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**UNK is charged with violating three portions of the Fair Housing Act**

1. It is unlawful to discriminate against any person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling, or in the provision of services or facilities in connection with such dwelling, because of a disability of that person.

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3. It is unlawful to refuse to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices or services, when such accommodations may be necessary to afford a disabled person an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling.

# And the winners are...

## *Schulte, Brisco elected to freshmen class senate*

BY REBECCA MCMICKELL  
Antelope Staff

Votes are counted and the results are in. Connor Schulte and Allie Brisco have been elected as freshmen Student Government senators for the 2011-2012 academic year.

This year's ballot featured four other freshmen candidates: Blake Geiser, John Gibbs, Margaret Jackson and Mary Irvine.

Student Government advisor and associate director of the student union Tim-

Danube said organizations like Student Government are an asset to UNK. "Student involvement in Student Government or in any organization is very important, not only for their personal adjustment to campus, but for things like retention and grade point average," he said.

The UNK Student Government consists of an executive branch, a legislative branch and a judicial branch, similar to the U.S. government. As part of the legislative branch, student senators have the ability to pass legislation for the campus, approve new student organizations and

appoint student representatives to administrative committees.

Once elected, Danube said student senators also get the chance to take part in the constitutional review and will serve on several student committees including the rules and ethics committee and the student programming committee.

Elections for sophomore, junior and senior senators will be March 7-8.

According to the UNK Constitution, the Student Government can have a maximum of 22 student senators, but only two can be freshmen.

### CONNOR SCHULTE



**Major:** Deciding  
**Member of the Honors Program**  
**Hometown:** Kearney  
"My goal is to represent the freshman class at Student Government meetings and make sure that our college experience is the best it can be."

### ALLIE BRISCO



**Major:** Deciding  
**Hometown:** Scottsbluff  
"My intentions as a UNK freshman senator are to involve myself in activities around campus, get to know and understand peers and listen to their comments and concerns to assist in creating a positive college atmosphere."

# Lawsuit says UNK violated federal housing law

BY ERIK DODGE  
Antelope Staff

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) charged UNK with discriminatory housing practices based on disability in violation of the Fair Housing Act for denying a student's request to allow a therapy dog on campus.

The charge, according to a HUD press release, stems from a former student's complaint after UNK's decision during the fall 2010 semester not to allow her to keep a therapy dog at her University Heights residence.

UNK denied her request for an exemption from UNK's no-pet policy claiming the act did not apply to University Heights

and that the student did not provide documentation that the dog was trained or certified as a service animal. Vice Chancellor of University Relations Curt Carlson said the university would deny the charges and fight them in Federal Court, according to an article published in the Kearney Hub.

"Allowing a student to live with an assistance animal promotes independent living, and can mean the difference between having a college opportunity or not," said John Trasviña, HUD's assistant secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. "Like other housing providers, colleges and universities must follow the Fair Housing Act and make reasonable accommodations in housing for persons with disabilities."

The former UNK cheerleader, whose name was not included in the press release, had been diagnosed with anxiety in 2008 and depression in 2009, which substantially limited her ability to perform major life functions of breathing and sleeping. In addition to her therapy dog, a 4-pound miniature pinscher named Butch, she was prescribed various anxiety medications.

While living without her dog, HUD claims the student "was unable to sleep for more than two hours a night, suffered severe anxiety attacks and spent hours on the phone with her mother almost every evening going through breathing techniques and thought control exercises in an

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## Have more faith in students

*Dodge believes  
administration should  
have allowed dog  
on campus*



**BY ERIK DODGE**  
Antelope Staff

UNK and NU administrators were wrong to deny a student's request to bring her therapy dog into her University Heights apartment in fall 2010, and students should be offended.

The student, who is not named in the suit, later moved out and dropped out to return home to Omaha by Oct. 29, 2010. The suit to be heard in federal court reads: "When she left UNK, (the student) gave up her position on UNK's cheer squad and lost the opportunity to experience university housing and complete her academic goals. The negative experience drastically altered the direction of (the student's) life, and has caused her to doubt if she could ever again attend a traditional four-year university."

Based on the HUD claims, university administrators appear to have inappropriately inquired into the young woman's disability, although this will be decided in court.

On the issue of the dog's certification or training as a service animal, which the university disputed, the student's doctor twice wrote notes stating the animal was recommended as part of the student's treatment. But whether her dog is a trained or certified service animal is a bit less clear.

What is clear, outside the legal realm, is that some of our administrators have little faith in the character of our students. An email quoted by HUD and written by University of Nebraska ADA compliance officer Christy Horn stated, "This is not a service animal, but rather a pet...unless this animal can be classified as a service animal, we are opening a big can of worms. In essence, anyone can have their doctor say they are anxious and need to have their dog, cat, snake, monkey, etc."

