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Sick students moved to isolation rooms

BY ERIK DODGE
Antelope Staff

When Chris Meyer decided to stay in bed to watch the Huskers play Missouri on Thursday Oct. 8, he didn't realize he would be spending his weekend in an isolation room.

Meyer, a sophomore industrial distribution major, had been suffering from a head cold earlier in the week, and when Thursday night rolled around he didn't even want to move. After spending 15 hours in bed, he finally decided to visit student health to get checked out at 10 a.m. "They do a swab test. They take a cotton swab and shove it up your nose, basically to your brain," Meyer said.

With Meyer showing symptoms of the swine flu, he was given a choice: go home or stay in an isolation room. The catch was that he wouldn't be allowed to drive himself home because he was running a fever. "My parents would have had to come get me. I didn't want to make them drive here and then drive me back when I got better," Meyer said. So he agreed to stay in an isolation room.

Meyer was taken to Room 145 in Cen-

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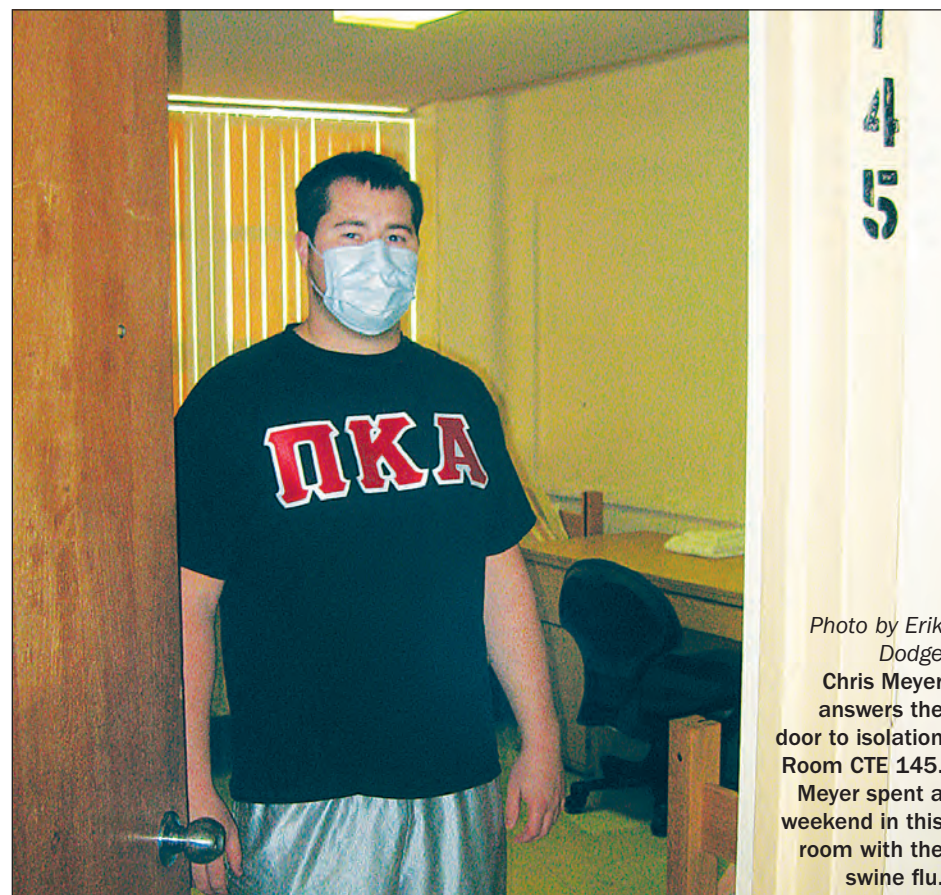


Photo by Erik Dodge
Chris Meyer answers the door to isolation Room CTE 145. Meyer spent a weekend in this room with the swine flu.

At beer pong games this weekend, H1N1 not invited

BY JESSICA HUEBERT
Antelope Staff

Dozens of H1N1 outbreaks across the U.S. have been allegedly linked to college drinking games. One popular game in particular, beer pong, has been scrutinized and has even been "banned" by some colleges.

For those who aren't familiar with the game: In beer pong, two teams of two players attempt to toss a ping-pong ball into their opponents' cups that have beer

in them. If the ball goes in one, a player drinks that cup. This normally results in cups, and germs, being shared.

"Yeah I can see how drinking games could spread the flu," said Jared Muzzey, a senior organizational communication major from Lexington. "The drinking games probably aren't all to blame though. Sharing your drink with anyone, or even just being so close together in big groups at parties and bars, probably has something to do with H1N1 spreading. It's the college

atmosphere."

According to CNN, H1N1 is now the world's most dominant flu virus.

Nearly 8,900 new cases of flu-like illness were reported at 270 U.S. colleges and universities for the week of Oct. 17 through Oct. 23, according to the American College Health Association.

With the increased warnings of H1N1, some students are taking notice.

"I definitely feel like I've been pay-

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ennial Towers East without any of his belongings. "We ask students to have a friend or roommate bring over their personal items," associate director of health care Cindy Shultz said.

"When you walk into the isolation room it smells like a doctor's office and there's nothing in there," Meyer said. The room, which does have a bathroom attached, was furnished with a bed, linens, a desk and a dresser. Someone from the front desk brought in a television and DVD player, and Meyer's roommate brought a cable cord, toiletries and clothes.

It was important for him to have some form of entertainment because he would not be allowed to leave. No one could come in, and Meyer had to stay in the room. Whenever he answered the door, he had to wear a mask. "Basically, I was locked in that room until my fever broke," Meyer said.

Chartwells delivers three meals a day to the students in isolation rooms. Students have the option to receive the clear liquid meal or a normal meal with additional liquids. The staff also delivers fresh linens to the isolation room.

A flu kit is given to students when they move into isolation. Tylenol, ibuprofen, different kinds of cold medicine, a thermometer, masks and hand sanitizer are included in the kit. In addition the kit includes written information about how to take the medications, a list of warning signs to watch out for and information about how to prevent the spread of the flu. Shultz also gives out her mobile number and is on call 24 hours a day.

