat ride in the river, and she falls out of the boat. That is how Merullo ends the book reading.

Merullo chose Boston as the scene for the novel because he grew up there and has lived outside there most of his life.

One of the questions at the end of the lecture was about the repercussions of his daughter being diagnosed with cystic fibrosis. He replied that the adults in his Italian-American family were very kind despite all of their stresses and that he wanted to pass that on to his children.

Howard’s “Soliloquium” display graces interior of Kearney’s MONA

By **BRITTANY THALLS**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

Stop what you are doing. What are you thinking right now?

Before you started to read, what was on your mind?

Are you mentally Christmas shopping or making a to-do list?

Or are you imagining yourself on a sandy beach somewhere far away from papers and classes?

What does it look like?

What are you saying to yourself right now?

Self-reflection and examination are parts of life. But did you have any idea that when you addressed your own thoughts to yourself it had an actual name?

Well, it does.

Soliloquy.

It is the act of speaking to oneself. Usually, this term is reserved for literature and the theater, but it applies also to different aspects of life. Most importantly, it applies to art.

Dan Howard, an artist from Lincoln, has turned his own personal soliloquies into an entire series of paintings and sketches.

These depictions are now on display at Kearney’s own Museum of Nebraska Art, on Central Avenue in downtown Kearney.

This display of artwork is called “Soliloquium.” It is comprised of seven large-scale oil paintings and 18 simple preparatory drawings and, according to the artist himself, “represents a summing up of my life as an artist.”

This particular collection of Howard’s work spans his career from late 2002 to mid-2003. It includes a six-and-a-half foot tall self-portrait – one of only three that the artist has completed in his career and among the largest self-portraits ever.

Rather than giving each of his seven main works specific titles, they are referred to simply as “Soliloquium I-VII.”

Two of the works have subtitles. “Soliloquium VI” is also referred to as “Self-Portrait,” and “Soliloquium VII” has the secondary title of “Aftermath.”

Dan Howard’s career began nearly 50 years ago. He was born in Iowa and received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Fine Arts degrees from the

University of Iowa. In 1974, Howard accepted a position as professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and remained there until his retirement in 1996.

More than 100 prizes, awards and honors have been bestowed upon this “prolific artist,” according to fellow artist Teliza V. Rodriguez. Howard’s works are in collections across the country, including features for Hallmark Cards, United Airlines and the National Museum of American Art.

Thanks to TierOne Bank, the “Soliloquium” collection has been made a part of the permanent collection at MONA, and it will be on display at the museum until Jan. 30.

MONA Director Audrey S. Kauders said: “By this gift, TierOne has insured that this important group of artworks . . . remains in the state to be a source of visual delight and inspiration for current and future generations.”

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Matsuri brings Japan to Kearney

By **BLAKE MULLANIX**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

For those in attendance, the Matsuri Festival was an educational and fun glimpse into the culture of the land of the rising sun.

The annual fall Japanese Festival was presented by the members of JAK, the Japanese Association at Kearney the first Thursday of November at the Nebraskan Student Union.

The festival takes many hours of planning and prepara-

tion. Nearly 70 of UNK's students from Japan played a role in making the exciting event a possibility.

Daisuke Kurihara, president of JAK, said, "This is a great opportunity for the Japanese students to present their culture."

At the festival, the Japanese student exhibited many talents that they possess. Booths adorned the Great Room with displays of Japanese Calligraphy (Syu-Zi), a presentation of the new Japanese class

being offered at UNK, Origami, Kendo instruction and a Sakura and education exhibit.

Many people, representing the university, community and numerous ethnic backgrounds took in the sights, sounds and smells of the festival. "There were maybe 700 people last year, and it looks like many more this year," said Takayuki Harada, a junior from Kobe, Japan, and vice president of JAK.

This was a great chance to try something new, considering that there are no Japanese restaurants in Kearney and very few in the state as a whole.