Would students really lie about having a disability and get their doctors to go along with this lie just to get a pet on campus? The decision would not only require lying and getting others to lie, but also show no respect for the very real problems those with disabilities use service or therapy animals to cope with. I don't believe students

would do this and I find administrators' belief to the contrary deeply offensive.

If students would abuse this policy we should expect to see similar abuses in other UNK policies. For example, students with disabilities who make use of Academic Services are provided accommodations in courses such as additional time to take tests and individual testing rooms. This type of abuse would be much more offensive to the university's mission than a 4-pound miniature pinscher at University Heights. According to Assistant Director of Academic Services David Brandt, abuses of these academic policies are non-existent. They also don't require any type of service animal certification.

If this dog was allowed on campus and not kept under control or proved not to be housebroken, the university would be within its legal rights to require the dog to be removed. In addition, hall directors are already allowed to have pets in their on-campus homes.

This decision presented administrators with the chance to balance the needs of one student to have equal opportunity to pursue her education with their perception of the risk that campus may turn into a petting zoo. The choice to succumb to the fear that students would abuse the policy caused a premature end to one young woman's education after experiences with severe anxiety attacks and inability to sleep more than two hours each night.

I believe this was a violation of basic decency toward someone who needed that respect and consideration more than most of us on this campus and I am ashamed that I may be associated with such an act as I move on from this university into my career or further education.

## Lawsuit from page 1

attempt to manage her anxiety."

After her final request was denied on Sept. 23, 2010 the student removed the majority of her things and returned to her home in Bellevue on Oct. 2. She formally withdrew from classes on Oct. 14.

Named in the complaint were Director of Human Resources and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Cheryl Bressington, University of Nebraska ADA Compliance Officer Christy Horn, Director of Counseling and Health Care LeAnn Obrecht, Director of Student Support Services Gail Zeller and Assistant Director of Academic Success David Brandt. The charges carry a \$16,000 civil penalty for each violation, and the student may be awarded damages to fully compensate her for the damages caused by any discriminatory conduct.

"A service animal is a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability," according to a Department of Justice Press Release issued Sept. 15, 2010. Animals may perform a variety of tasks to qualify as a service animal including reminding a person with mental illness to take prescribed medications and calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) during an anxiety attack. However, dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA according to the ADA website.

UNK's Residential and Greek Life Policies prohibit pets other than fish for students residing in UNK housing. Residential and Greek Life policies state that this "does not apply to students with a disability who require the use of a service animal, or the hall director apartments."

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# First NFL, now NBA?

*Lockout looming, games through November canceled*



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National Basketball Players Association (NBPA) Union President Derek Fisher, of the Los Angeles Lakers, speaks during a news conference, Thursday, June 23, 2011, with NBA players standing behind him in New York. The NBA's collective bargaining agreement expired June 30. Fisher said players won't accept a bad deal to avoid a work stoppage. NBPA executive director Billy Hunter is at right of Fisher.



**BY ERIK SWAZO**  
Antelope Staff

The last four or five months for sports fans have been frustrating. First the NFL players and owners struggled over money, almost losing part of their season due to lack of communication, which could have led to a lockout. Now, it's the exact same thing, only a different sport. The NBA players and the owners are struggling over power, and more importantly, MONEY!

On June 30, the NBA announced that it would lockout the players when the old collective bargaining agreement expired at 12:01 a.m. on July 1. It took nearly a month for the NBA owners and players to meet after the lockout began. You would think that the players and owners would be meeting more often to try and settle the differences so there wouldn't be a lockout once the season was set to start.

With the lockout in full force, no player was able to go to his facility to workout or to speak with coaches on training techniques, which was a big deal with the NFL lockout earlier this summer. Fans and analysts have noticed the dramatic change in the productivity of the NFL players and speculated the difference is due to

the lack of time spent at their training facilities over the summer. It's inevitable that this exact thing will happen to the NBA players.

With both sides fighting over a proposed 50-50 split on revenue, neither side is budging. The player's association wants the revenue split to be 52.5 percent for the players, and the owners receiving 47.5 percent of the revenue. With neither team willing to settle, who knows when the season will resume, if at all?

On Oct. 10, the league canceled the first two weeks of the regular season. At that time, owners and players were still thinking that even though the first two weeks were canceled, they could get in a full 82-game schedule. But on Oct. 28, the NBA canceled another two weeks of the regular season, all the way through Nov. 30.

NBA commissioner David Stern held a news conference stating that the NBA will end up playing a shortened season—if it plays at all. "It's not practical, possible or prudent to have a full season now," said Stern.