A stay in the isolation room usually lasts two to four days, but some have lasted from five to seven days, according to Shultz. In order to leave, a student's fever must be broken for 24 hours without the aid of any medications. Meyer was able to leave on Sunday afternoon.

After spending his weekend trapped in an isolation room Meyer isn't excited to repeat the experi-



Photo by Erik Dodge

Even this pumpkin is wearing a mask outside of the student health office. Students can receive the H1N1 vaccine here for free.

ence. He recommends the swine flu vaccine to everyone. As for the isolation room Meyer said it was good to have a quiet room to catch up on sleep, but after being locked in for the weekend he added, "It almost felt like prison."

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ing more attention to my health this year due to all of the H1N1 news." Muzzey said. "For one thing, when I'm out at the bars I'll use more hand sanitizer. It's not a tough change to make since the dispensers are everywhere now."

Despite the possibility of spreading sicknesses through drinking games, beer pong fans won't let that stop them from getting their pong on. "There are some things you can do to make the games a little bit safer and more sanitary," said Eric Hinze, a senior agribusiness major from Axtell. "For example, we don't put the beer in the cups themselves, we fill the cups with water. Then when the other players score, we just drink out of our own cans. Aside from that, just don't reuse and share cups, that sort of thing."

The myth that alcoholic drinks can kill germs doesn't do college students any good either. A typical beer is only about 4 to 5 percent alcohol and does not kill germs.

Health experts continue to warn students about being cautious at public gatherings. If you're feeling sick, stay home. If you're at a party, try to stay out of large, packed groups. And above all else, keep your cup to yourself.



Photo by Jessica Huebert

Josh Jensen, a senior sports administration major from Blair, and Eric Hinze, a senior agribusiness major from Axtell, polish up on their beer pong skills. The two play with cups of water and drink from their own cans instead of sharing cups with everybody at the party.

Presentation addresses rising campus problem, dangers of eating disorders

BY KYLIE TIELKE
Antelope Staff

"Nationally, 5 to 10 million girls and women and 1 million boys and men struggle with an eating disorder," said Peg Miller-Evans from the Children's Hospital and Medical Center during a vital presentation to students about prevention, treatment and early warning signs of various eating disorders. The event, sponsored by the Phi Alpha social work honor society, attracted over 100 students.

"I think we need to bring awareness to the problem and for individuals to have resources as to what to do," said Jody Van Laningham, associate professor of social work.

According to Van Laningham, eating disorders are a rising issue on campus and the presentation was to benefit the campus community.

"We simply do not have enough time in our classes to address the issue and it needs to be addressed. For example, the recent incident at Wayne State College," Van Laningham said.

"Eating disorders have always been on college campuses, just not addressed. You're vulnerable and disorders are now more mainstream with the media and people not taking it seriously. Students need to know about it, they are vulnerable and it's a serious issue," Miller-Evans said.

To begin the presentation Miller-Evans used vivid pictures of an overweight individual to explain how people with an eating disorder feel.

According to the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 16.4 percent of females and 10.1 percent of males who were underweight were trying to lose weight.

Miller-Evans asked the crowd, "How many people of you know one

person who doesn't say 'Oh, I ate good today. I had a salad' or 'Oh, I am going to be bad today and eat a cookie?'"

No one raised their hand.

"I know one person who has a healthy relationship with food, one person. This is what the western culture has done to us," Miller-Evans said.

According to Miller-Evans, the reason to worry is that eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any psychiatric disorder because so many complications come along with it, including heart failure or suicide.

"The treatment is the hardest. It takes about 2 to 6 weeks, and then I tell my patients they need to plan on another 6 to 12 months to recover. Unlike an alcoholic who can theoretically avoid drinking, someone with an eating disorder must sit down three times a day and face the enemy," Miller-Evans said.

According to Miller-Evans, some main causes of eating disorders include genetics, trauma, emotional factors and other negative influences.

"A cause could be when two people have a fight and one person calls the other person the 'f' word, that is a cause," Miller-Evans said.

Some warning signs of eating disorders are restricting food, bingeing or purging, isolation, feeling depressed or when they have a negative body image and self-esteem. Preventions include eating, drinking, sleeping and having a positive self-esteem and self-efficacy or belief that you can make a difference.

"What we know about eating disorders is that it is not just one thing, it's everything. You have to be able to worry to develop a disorder. Many think if they are skinny, they will be happy. There is just a lot of magic that comes along with being thin," Miller-Evans said.

College debt soars

BY ALEX MORALES
Antelope Staff

Student loans have gone from being a last resort to being the only way to fund a college education. Two-thirds of college students borrow money today.

According to The Wall Street Journal, in the 2008-2009 school year the federal government loaned students \$75.1 billion—25 percent more than the year before. The average debt load for students is a little over \$23,000.

So what life implications do college graduates face with the debt load of an expensive diploma?

According to political science professor John Anderson, post-college life will require graduates to take a different approach to the "American Dream."

"People will have to put off home purchases or try to take on too much debt, which could lead to an increase in bankruptcies," he said.

The reason for the increase in college debt: soaring numbers in tuition rates. According to College Board, a Web site dedicated to connecting students and parents to the college environment, average in-state tuition and fees at public four-year institutions this year is \$7,020, \$429 higher than last year. Average total charges, including tuition and fees and room and board, are \$15,213.

Jasen Nickman, Omaha, a 2008 graduate with a bachelor's in psychology, is one of the thousands with a debt load. His debt is over \$24,000. With such a responsibility, he has been forced to go back home and be a farmhand, where he can earn more than he would with his degree.

"If I didn't have to worry about paying so much, I would go somewhere where the opportunity to work with my degree

TUITION INCREASES AT UNK

Year	Cost
09-10	\$12,464
08-09	\$11,756
07-08	\$11,020
06-07	\$10,451
05-06	\$9,818

Source: UNK fact book

would be better," he said. But his debt ties him down. "There isn't anything wrong with working on the farm; it's just that five years ago, it was definitely not what I envisioned," he said.

A weak economy that makes it difficult to land an entry level job, and college debt has dubbed recent college graduates as boomerang kids. A poll by collegrad.com showed that 80 percent of graduates move back home.