Guests of the festival were able to sample great food that was prepared by the students of JAK, which included teriyaki (teriyaki chicken served with rice), Yakisoba (fried noodles), dango (a Japanese rice cake with special topping) and a Japanese green tea float (green tea served with ice cream). Erin Riedel, a junior from Kearney, said, "The tea float was a fun twist on the American drink."

Later in the evening, the Japanese chorus performed several numbers for the crowd, which were very well received. The chorus sang the songs in Japanese rather than translating to English. However, music is an art that transcends barriers, and the performances were excellent.

Following the chorus, a dance team made up of approximately 30 Japanese students, dressed in black clothing and headscarves, performed a So-Ran dance. The synchronized dance was executed to traditional Japanese music, with movements and chants coinciding in perfect time.

Things heated up following the first of two So-Ran dances and chorus performances, when members of Club Bushido took center stage for demonstrations in Kendo Kata.

Kendo Kata is a pre-set sequence of motions with swords, which illustrate one or more aspects of the competition of Kendo. These motions are practiced with wooden swords, called a Bokuto or Bokken, by

two people, the Uchitachi and the Shidachi.

Next, two members of Club Bushido competed in Kendo Shiai, an actual game in modern style, in which two people fight together wearing Bougu (armored equipment) and armed with bamboo swords. The game is very physical, and it is won when one person scores two points by making contact with the sword.

The evening concluded with another performance by the chorus and dance team. Those in attendance were given the opportunity to vote for their favorite aspect and/or booth. The vote was evenly divided amongst a number of the presentations, showing the great appreciation of the audience.

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Some students share a Japanese cuisine together at the Matsuri festival.



"Friday Night Lights" film fumbles

By **JENNI EPLEY**
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I'm searching for the address of anyone involved with "Friday Night Lights."

I want to introduce them to a little football movie called "Varsity Blues." The reason being, "Friday Night Lights" is a second-rate knock-off of "Varsity Blues."

For instance, the movie takes place in Texas.

Odessa, Texas to be exact. What a coincidence.

Boobie Miles, a halfback for the Permian Panthers, is the all-star of the team. He carries the Panthers to victory after victory. Boobie has a bright future in football, and he is overly confident about his talents. The entire town of Odessa and the team are dependent on Boobie's talent to win the 5th Annual State Championship.

This set up may remind you of the scenario of "Varsity Blues" and Paul Walker's character, Lance Harbor. The only difference between Lance from "Varsity Blues" and Boobie

from "Friday Night Lights" is that Lance is a quarterback and Boobie is a halfback.

Coincidentally, both injure their knees at the beginning of the season and everyone, including the team, the town and the coach (played by Billy Bob Thornton), think their chance at the state championship is gone. Both Lance and Boobie don't want to admit their injuries, but instead of the coach denying the fact, it's Boobie and his uncle who

ignore the doctor's orders and attempt to play.

No, the coach isn't a mean and scary man; that role was replaced by a mean and scary father who is living out his dreams through his son's football career. In "Friday Night Lights," the father is played by an unattractive Tim McGraw (which, by the way, I didn't think was physically possible). McGraw plays an abusive and alcoholic father. His character makes up for the lack of explic-

it language from the coach. McGraw also does an excellent job for his acting debut.

In both movies there are sex scenes with slight nudity, but unlike "Varsity Blues" there aren't any female characters with a major role in the movie. There are also more black actors in "Friday Night Lights" playing significant roles. The opposing team at the state championship is primarily black.

"Friday Night Lights" is lacking in anything close to

comedy, and it leaves the audience with a feeling of complete disappointment. The movie is based on a true story, which proves that reality can make anyone want to poke their own eyes out, so they aren't subjected to the complete boredom of the movie.

The movie may appeal to current and ex-high school football players. What team hasn't had an injury and gone onto the state championship as the underdog? I went to a high

school with 200 people, 20 miles away from Kearney, and I could have told the same story – but I wouldn't make a movie about it.

To emphasize: there is nothing extraordinary about this film.

If you are a football fan, and unlike me, can appreciate the history of the movie and the story, I suggest waiting for the DVD and save yourself the theater ticket. "Friday Night Lights" is rated PG-13.