About three weeks will be needed to get the deal finalized in writing, allow teams to sign free agents and hold abbreviated training camps, possibly pushing the start of the regular season into the last week of November or the first week of December. It looks like fans might have basketball before Christmas Day.

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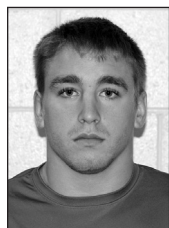
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# New, old faces look to dominate on mat this year

BY ERIK SWAZO  
Antelope Staff

When fans come to watch this year's wrestling team, they will notice some familiar faces, yet have to learn some new faces, as the 4th ranked Lopers look to continue dominance in RMAC competition and to compete at the national level to bring another national championship back to UNK.



MARK FIALA

Performance on and off the mat continues to be the focus as it has been in years past. New in the mix are transfers from the defunct UNO program and from schools such as Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Head coach Marc Bauer has a common goal that he presents to his team every year: perform consistently in the classroom and on the mat. "Our goal is to focus on performing," Bauer said. "When we focus on performing, good things will happen to us."

This year, the Lopers have 20 juniors or seniors on the team, which to most people might mean they have a lot of leadership on this team. But according to Bauer, a former UNO Mav wrestler himself, that isn't always the case.

"Having a bunch of upperclassmen on the team doesn't mean we have leadership—having leaders means leadership," Bauer said. "We have six captains on this year's team, and not all of them are upperclassmen. It just goes to show you that anyone at any point in their career can step up and become a leader."

**"When we focus on performing, good things will happen to us."**

Marc Bauer  
Head wrestling coach

This year, Bauer looks to not only his returning wrestlers to be a key component, but will also look to transfers coming in from a variety of schools. The Lopers welcome two former UNO Mavericks to the team, Mark Fiala, a redshirt sophomore from Seward and Kevin Barrett, a redshirt freshman from Bennington.

Fiala transferred to UNK after the wrestling program at UNO was dropped. Fiala is one of many transfers this season who look to contribute to the team. "Our goal this year is simple, settle for nothing less than a national championship," Fiala said. "We have so much talent on this team that we



Photo by Erik Swazo

Mark Fiala (right) and wrestling partner Drew Comito work on technique during practice. The Lopers open up their season at home on Nov. 19 at 9 a.m. at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds with the Nebraska-Kearney Holiday Inn Open.

should be toward the top at every meet, and hopefully end up as national champions!"

Austin Carmichael, a junior from Columbus, is another transfer looking to make an impact on the mat this year. Carmichael transferred to UNK after three years at Augustana, a Division II school. "The transition from Augustana to UNK has been real easy so far," Carmichael said. "The guys welcomed me in early, and we all clicked right away, which made things a lot easier for me."

The Lopers open up at home on Nov. 19, at 9 a.m. at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds with the Nebraska-Kearney Holiday Inn Open.

## UNK WRESTLING SCHEDULE

11/12 Wyoming Cowboy Open  
11/19 Nebraska-Kearney Holiday Inn Open  
12/3 Fort Hays State Bob Smith Open  
12/10 UNK Loper Open  
1/7-8 NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals  
1/11 Newman University  
1/11 Oklahoma City University  
1/12 University of Central Oklahoma  
1/22 Central Missouri Dual Jamboree  
1/25 New Mexico Highlands University  
1/25 Adams State College

1/26 Colorado State University  
2/4 Chadron State college  
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2/11 Western State College of Colorado  
2/15 Fort Hays State University  
2/25 RMAC Championships/NCAA Regional  
3/9-10 NCAA Championships

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# Back with vengeance

*Returning freshman says Lopers expect to compete with an eye toward Nationals*

BY JORDAN SQUIERS  
Antelope Staff

Last year's UNK men's basketball team finished with a record of 13-14, after a loss in the first round of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) tournament.

Losing in a few close games, particularly against Wayne State College and Western New Mexico University, the Lopers felt that their record was



MIKE  
DENTLINGER

**"The outlook is pretty positive this year. Our returners are more experienced and we hopefully will be able to improve drastically from last year."**

not exactly indicative of their ability, said Mike Dentlinger, a sophomore from Omaha.

"It was a disappointing year to lose in the first round of the conference tournament, but this year we are hoping to build on it and do much better," he said.

Dentlinger returns to the Lopers as last year's All-RMAC freshman of the year, a 2010-2011 Freshman All-American and an All-RMAC second team member. These accolades, along

with another year of experience, set Dentlinger up for another successful season as a Loper.

He says the team's goals this year have been set higher than in the past, and the Lopers hope to contend in the conference tournament and work toward a spot at Nationals.

"The outlook is pretty positive this year," he said. "Our returners are more experienced and we hopefully will be able to improve drastically from last year."