Nickman pointed out that by the time things straighten out, he will be older, making it harder to find a job when employers can hire someone younger and fresh out of college. With thousands of college graduates in a similar situation, the "American Dream" is gradually becoming a nightmare for those who should be living it — and a fantasy for those who are about to begin their quest for it.

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Against all odds, after 80 years...

Gary Drabbels gives his adopted mother a gift money could not buy

Drabbels's hunt through countless ship logs, immigration records, social security death records and the 1930 census records uncovered the long sought after truth.

BY DEBBIE EPPING
Antelope Staff

Gary Drabbels stepped off the plane in Medford, Ore., and was greeted by a lively 94-year-old woman holding a makeshift sign constructed with cardboard and a flyswatter. "Hi Gary I'm here," the sign read.

The woman was Marian Yonan—Gary's great aunt, the last surviving sibling of his grandmother's nine siblings. This meeting was a first and a milestone marking the end of his long journey searching for the birth family of his mother, Audrey Drabbels, who had been adopted at birth.

Audrey Drabbels, was born Elizabeth Grace Wood in 1922, and her life was entrusted into the care of the Child Saving Institute of Omaha where the nurses grew to love her and affectionately called her Audrey Rose.

Meanwhile, John and Carrie Perreten, a middle-aged couple living on a farm near Gordon in the northwest corner of Nebraska eagerly awaited the news of their request to adopt a baby girl. Once they received the go-ahead, the couple packed up and made the long trek across Nebraska to finalize the adoption.

A new name

Their daughter was given a new name—"Audrey Grace Perreten," a new home, loving parents who provided her with the foundation for her Christian faith, and a close relationship with her adopted older sister, Ruth.

"I knew from a very early age that I had been adopted, and as I grew to adulthood there remained with me a curiosity about my birth mother and her family," Audrey said in a letter she wrote about her adoption story to the Child Saving Institute of Omaha in March of 2006.

Years after Audrey's parents passed away, she contacted the Child Saving Institute of Omaha for information about her

birth parents. Finally, in 1991 she received a non-identifying profile of her mother Ethel Grace Wood: a 19-year-old, 5'2", 100-pound high school graduate born in Liverpool, England. Audrey's mother was unwed at the time of her birth, and her biological father was a married man. In addition, Ethel had nine siblings.

This bare-bones profile left the whereabouts of her birth mother and other potential living family members to her imagination.

The Child Saving Institute was bound by rules and regulations designed to protect the identity of birth families leaving Audrey resigned to the fact that there would always be a "missing link" in her identity.

However, her son Gary, a funeral assistant from Hay Springs set out on his own journey to find the missing branch on his mother's family tree. The main clue in tracing Audrey's roots turned out to be her mother's birthplace—Liverpool, England.

"I concluded that her mother had come to the United States via ship. The Ellis Island Web site contains information on ships (most came through Ellis Island) and tells what ships came and who the people were," Gary said.

"Tell Audrey I feel like I have known her for a long time... I am beginning to appreciate my computer a lot since being able to contact one another so quickly."

Marian Yonan

Entering Audrey's birth mother's name in the Ellis Island Web site brought a potential match: Wood, Ethel Grace, 17 years and seven months old in 1920—approximately the age Audrey's mother would have been at the time. One thing didn't match up—the records showed a family of five. The Child Saving Institute had on record the family consisting of 12.

Gary soon found another family by the name of Wood that came over in a group of seven. Gary put two and two together and concluded it wasn't a different family, but rather the family came over in two groups.

Gary was able to utilize census records—a vital tool to his search. Gary

searched the 1930 census records that had only become public knowledge 70 years later in 2000. By tracing Wood families who had come from Liverpool, England, he soon discovered the family had moved to California shortly after his mother's birth.

After locating an obituary of Ethel's sister, Mabel Roderger, Gary was able to obtain a copy of the death certificate. The informant (a person who is next of kin) was listed as Mabel's daughter, Doreen Weise of Santa Rosa, Cali.

"So this tells me Doreen's mother (sister of Ethel) passed away in 1985. What's the chance of Doreen still living at this address?" Gary said.

Gary wrote a letter to the address explaining he was researching his family's history and was hoping someone could help him.

A breakthrough

Against all odds, Doreen called and left Gary a message on his answering machine saying she had contacted Ethel's only living sister—Marian Yonan, and she would be calling him tomorrow.

Jan. 19, 2006. Gary had solved the puzzle: then 91-year-old Marian Yonan of Medford, Ore. was the last surviving child of the Frank and Francis Wood family.

The savvy 91-year-old Yonan welcomed her newfound niece and relatives into her family with open arms and corresponded over the next few years via e-mail, phone calls and letters.

"Tell Audrey I feel like I have known her for a long time, as your letter made me feel that way. I am beginning to appreciate my computer a lot since being able to contact one another so quickly," Yonan wrote.

Yonan provided further insight into Audrey's long sought after roots. Audrey's biological father divorced his wife to marry Audrey's birth mother. The couple had another daughter, Norma Tardiff, a full blood sister to Audrey.



Photo Courtesy of Joan DeHaven

UNK accounts payable manager Joan DeHaven (left), Gary Drabbels (center left), and Susan Roberts (right) are greeted at the Medford Airport in July 2009 by their then 94-year-old great Aunt Marian holding a makeshift sign she put together with cardboard and a flyswatter: "Hi Gary I'm here."

Although it was too late for Audrey to ever meet her birth mother, it wasn't too late for Gary and his sisters, Joan and Susan, to make the trip out to Oregon to visit Yonan.

At the time Norma learned about Audrey, she was brokenhearted from just losing her husband, but later corresponded with Audrey in several letters.

"She was quite upset to hear what I was telling her about Gary's call and refused to listen to me by hanging up the phone," Marian wrote.

Audrey wrote her a sister a letter apologizing if she had upset her and enclosed a picture of herself. Norma replied saying Audrey was the spitting image of her mother.

Marian's nephew had researched the family back to the 1820s and was able to share an ancestry full of seamen and sea captains consigned in the English Navy—one of whom was even knighted by the Queen of England. Ethel's oldest brother was killed in an accident at sea and was the last English sea captain to ever be buried at sea.