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Friends Program offers students opportunity to help children

By **KARRI THUNKER**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

Every child needs a hand to hold. . . . Why not yours?
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There are about 40 Little Friends waiting to be matched with a Big Friend through the Friends Program. There isn't a better opportunity to touch the life of a child in need than right now!

The Friends Program is a mentoring program similar to a Big Brother/Big Sister program. College students are matched with children in the Kearney area who have a special need for friendship and the pairs spend time together every week. The college student has the benefit of giving a valuable contribution to the community by helping a child who really needs it.

"We currently have 119 Big/Little Friend matches," said student board member, Erin Kochenderfer, business administration/management major from South Bend, Ind. "Last year, the highest number of matches we ever had was 100."

"The children in the program are recommended by school

counselors after the child's parents have given permission for their child to participate," Kochenderfer said. "The counselors give us the name and we add it to the waiting list."

New to the Friends Program this year are several UNK baseball players. "This is great for us because we have so many little boys in our program without positive male figures in their lives," Kochenderfer said.

The Friends Program is an excellent way for any group to get involved and do some community service.

According to Big Friend, Lindsay Vivian, junior from Grand Island, the Friends Program gives you a chance to give something back to the community. "It doesn't take a lot of your time and the kids really enjoy it. It is fun to spend an hour or so a week with a kid."

The Friends Coordinator matches the child with a Big Friend volunteer and arranges a meeting for the Big Friend, Little Friend and parents. At this meeting, they will discuss the commitment of all involved, get to know each other, exchange information and schedule their time together every week.

"One of the things we stress when we have applicants to our

program is the level of commitment they can provide," Kochenderfer said. "It is very disappointing when the Little Friend is there and the Big Friend doesn't show up. Some of the kids can't handle this disappointment."

"I have been in the Friends Program for four years now and besides developing the relationship with my Little Friend, my favorite thing has been being able to match other kids with their Big Friends," Kochenderfer said. "It's really neat to see how excited the children are to have essentially a big kid that will be there for them each week."

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Big Friend, Kylie Fox, Psychology major from Oxford, Neb, said, "The Friends Program is very beneficial for those children in need of a good role model. I feel that it is a great learning experience for college students to form relationships with children. It gives kids the opportunity to have a positive role model in their life."

ITS offers free classes

By **CHARISE DAWSON**
ANTELOPE STAFF WRITER

Information Technology Services at UNK does more than provide Internet access on campus.

Software and computer usage classes are offered to the UNK community by ITS staff for free.

The classes allow students, faculty and staff comfort and competence in software, Dean Walker, ITS client support services manager, said.

Each class has an introductory level that teaches the basic navigating skills in various software programs, Walker said.

Advanced classes are offered in Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

Classes are usually small and are held in the training lab of Otto Olson for an hour or so, Walker said.

ITS plans to offer classes all year long, but the schedule depends on turnout.

The classes are advertised through campus e-mail and a schedule is available at the Helpdesk in Otto Olson.

Nathan Blazek, a Kearney junior majoring in computer science, said students are not aware of ITS classes.

Although he has never attended a class himself, Blazek said he has heard positive feedback from students who have taken classes through ITS.

He said the classes are very small, very helpful and offer one-on-one help.

Students with specific interests and needs can schedule a private instruction session, Walker said.

ITS can also provide instruction in specialized programs, such as Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Acrobat and Web page programs like FrontPage and Dreamweaver.

Besides offering the current classes, ITS provides basic Internet classes, computer clean-up services, antivirus help and computer troubleshooting.

The retail store, UNK Connections, sells hardware and software. Walker said the store has an agreement with Microsoft that makes Microsoft Office available for \$65 plus tax. The retail value of the software package is \$399, Walker said.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the discount.

ITS's most far-reaching service is its Internet services, Walker said. All dorms have high speed Internet computers that are paid for through tuition fees.

Anti-virus software is also a popular service, he said.

The software is free to all students. Students can access the software through a link in the student Blackboard account or ITS can personally install the program, he said.

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