Along with Dentlinger, the Lopers return a solid group of upperclassmen, as well as a junior college transfer from Colorado Northwestern Community College, Jon Henderson and a Division I transfer from Coppin State, Quinston Reggins.

Two freshmen have been added to the mix: Tyler Shields from Kearney High and Ethan Brozek from Norfolk Catholic.

Dentlinger hopes to play a bigger leadership role as a sophomore this year.

"As a freshman it was hard to speak up, but with a year under my belt, hopefully I will become more vocal for my team," he said.

Dentlinger graduated from Millard North High School and studies finance at UNK.

# One day at a time



Photo by Nathan Krug

Former Loper wide receiver Kyle Kaiser goes up for a pass. Kaiser is now a member of Hendrick Motor Sports, a NASCAR Sprint Cup Team.

"After I talked to Burkey I pretty much shrugged it off. He kept calling me and emailing me, and I finally decided this would be a good opportunity to keep my options open," Kaiser said.

Currently, Kaiser is part of a developmental team for Hendrick Motor Sports, which includes drivers such as Dale Earnhardt Jr., Jeff Gordon and five-time defending Sprint Cup champion Jimmie Johnson.

"I felt like I just up and left and brought next to nothing out here. I had no idea what I was getting into, but I am honestly enjoying the experience," Kaiser said.

He recently won \$100 for having the fastest lug nut transfer time in a shuttle, a contest in which contestants transferred lug nuts from one tire to another spaced five yards apart.

Winning competitions has made the experience even more enjoyable for Kaiser.

"You know, I'm out here living on an air mattress with no cable or Internet just trying to be prepared. Winning the small things make this that much more exciting," he said.

Now Kaiser looks to make a career out of his current opportunity in NASCAR. He practices twice a day taking off tires and putting them back on. When his practice sessions are over, he helps out with other Nationwide and Sprint cup series teams that are a part of Hendricks Motor Sports.

Kaiser may enjoy what he's doing now, but football is still on his mind. "A part of being out here gives me a chance to train and workout. Hopefully I'll get a chance to show my abilities at the end of this NFL season," said Kaiser. "I've fully healed and gained all my speed back from my injuries. I have even put on a little weight which was another question scouts had for me coming out of college."

For now Kaiser plans to ride NASCAR out as long as he can and see where it takes him. "I basically get paid to train and change tires which isn't a bad life. Until I make into the cup teams I won't make the big bucks, but it's still an experience I will never forget," Kaiser said.

*Kaiser finds a home with NASCAR Sprint Cup Team*

BY NATHAN KRUG  
Antelope Staff

Former Loper wide receiver Kyle Kaiser made a left turn that he never expected in life.

Although he is enjoying his new life as a member of Hendrick Motor Sports, a NASCAR Sprint Cup Team, Kaiser came close to fulfilling his dream of playing professional football.

After his final season of football at UNK, Kaiser decided to stay active by competing in indoor track. The season seemed to be going fine but after he pulled a hamstring at the conference meet Kaiser's football career was put on hold.

"My original plans were to travel to Colorado Springs and Greeley, Colo., and work out at the pro days for Air Force and the University of Northern Colorado, but because of my hamstring I was not able to compete for a while," Kaiser said.

Where one opportunity was lost, another one was gained.

In the spring of 2011, Kaiser received a call from Chris Burkey, the head coach of a developmental team in NASCAR, about Kaiser joining Hendrick Motor Sports as a tire man.

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# Fall Festivities

## OkSOBERfest



Photo by Skylar Loseke  
Tricia Young, a freshman exercise science major from Mullen, rides a trike while wearing drunk goggles during OkSOBERfest on Oct. 27. A UNK Safety officer did the same while trying to take the flag from Young.



Photo by Skylar Loseke  
Jaime Fredrickson (blue helmet), a sophomore pre-dental hygiene major from Morrill, takes on Rebecca Hall (red helmet) a sophomore pre-nursing major from Bridgeport. "We've always wanted to run at each other in fat suits," Hall said. "It finally happened."



Photos by Adam Konruff  
Sally Hale, dressed as a green M&M, reads to some costumed kids at "Phantoms at the Frank House" on Saturday. Hale is a junior education major.

## 'Phantoms at the Frank House'



Photos by Adam Konruff  
Robert Roth, a senior music education major from Comstock, reads "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" to 8-year-old Hunter Ruth of Kearney, Saturday, as part of the "Phantoms at the Frank House" event. Children in their Halloween costumes went from room to room to hear different spooky stories read by volunteers.

## Sudoku answer:

Upside down, from page 3

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



# Pumpkin fun



Photo by Freddie Arnold

Art education major Adam Coble, a junior from Cozad sculpts a face into his pumpkin using a variety of clay sculpting tools. "Carving a pumpkin using sculpting tools could take hours, even all day. The fun part is not knowing what it will look like until it's finished," he said.