One year too late

Audrey's birth mother died Ethel Grace Haddock in 1976 and was buried close to Pebble Beach in California. Audrey's first letter to the Child Saving Institute was in 1977.

Yonan turned 95 on Oct. 5, 2009. She is a great, great, great aunt to Gary's grand kids. Gary's mother is now 87-years-old living with her husband and high school sweetheart, Virgil, in a nursing home in Hay Springs. Although her health conditions make it harder for her to remember things these days, the memory of her birth mother will not soon be forgotten.

"Without a doubt, it is the best gift he has ever given me," Audrey said.

Connecting the dots after the search

DeHaven finds uncanny similarities to long-separated family members

Face-to-face for the first time

Joan DeHaven looked into her great Aunt Marian's face for the first time. She was standing there still in pretty good health for 94. "I could see so much of mom's features in her face, but when we went to her home she had family pictures on the wall. She had a picture of herself when she was much younger, and it was a spitting image of my sister's daughter. They just looked like twins. It was so uncanny," DeHaven said.

DeHaven, the accounts payable manager in the finance office at UNK, met her great Aunt Marian Yonan for the first time in July 2009. Her brother, Gary Drabbels, had located and made contact with Yonan, the last surviving sibling of their mother's birth family. Their mother, Audrey Drabbels, had been adopted as a baby in 1922.

"Back in the 20s there appeared to be quite a stigma on children who were adopted," DeHaven said.

Although not the case with Audrey, many times families would adopt children to use as extra help on the farm, and society perceived adopted children as inferior, more like servants.

"I could always tell it bothered mom she was adopted. She'd say, 'My cousin Tom..., but he's not really my cousin because I'm adopted,'" DeHaven said.

The missing link

Those feelings lingered until DeHaven's brother surprised their mother by finding her birth mother's family after a long search.

"Our whole family has been exuberant about sharing my 'good news.' Our friends and neighbors are rejoicing with me at my finding my long sought roots. Yonan welcomed her niece Audrey into the family with open arms and made the comment that she vaguely remembered her older sister being pregnant (Yonan was seven at the time), but never knew what happened to the baby.

Nature vs. nurture

When DeHaven visited her great aunt in Oregon, she found similarities that

MIRROR IMAGE BETWEEN GENERATIONS

"My tears welled up as, for the first time, I laid eyes on the images of my family members. My long held curiosity was quenched as I recognized resemblances between my birth mother's family and me and my children and their families."

Audrey Drabbels



Photos courtesy of Joan DeHaven

A photo Joan DeHaven took of her great Aunt Marian in her youth has an uncanny resemblance to DeHaven's niece, Angela Roberts Griffith (right).



Photo courtesy of Joan DeHaven

stretched far beyond physical characteristics.

"I don't have an opinion on nature over nurture. Although I do think there are certain people with left brains vs. right brains, and you have a natural ability for one or the other," DeHaven said.

DeHaven took pictures of Yonan's home and bedroom to show to her mother. Her mother, Audrey, was quite talented creatively and loved decorating her house. Aunt Yonan's home was so tastefully decorated it looked like Audrey could have lived there.

"There are so many characteristics of mom's birth family that seemed to have gone to mom as well," DeHaven said.

Both Audrey and her aunt Yonan are very musically gifted, and Audrey passed her love of music on to her kids. Yonan had written a song with lyrics that DeHaven

played and her sister, Susan, sang for Marian.

"Marian went to her piano bench and said, 'Here can you sing this?' So we played and sang it for her, and she was just in seventh heaven. She loved it so much," DeHaven said.

Audrey and her Aunt Marian both loved to write and scrapbook. Aunt Marian compiled an album of family photographs with each page dedicated to the memory of her parents, siblings and their families. The pictures were carefully embellished and framed with cutouts of flowers and cleverly captioned in much the same way Audrey would have done herself. The book Yonan wrote about her family and called "the Wood Pile" included a forward page dedicated to her newfound family member—Audrey Drabbels.

"Tears welled up as, for the first time, I



Photo courtesy of Joan DeHaven

Marian's husband, Jim Yonan (left), Marian's son, Jimmie (second from left), Marian Yonan (center) Marian's son, Paul (second from right), and Paul's wife, Virginia (right) make up the missing branch of Audrey Drabbels' family tree.

laid eyes on the images of my family members. My long held curiosity was quenched as I recognized resemblances between my birth mother's family and me and my children and their families," Audrey wrote.

Yonan noted the many ways her niece Audrey reminded her of her sister and Audrey's mother, Ethel.

"Ethel was the very caring type also. Compared to the rest of us six girls she was more the homebody type," Yonan wrote in one of her e-mails to DeHaven.

A new outlook

Although Audrey was never able to meet her mother, finding her birth family gave her a new outlook on life.

"If I could say one thing to my birth mother who passed away 30 years ago, I would say, 'Thank you for giving me life.' My mother had a belief in the sanctity of life and had to make a heart-wrenching decision to place me in the care of the Child Saving Institute. It was a personal sacrifice beyond the scope of which most of us have to endure," Audrey wrote.

Audrey recognized her fortune in being blessed with a loving adoptive family and wrote, "If I could say one thing to my adoptive parents, I would say, 'Thank you Mama and Daddy for giving me a home, your love and the faith that has seen me through my 83 years.'"

"From the time mom and dad found out about Aunt Marian they wanted us to meet in person. The most rewarding thing was being able to get out there before my mom was gone and before Marian was gone," DeHaven said.

Village People wow halftime audience

BY MATT TOMJACK
Antelope Staff

Everyone who has been to a UNK volleyball or basketball game has seen how memorable intermission promotions over the past few years have been.

From relay races to serving contests all the way to a visit from the Village People, the students of the sport marketing class put on some real class acts earning class credit—while testing marketing skills on real audiences.

Sport marketing professor, Dr. Cliff Summar started the promotions. “I set up an agreement with the athletic department to give my students some firsthand experience in promoting sponsors. Throughout it all, they will learn how to meet the sponsor’s needs, manage the event time and be creative while coming up with an event,” Summar said.