## Sudoku ★★☆☆☆

### How to play:

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

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Photo by Courtney Fletcher  
Senior graphic design major Jacie Wiese of Doniphan begins carving her pumpkin to display in the Fine Arts Building on Halloween. "I love carving pumpkins for Halloween. It's a fun way to show off creativity," Wiese said.



Photos by Adam Konruff

Kyle Saylor, a fifth-year senior visual communications and design major from Kearney lets the pumpkin fly Monday in the Fine Arts courtyard as part of the Halloween festivities. The pumpkins were gutted and filled with paint and flung at a canvas on a wall, creating some rather abstract art.



# Campus kitchen finds fearless new leader in Watts

BY AMANDA ARNOLD  
Antelope Staff

Jon Watts, the assistant director of business services at UNK, has recently been passed the Campus Kitchen torch.

Campus Kitchen, an organization created in 2006, gathers every Wednesday to cook meals for people in the Kearney area that would otherwise be struggling to meet nutritional needs. Students deliver the meals on Thursdays after the meals have been prepared.

"We send out about 65 meals each week," Watts said. "We try to deliver one hot meal and one cold one that they can have later in the week."

The organization is split up into teams and each team has a leader to keep things

organized. This makes the day to cook and the day to deliver run much more smoothly.

Watts' enthusiasm for Campus Kitchen signals its sustained success. "I'm excited. I think it's a lot more work than I thought it would be, but it's a good opportunity," he said. He also explained how it is almost like a job. "People rely on you. They can't just go buy meals whenever they want," Watts said.

Formerly, Peter Longo was the advisor for Campus Kitchen. Watts explained how challenging the change of leadership has been because Longo's political science department had grown



JON WATTS

very attached to the organization. "It was like he was handing over his entire department," Watts said. Despite the hardships of making the changes, it seemed evident that the time was right for the change.

Watts, originally from Kearney, obtained a degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln for communication/public relations. He later got his master's in management from Bellevue University.

Watts expressed that he really feels that this is a unique organization. Campus Kitchen offers instant gratification, and volunteers get to see all of the hard work pay off now rather than later. He also appreciates that there are always newcomers showing up to help with Campus Kitchen. "People help when

they can, which might be only once or twice a month, and we're always seeing new faces," he said.

Watts stated that he has plans for the future of Campus Kitchen. As of now, meals are only delivered when school is in full swing; no meals are delivered over holidays or over summer break. This troubles him because of the fact that so many people rely on the meals, and he eventually wants to work something out so these people have meals during breaks. "Even frozen meals would help," he said.

Volunteers are needed for Campus Kitchen every Wednesday and Thursday. For more information contact the Campus Kitchen Advisor Jon Watts at 308-865-8448 or wattsjc@unk.edu.

# Verraneault: Loper Student of the Week

*Elementary education major hopes to inspire students*

BY AARON URBANSKI  
Antelope Staff

"I've always viewed teaching as a noble profession. Children aren't born doctors or scientists or therapists. It takes dedicated, inspiring teachers to push and encourage those children to identify and then develop those talents," says Antelope Student of the Week Matt Verraneault.

As a teacher, the UNK senior has his

own unique set of talents and goals as one of a minority of male teachers in the elementary classroom. "As a male educator, I hope to be a positive male role model for students who don't have that aspect in their home lives. I also think that as a male educator I can offer the right mix of discipline and structure while still making learning fun for my students."

Verraneault said, "I was blessed to have teachers who cared growing up, and I want to give that same positive influence to others."

Historically, UNK has had a lauded education program, and Verraneault credits the college's professors and programs for much of his success in and out of the classroom. "All of the teachers that I have had throughout my education classes have been creative and full of awesome ideas that I will use when I have my own class to teach someday."

As an elementary education major with an endorsement in special education, Verraneault said UNK has also

helped him develop in the field as well. "I've spent eight Mondays this semester in a kindergarten class in Lexington paying close attention to classroom management and teaching strategies," Verraneault said. "They have been a vital professional experience for me before student teaching because it has helped me fully understand what to prepare for in the classroom."

Verraneault has been academically outstanding as a student as well. As a six time representative of the Dean's list, Verraneault is carrying a 3.6 GPA into the culmination of his UNK education and is a current member of Phi Eta Sigma which honors students annually for ranking in the upper 20 percent of their class.

For Verraneault, the chance to mold the minds of the future has been far more gratifying than expected. "For me, the gift of knowledge is one the best things an individual can receive. I want to share that gift."

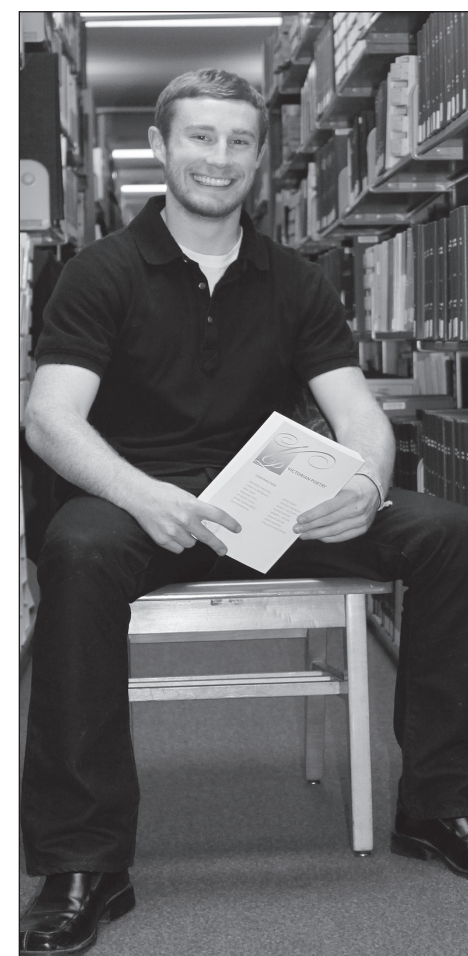
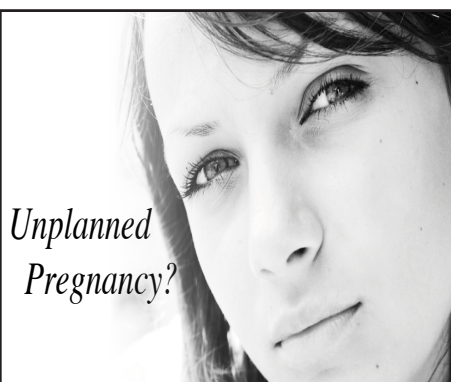


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UNK senior Matt Verraneault wants to be a positive role model for his future students. With an endorsement for special education, Verraneault is pursuing a degree in elementary education.



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# S.K.I.N.S. reenact strife of Trail of Tears



Photos by Ashley Leever

Student Kouncil of Intertribal Nations (S.K.I.N.S.) Vice President Manuel Rangel, a sophomore industrial distribution major from Schuyler guides the Trail of Tears Walk at Cottonmill Park on Oct. 24 while he gives information about the Trail of Tears in 1838.



Participants of the Trail of Tears Walk on Oct. 24 were blindfolded in order to get a better understanding of what the Native American nations went through on the Trail of Tears. The walk was hosted by the Student Kouncil of Intertribal Nations at Cottonmill Park.

BY ASHLEY LEEVER  
Antelope Staff

Native Americans struggled for over 170 years ago, but on Oct. 24, UNK's Student Kouncil of Intertribal Nations (S.K.I.N.S.) reenacted the tragic walk in the hills of Cottonmill Park.

The organization planned the event in order to kick off Native American Heritage Month in November. It was a beautiful fall day, but S.K.I.N.S. members helped the participants of the walk understand the strife the Native Americans went through on the Trail of Tears.

The Cherokee people called this journey the "Trail of Tears" because of its devastating effects. The migrants faced hunger, disease and exhaustion on the forced march. Over 4,000 out of 15,000 of the Cherokees died.

Volunteers on the reenactment were given heavy backpacks in order to experience what it was like to walk on rough terrain carrying all your belongings. They were then blindfolded in order to gain an understanding of what it was like to be blind on the trail.

**"The spirit of the experience has more impact than a paper..."**

Kurt Siedsclaw  
Criminal justice professor

Throughout the walk, members of S.K.I.N.S. gave historical information about the trail to the participants and gave different scenarios about what Native Americans went through during their relocation.

This was the first time S.K.I.N.S. has put on the event, and it attracted approximately 20 students and faculty members from UNK.

"I think it is a good effort," said Kurt Siedsclaw, criminal justice professor who teaches a class in Native American issues. "The spirit of the experience has more impact than a paper with a bibliography and everything."

Alfredo Lara, a senior construction management major from Scottsbluff and president of S.K.I.N.S. said they would be hosting several events throughout Native American Heritage Month including movie nights and a program focused upon the true meaning behind Thanksgiving.

S.K.I.N.S. hold their meetings every other Monday at 2:30 in the office of Mul-

ticultural Affairs. For more information about the events S.K.I.N.S. will be hosting during November, call Juan Guzman at 308-865-8127.

## TRAIL OF TEARS

The Trail of Tears is a name given to the relocation and movement of Native American nations from southeastern parts of the United States following the Indian Removal Act of 1830. Cherokee, Muscogee (Creek), Seminole, Chickasaw and Choctaw nations were forced from their homelands to Indian Territory (eastern sections of the present-day state of Oklahoma) from 1831-1834.