Loper athletics have many sponsors, and most fund an intermission activity. All have welcomed the opportunity to work with students. “The sponsors look forward to the new cre-

ative ideas that students come up with. Most groups don’t use the exact same idea twice. The sponsors have noticed a definite increase in audience participation too,” Summar said.

According to Summar, the biggest reward for the students are the chances to see their visions come to life.

“The sponsor is able to have some return on investing in UNK athletics, but the real reward is for the student. They work for weeks on these promotions, and to be able to say things went smoothly and the event was a hit is a real confidence booster for the men and women of my class.”

While all of the activities are fun and exciting, Summar maintains an educator’s viewpoint. “All of my groups have been excellent and have learned a lot, but there is always room for improvement. There is always something that can be done better, and my job is to teach them to look for the maximum potential of an event before they put it on. Entertainment is what the crowd, the participants, and the sponsor all want. Our goal is to entertain with every event.”



Photo by Sanam Bahila

ABOVE: The Village People show their support for the volleyball team during the second intermission show as they danced to “The Runza Song” on Wednesday, Nov. 3. From left: Bryce Abbey, Xavier Chavez, Mark Bauer, Scott Fransk, Shawn Fairbanks and Cliff Summar. The song, written by Summar, was sung and danced to the tune of the popular Village People song “YMCA.” Matt Tomjack, Abby Richter and Tyrone Hilton planned the event with the aid of the UNK cheerleaders and Loper Legion.

BELOW: The crowd is ecstatic as Modern Language Lecturer Xavier Chavez shows them the proper way to make an “A” during the halftime promotion.

Lets Kill It



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November 12th
at 2:30 p.m.

#7 Adams State

November 14th
at 7 p.m.

#4 UC-Colo. Springs

November 12th
at 5 p.m.

#5 Colorado Mines

November 13th
at 7:30 p.m.

#1 Neb.-Kearney

November 12th
at 7:30 p.m.

#8 Western N.M.

November 12-14
at the Health & Sports Center



Lopers flying high into RMAC tournament



Photo by A Sanam Bhaila

Jeri Walkowiak, a junior middle hitter, exercise science major from Grand Island, goes up for a spike against Colorado School of Mines on Nov. 7. The Lopers defeated CSM in four sets.

RMAC TOURNAMENT

Prior to Thursday, an all-tourney pass is available for purchase for \$20 (\$10 for seniors 60 + and for children 18 & under). Single session tickets will be available for purchase starting Thursday morning. They will cost \$8 (adult), \$4 (seniors and children) and \$1 (college students with ID).

(*H-home game, N-neutral game)

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
11/12/2009	N Metro State vs. Regis	Kearney, NE	12:00 p.m.
11/12/2009	N Mesa State vs. Adams State	Kearney, NE	2:30 p.m.
11/12/2009	N CCSU vs. Colorado Mines	Kearney, NE	5:00 p.m.
11/12/2009	H Western New Mexico University	Kearney, NE	7:30 p.m.
11/13/2009	N TBD	Kearney, NE	5:00 p.m.
11/13/2009	N TBD	Kearney, NE	7:30 p.m.
11/14/2009	N TBD- Championship game	Kearney, NE	7:00 p.m.

Loper of the Week

BY ABBY RICHTER
Antelope Sports Staff

Erica Burson
Volleyball

Erica Burson, a journalism advertising major from Gretna, is one volleyball player you wouldn't want to get in the way of. During the Lopers' defeat over Wayne last Tuesday, Nov. 3, Burson came out on top with 17 kills, a .289 attack percentage, four digs, and two solo blocks.



Photo Courtesy of lopers.com

Name: Erica Burson
Hometown: Gretna
Year: Senior
Major: Journalism Advertising

What is your favorite:

- Color: brown
- Movie: "The Ugly Truth"
- Song: "Build Me Up Buttercup" by the Foundations
- Band: I like everything
- Actress: Kate Hudson
- Actor: Denzel Washington
- T. V. show: I like any bad reality dating shows, like "Flavor of Love." But I also like "White Collar."

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I have spare time? Just kidding, I like to hang out with my friends, and I love to cook! Most of the time, I am doing both.

What is one thing you would consider unique about yourself?

That I went to a Catholic school, but I am Lutheran.

How do you feel the Loper Volleyball season is going? Is there anything you think your team or you individually need to improve on to have a successful rest of the season?

I think that the season is going great I love my team; I think that we need to work on being consistent.

If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be?

I would like to travel to Italy, but I don't want to live anywhere except the United States.

What is your favorite sport besides volleyball?

I am a volleyball nut, so it's hard to say, but I am really starting to like baseball.

What is a quote you like to live by?

"Never forget to smile."

Former Loper basketball star Jura shines bright overseas

BY CLAYTON KUSH
Antelope Sports Staff



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After only his second season in Spain, Jura was in the top 10 in a number of statistical categories. Points per game, rebounds and steals were a few of the categories Jura became one of the best in the league in statistically. Jura is now playing for the Dandenong Rangers in Australia.

quite ready for Division I and became homesick," Jura said. While looking for a smaller school that still had a good basketball program and wasn't too far from his

hometown of Columbus, UNK became the most obvious choice.

Jura burst onto the scene with an outstanding freshman year in which he was named the RMAC Freshman of the Year in 2004. Jura continued his dominating play all four seasons at UNK, collecting more awards. Jura averaged nearly 21 points and 10 rebounds per game his senior season and was named the RMAC Player of the Year for the 2006-07 season along with being named to the RMAC First Team.

His memories of playing at UNK expand past more than just what happened on the court as he developed very close relationships with people in the program. "Looking back at my career at UNK, what I really valued the most was how good of friends I became with of all of my coaches and teammates. I feel that continuing my basketball career at UNK was one of the best decisions I have ever made," Jura said.

Jura didn't have to go far to seek advice on playing basketball professionally overseas as his father, Chuck Jura, played professional basketball in Italy for 14 years during the 70s and early 80s.

Chuck had only a few, but very meaningful words for his son when he took the offer to play in Spain. "I told him to enjoy this time, as playing professional sports is a very short period of time in your life," Chuck said.