During the relocation over 4,000 out of 15,000 of the Cherokees died, and this journey continues to be known as the "Trail of Tears," because of the devastating effects. The migrants faced hunger, disease and exhaustion on the forced march.

As settlers moved west, the tragic saga continued in 1877 in Nebraska when Nebraska Ponca were forcibly removed from their homes and relocated to Oklahoma.

The Ponca, however, would not stay and walked the 600 miles back to Nebraska eventually to fight the injustice in court. Because of Standing Bear's efforts, and the intervention of Thomas Tibbles from The Omaha Daily Herald, national attention and pressure eventually led the U.S. government to grant the tribe two reservations, one in Oklahoma and one in Nebraska.

## NATIVE POET

Joy Harjo will read her poetry for The Reynolds Series:

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# Trick-or-Treat Street is SPOOKTACULAR

BY ASHLEY LEEVER  
Antelope Staff

For kids, trick-or-treating or handing out candy is often a Halloween tradition. Why should you have to give that up when you come to college?

UNK's Resident Hall Association (RHA) tries to keep tradition going by annually hosting Trick-or-Treat Street at UNK on Halloween. The event is a way

for students to enjoy Halloween and for families around the Kearney area to see what the UNK campus has to offer while enjoying a safe trick-or-treating environment.

Students that participate in the event sign up in advance in their residence halls to either be a ghost guide or to hand out candy.

Justin Vogel, RHA's president, says

the event typically attracts 150 to 200 children. More than 200 students signed up to pass out candy, and over 40 students guided families around the campus.

"It is a fun event and is a great way for us to give back to the community," Vogel said. "I have yet to come across a student that has said they don't enjoy participating in Trick-or-Treat Street, and the community does so much for UNK. It is an easy, fun way for the students to help the community feel welcome here at UNK."

But the event didn't just stop at trick-

or-treating in the residence halls. There were also Halloween games and prizes in the Nebraskan Student Union for families to enjoy while they waited to go trick-or-treating.

The event took lots of preparation for RHA from advertising in the community to the RHA delegation helping with sign-ups and putting up signs at rooms that passed out candy.

"The goal is to have the night run as smoothly as possible so that everyone gets the best experience possible," Vogel said.



Photo by Ashley Leever

Trick-or-treaters for the Resident Hall Association's annual Trick-or-Treat Street gather together at the end of the night in the Nebraskan Student Union for one last adventure for candy in Centennial Towers East. The event had approximately 40 guides, 200 students handing out candy and 150-200 trick-or-treaters.

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**CAMPUS CRIME LOG****Police Log Oct. 20-30**

**Oct. 22:** Katie Jadowski was issued a warning for failure to stop at the stop sign on 15th Avenue and University Drive.

**Oct. 22:** UNK Police responded to a party in Nester South and issued MIPs and conduct summons to Katelyn Cottisch, Jill Beavers, Tiffany Thramer, Thomas Ostdiek and Zach Ramold.

**Oct. 24:** A "Coach" brand wallet and its contents were reported stolen from a student's room.

**Oct. 28:** A student reported someone keyed the passenger side of his truck in Lot 5.

**Oct. 29:** Michael Margan was stopped west of Mantor Hall for carrying alcohol and was forced to dump his beer.

**Oct. 29:** The glass on the east door of Mantor Hall was reported broken.

**Oct. 30:** Kurt Luce was stopped and issued a warning for driving without his headlights on.

**Oct. 30:** Mariah Taubenheim was stopped and issued a warning for no headlights on and no driver's license on her person.

**Oct. 30:** Maxwell Boehler was cited for failure to stop at a traffic signal.

**Oct. 30:** Bergan Carr was issued a written warning for failure to stop at the stop sign on 19th Avenue and University Drive.

**\$2,000 stolen from dorm room**

*Students warned against bringing high-dollar items on campus*

**BY ERIK DODGE**  
Antelope Staff

UNK Police responded to the most expensive theft reported this semester Oct. 9 when a male international student reported \$2,000 stolen from his room in Randall Hall.

The money — \$1,400 in traveler's checks and \$600 in cash — went missing sometime between Sept. 26 and Oct. 8 according to the UNK Police call log. Peijie Li, international student services office assistant, said the student arrived at UNK late due to issues with his flight, which may have contributed

to his decision to leave so much money in his room.

The student, who declined comment, would have had the opportunity to attend orientation that included some financial counseling if he had arrived on time. Representatives from Wells Fargo speak with international students at orientation explaining their services according to International Outreach Coordinator Bonnie Payne. A short time after orientation, facility's vans transport international students to the bank so students have an opportunity to set up bank accounts.