He said that the leagues in other coun-

tries have expanded a great deal since basketball has become a global game and that there are more opportunities for young players like Dusty. "In the 70s, if you left the United States to play professional basketball, it meant you were going to either Europe or South America," Chuck said.

It appears that success has followed Jura overseas as well. The 6-foot, 7-inch forward averaged 24 points per game last season with the Cajasur Cordobas and was named the winner of the Jim Roberts MVP.

After two seasons playing in Spain, Jura seems to be doing well, but admits that it was a little hard to get adjusted to basketball in a different country. "Basketball in Spain is very different than in the United States, in both the style of the game and the way the games are run. Teams do not play at as much of an up tempo pace," Jura said.

This has also been a big off-season for Jura as he has been imported to play for a new team, the Dandenong Rangers, who play in the Australian Basketball League. Jura is looking forward to the new experience and chance to play Australian basketball, which he claims to be faster paced like the American game.

It's been quite a journey for this former Loper basketball star. His hard work and determination have helped him become successful in every step of his basketball career, and he isn't planning on changing anything when the season tips off March 21.

Antelope College Picks of the Week



No. 25 West Virginia at No. 5 Cincinnati
No. 10 Iowa at No. 11 Ohio State
Notre Dame at No. 12 Pittsburgh
Stanford at No. 9 USC
No. 16 Utah at No. 4 TCU
Nebraska at Kansas
Saginaw Valley at UNK



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Riding off into a blue and gold sunset

13 football seniors lead Lopers from RMAC bridesmaids to champions in 2009



JAKE MANDELKO

Mandelko was a sixth-year senior for the Lopers. Injured in 2007, he made up for lost time with a tied team-high and RMAC-high five interceptions in 2008. Mandelko led the RMAC in interceptions with six, as well as leading the team with 63 tackles. He compiled 11 interceptions and 125 tackles over the two-year span (167 career tackles), providing irreplaceable experience for the Lopers.



TYRONE HILTON

Hilton spent two years at Southwestern College in Calif., where he was named all-conference honorable mention before transferring to UNK. After redshirting in 2007, Hilton missed most of 2008 due to injuries. He had 18 catches for 319 yards and two touchdowns for the Lopers in his senior year and was always a downfield threat with his speed.



DARRELL BOSTICK

Bostick transferred from Western New Mexico in 2008 where he was Academic All-RMAC in 2006. He provided big play experience at the end of 2008, despite injuries. Bostick finished his two seasons at UNK with 38 tackles and two interceptions, monitoring the center of the field.



MIKE NEAL

Neal transferred from City College of San Francisco to become a three-year starter for UNK. In 2007 he led the team in interceptions with four, returning two of those for touchdowns. Neal finished his UNK career with 112 tackles, six interceptions and 10 pass breakups, providing solid pass coverage for the Lopers.



PAT ACKERMAN

Ackerman has provided three solid years for the Lopers. He was a two-time Academic All-RMAC and a 2009 co-captain. Ackerman was second on the team with 62 tackles his senior year. Career statistics show 138 tackles, four interceptions and 11 pass breakups for the ball-hawking safety.



ERIC SCHEELE

Scheele, the most experienced at his position, was moved to inside linebacker his senior year after his breakout season in 2008 at outside linebacker. Scheele's career numbers include 133 tackles, 16.5 tackles for loss and five sacks, totaling 105 of those tackles in his final two seasons.



OZZIE SMITH

Smith, a two-year starter, was 2009 Preseason All-RMAC, as well as a member of the 2008 third team All-RMAC, when he had a tied team-high and RMAC-high five interceptions. He had big tackle numbers his senior year with 56, giving him 124 for his career. The shutdown corner had seven career interceptions and 16 career pass breakups.



OWEN STUBBS

Stubbs was a relentless player, however he had an injury-plagued career for UNK. Despite that he was still two-time Academic All-RMAC. He had 23 tackles in his career and inspired teammates to never give up.



JORDAN ALEGRIA

Alegria, who once kicked off for the Huskers in 2006, handled the kicking duties for the Lopers in 2009. He went 16-22 on field goals with a long of 48. His punts averaged 38.9 yards with 13 landing inside the 20-yard line. He had four touchbacks on kickoffs. He has been a Loper since 2007, and has done some linebacker duty as well.



BRENNAN JOHNSON

Johnson joined the team in 2009, punting eight times for an average of 36.6 yards, landing one inside the 20-yard line.



JACK HIETT

Hiatt was a three-time co-captain, three-time First Team All-RMAC entering his senior year, and two-time All-Region. He was named 2006 RMAC Offensive Freshman of the Year, was a regional finalist for the 2008 Gene Upshaw Award, and was a 2009 Preseason All-American. Hiatt started all 42 games he has played in despite an injury to his snapping hand during his senior year.



JAKE MCGLADE

McGlade, a three-time Academic All-RMAC, was a versatile lineman who could play and guard and center positions. McGlade started a few games in 2007, was top reserve lineman in 2008, and started all of 2009 as a key part of the line.



KYLE DAVISON

Davison was a four-year starter for the Lopers. He was three-time All-RMAC entering his senior year, and started all 42 games he has played in. His impact will be greatly missed in the trenches.

On the road to the
beginning of a new journey...

Athlete becomes coach

BY DAN LENZEN

Antelope Sports Staff

After a stellar track career herself, Kelli Dring, a senior interior design major, quickly jumped into the UNK coaching ranks as assistant track coach this fall.

Dring came to UNK in 2005 on a track and field scholarship from Kearney High School.

While in high school, she competed in track and volleyball, with her favorite sport being track. She was recruited for track both by UNK and the University of South Dakota. "I was getting ready to sign at USD, but it just wasn't the plan for me. I had mixed feelings and was undecided about my major. A really good friend of mine was going here and was on the track team, and he talked me into coming here," Dring said.

While at UNK, Dring competed in

numerous events in track and field. "My main events were the long jump, the high jump and the triple jump. I also competed in hurdles, the heptathlon [seven events] for outdoor track and the pentathlon [five events] for indoor track."