International admissions specialist Shirley Vetter said an estimated 60 percent of international students make use of these services and set up bank accounts — an estimate Li and Payne agreed upon. Despite these services, a fair amount of students fail to make use

of them.

"Some students ignore the information and some don't come to orientation," said Li, who volunteers to drive international students that miss out on the opportunity at orientation to the bank. "Most students carry money around — I did."

UNK enrolled 527 students from 52 countries outside of the United States this semester.

Director of UNK Police Michelle Hamaker said all students should avoid bringing high-dollar items on campus, and if students must bring expensive items they should get a fireproof safe to protect them.

International students who have questions or would like help setting up a bank account can visit the international student services office in Welch Hall or call 308-865-8953.

**Vogel takes charge in making changes**

*RHA president strives to make a better campus*

**BY CAITLIN OSTBERG**  
Antelope Staff

When Residence Hall Association (RHA) president Justin Vogel came to UNK, a leadership role was the furthest thing from his mind.

"If you would have told me three years ago that I was going to come to

Kearney and be one of the major student influences on our meal plan when we did a new contract," Vogel said, "I would have told you that you're crazy."

In high school, Vogel participated in sports and Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), a group for marketing students, but never had much of a leadership role. He said that his experience with DECA helped him his freshman year when proposing changes to UNK dining services.

"It actually started to make its way up the chains, and it helped the food service committee, at the time, to make some corrections and make some changes with Chartwells," he said.

After his freshman year, Vogel knew that more improvement could be made. "I felt the only way to do that was to run for president (of RHA)," Vogel said.

As many of the changes to UNK dining services have taken place, Vogel is looking forward to what RHA plans to tackle this year.



**JUSTIN VOGEL**

One issue that RHA will take on this year is recycling. Vogel said. "We really want to try to make that more of an open book to students about what they can recycle and how they're supposed to do it and where the containers are."

RHA Vice President Nicole Dyas watched Vogel continually give time and thought to students. "I have never heard him say, 'I don't have time to do one more thing.' It's always, 'Let me know when you have time and I can help you with that..'"

Though his schedule stays busy, Vogel finds his role as RHA president rewarding and beneficial. "It's kind of

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**Nicole Dyas**  
RHA vice president

nice to know that I can make somewhat of a difference. I can voice people's concerns, talk to the right people, that sort of thing," Vogel said.

Regardless of how a student is involved, Vogel thinks it's important to look back with no regrets. "If you see an opportunity that you're even mildly interested in, just take advantage of it because it will pay off in the long run."

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# Fonfara showcases glass creations at MONA

BY HOPE MERRICK  
Antelope Staff

On Oct. 8 Kearney's Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA) was proud to announce the opening of the "Nebraska Now: Chad Fonfara, Glass."

The exhibit features organic pod-like structures or vessels that are made completely of glass and reflect the natural world through Fonfara's eyes. The exhibit will be open from Oct. 8, 2011 through Jan. 8 on the second level of MONA, in downtown Kearney.

Graduating from UNK in 1996, and the University of Kansas State with a masters of fine arts, Fonfara has studied at the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, N.Y. and Pilchuck Glass Schools in Seattle, Wash. His work has been exhibited in three different art

galleries across Kansas. In 2010 he received a Corning Museum of Glass scholarship to study with William Gudenrath, a resident advisor for The Studio at The Corning Museum of Glass.

He started working with glass five years ago when he accepted a sculpture teaching position at UNK. Through his work with glass, Fonfara has brought to life the beautiful designs of these pod-like structures or vessels. They seem to reflect living, breathing things that hang from the walls of the museum and give off various color designs and patterns.

Fonfara says they are "simultaneously entomological, ornithological, botanical and anatomical; their origins, functions and connotations are bound only by the imagination and interpretation of the viewer (and maker alike)."

*Photo by Hope Merrick*

UNK sculpture professor Chad Fonfara created all the glass artwork featured in the MONA exhibit "Nebraska Now: Chad Fonfara, Glass," including this piece. The exhibit is on display at the Museum of Nebraska Art now until Jan. 8. Fonfara said his works are inspired by organic forms.



## Annual Glassblowing

*Students demonstrate, create items to sell*



*Photos by Skylar Loseke*

Kenny Galusha, a junior art and glass sculpture major from Grand Island created this glass pumpkin, for sale at the Annual Glassblowing Open House on Oct. 28. Galusha made this look by adding the color into the glass and then putting the glass in a bucket of water. The glass on the inside was warm, so the inside expanded and created this look.



Jess Lammers, a senior biology major from Holdrege works in the glass studio during the Glass Blowing Annual Open House on Oct. 28. "I come here to blow off my biology steam. It's better than turning to beer."