In her favorite event, the long jump, she had a career best 19-foot, 10-inch jump. Other highlights during her career included six All-Americans for long jump. She was the 2008 national runner-up in the long jump, and she was a four-time RMAC field athlete of the year.

Soon after her track career ended, Dring became the full-time jumps coach. "I was done with track, and I was here and only had a year left. I only needed 14 credits to graduate. My coach, Mike Bailey, was leaving to move on with his career. Being as I learned from his techniques, I fell into it. I couldn't leave track that eas-

ily anyway," Dring said. She said her favorite part of coaching is being around the sport in a hands-on manner, working with student athletes and seeing them succeed. Dring's favorite athlete is her brother, Rustin, who is a running back on the UNK football team.

Dring plans to coach until at least through this year, and then from there it just depends on if she can find a job next year with a design firm. She is planning to specialize in kitchens and baths with her interior design major.

"My plans are not really set in stone anywhere after I graduate. I'm open to go wherever as long as I find a job that is in my field and specialized in what I want to do. I have no ties that are holding me back. I have been networking with some firms in Denver, but anything is an option. I'm open for any new journey," Dring said.



Photo Courtesy of UNK Athletic Department
Kelli Dring competes in the long jump during a track meet. Dring was a six-time All-American at UNK and had a career best jump of 19 feet, 10 inches in the long jump.

Preseason intensity builds before the show begins

BY NATE BRITTON

Antelope Sports Staff

Last year the Loper basketball team ended their season with a record of 11 wins and 15 losses. They lost some of their starters, leaving them with three returnees, and only have one senior on the team. Still, the team as a whole seems to be happy with the outcome of the recruiting, so that helps team spirit.

Co-head coach Tom Kropp says his team may be young, but their strength lies in their depth. "One thing we do not have to worry about is being plagued by injuries because we have a lot of players at every position," Kropp said.

Kropp says his young and inexperienced team would have to improve as the season goes on. He said that the one returning senior would have to step into the leadership shoes for this team to have a little direction.

"All three of our returning starters averaged 10 points a game last season, so that

will help as this year takes off, but our major aspect we coach is defense—because a good D can keep you in any game," Kropp said.

Josiah Parker, a senior business management major from Lincoln, agrees with the team about the success of the recruiting. "The coaches really brought in some good scorers and a lot of sizes, so that should help our team out a lot," Parker said.

He said his position as the only senior on the team does present some challenges, but he can work on his leadership skills and feels he is ready to take on the role as a team leader. Parker plans to work on his game as well as help the younger players improve theirs. "I need to work on becoming a major defensive threat on the court as well as strengthen my rebounding," Parker said.

Parker said they have been practicing hard during the preseason and will continue with the same intensity all season long. However, he is really excited for the UNO game and hopes the young recruits will learn something from that game as well.

Munch closes rewarding inaugural season with women's soccer team

BY JENNIFER KARDELL

Antelope Sports Staff

Mike Munch, head coach of the Loper women's soccer team, had an experience that can't be taken away this year. As the coach of the first soccer team at UNK, his first season will always be a part of UNK's history, along with the record-breaking NCAA Division II women's soccer crowd against Wayne State College at the first home game.

In that first game, the Lopers also defeated the Wildcats with a score of 2-1. Munch says the 1-18-1 record does not show the heart his team had throughout the season. The team played hard from start to finish.

Munch has years of experience that helped the team have a positive mentality about their season. There has always been a love for the game of soccer for Munch. He started playing soccer when

he was only eight years old. He continued to play until he was in his 30s. Part of his 10-year soccer career was spent on a high-level club team. Not only did Munch enjoy playing the game, he got involved by coaching at 16. He also spent 13 years as a coach at the collegiate level. To say Munch is qualified to be the head coach is an understatement. His experience as a coach and many years as a player help him provide great leadership to his team.

When offered the job of head coach, Munch grabbed the opportunity. "The opportunity to coach at the Division II level again, the ability to start a new program, UNK's size, location, historical success in athletics and the support of the campus and community" all made it hard to turn the job down, Munch said.

As the head coach of a Division II soccer team, there isn't much free time

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From China to CTW

Chinese international student expresses love for Nebraska, basketball and Barack Obama

BY SAM BATES
Antelope Staff

Imagine your first day on campus. What were some of the feelings pulsing through you? Fear? Anxiety? Did you feel like you were alone? Now imagine you've lost half of your vocabulary.

Yintian Duan, an international student from the Hunan province in China, can relate to the previous situation. "It was really hard first semester. I forced myself to talk to people and get to know the language," Duan said.

A couple of years make a big difference. Duan, a junior business administration major with a marketing emphasis, now feels comfortable in the Cornhusker state.

"I feel like it is my second home. I am proud to say that I'm from Nebraska. At night I don't feel safe (in other places). In Nebraska it is safe," Duan said.

"Chinese people are crazier than Americans about the NBA."

Yintian Duan

Junior business administration major with a marketing emphasis

Life for an international student at UNK is not an easy adjustment. Involvement in campus life helped Duan become accustomed to life in Kearney. As a second year resident advisor, currently in Centennial Towers West, he feels like he is making a difference and also loves the benefits. "It's really great for work experience and good for business people. I'm kind of a leader, and I can learn how to be a good leader. Plus you get free food and free board."

The large number of international students on campus is evident to anyone walking around UNK, though they often seem to only accompany only other international students. Duan offers an explanation for this "pack" behavior. He says if he had not become an RA two years ago he would have preferred to stay with those he can relate to also.

"We come from the same background. We communicate. We all have different cultures but [here] it's almost the same for

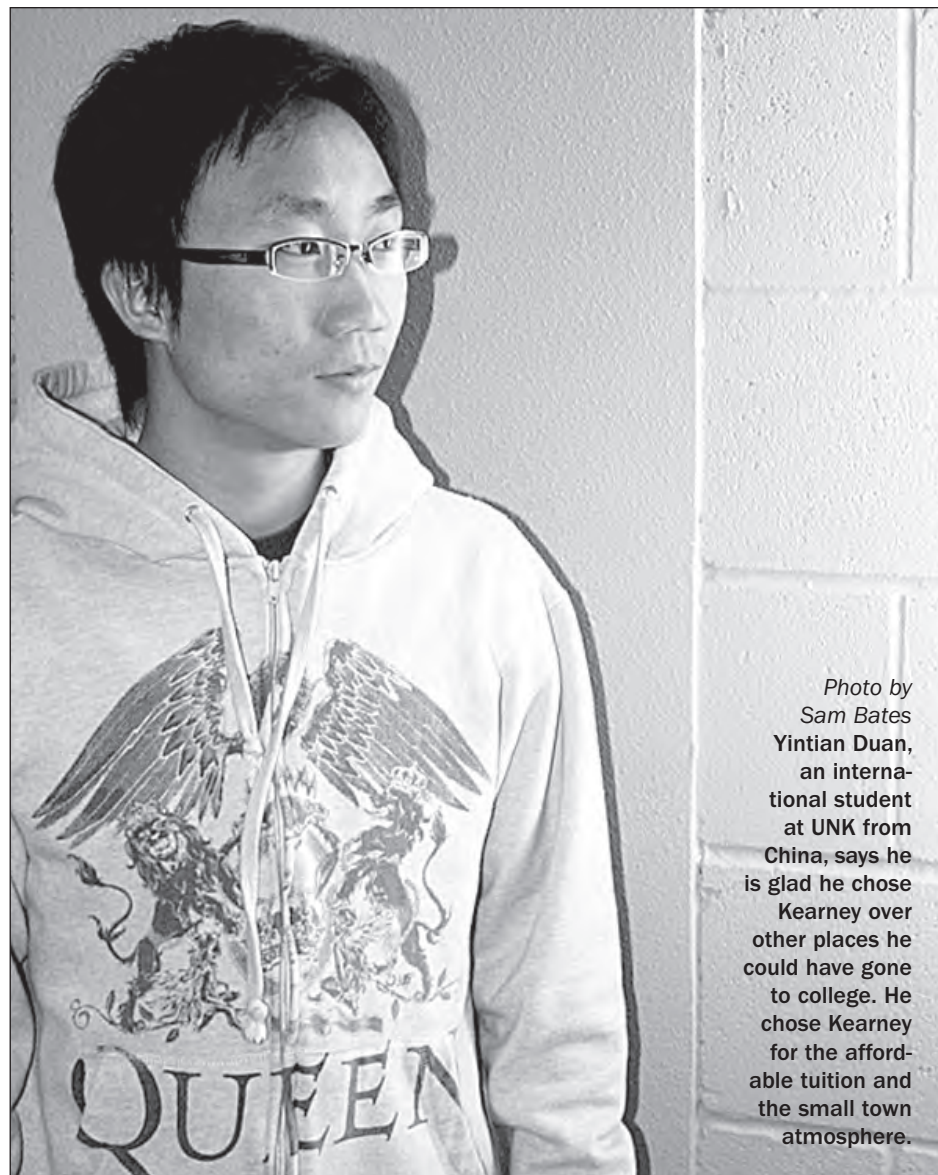


Photo by Sam Bates
Yintian Duan, an international student at UNK from China, says he is glad he chose Kearney over other places he could have gone to college. He chose Kearney for the affordable tuition and the small town atmosphere.

Photo by Sam Bates
A glance into Duan's room reveals pictures of home as well as recent ventures to various places in the U.S taped around his room. He resides in CTW as the seventh floor RA and keeps his door open as much as possible to encourage people to stop and chat.



International Education Week: Free activities celebrate, inform

During International Education Week 2009, Nov. 16-19 in the Cedar Room of the Nebraskan Student Union, UNK will daily events to consider the culture and concerns of Latin America, Asia, Europe and Africa.

Activities during this week are part of a nationwide celebration of the contributions of international education toward mutual understanding and diplomacy worldwide.

Special lunch sessions will be held, each featuring a different region of the world. Free regionally-themed appetizers will be served, while Study/Intern Abroad students, current international students and international student alumni present their experiences related to the region of the day.

Study/Intern Abroad discussions will be held from 12-12:30 p.m., followed by International Student presentations from 12:30-1 p.m.

Activities begin Monday

Nov. 16- LATIN AMERICA
Study/Intern Abroad Panel
Discussion & Speaker:
Monica Page/
Camilla Para Diaz

Nov. 17 - ASIA
Study/Intern Abroad Panel
Discussion & Speakers:
Deepti Khedekar

Nov. 18- EUROPE
Study/Intern Abroad Panel
Discussion & Speaker:
Fatih Kara

Nov. 19- AFRICA
Study/Intern Abroad Panel
Discussion & Speaker:
David Jal

A Closing Celebration featuring a DJ music & dance will be held Thursday evening (6-11 p.m.) in the Multicultural Affairs Office.

All activities are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Ann Marie Park, Coordinator for UNK Study Abroad & Exchange Programs at 308-865-8944 or by email at parkam@unk.edu.

Gun free zone endangers those it's intended to save

BY MATT IBERG
Antelope Staff



In 1991, George Hennard drove his pickup truck through Luby's Cafeteria in Killeen, Texas, and then started firing his pistol into the restaurant. Hennard killed 23 people and injured 20 more before turning the gun on himself.

At the time, Texas law forbade the possession of concealed weapons.

Suzanna Hupp and her parents were eating lunch at the time Hennard drove

into the restaurant. Hupp, who was an expert marksman, had left her firearm in her vehicle to obey state law.

Hennard gunned down both of Hupp's parents.

What if Hupp had been legally able to carry her weapon?

In 1992, Arthur McElroy walked into a University of Nebraska at Lincoln actuarial science class and pointed his semiautomatic rifle at his classmates.

As McElroy pulled the trigger, fear and panic swept through the classroom.

Luckily, his gun jammed.

The list goes on and on: Columbine, Virginia Tech, Omaha's Westroads Mall, a suburban Chicago shopping center and

Northern Illinois University.

Each of these shootings occurred in "gun free zones." Obviously, the shooter didn't get the memo.

"Gun free zones," in theory, sound great; but then again, so does communism.

In Nebraska, state law allows people to carry registered concealed weapons; however, the law also allows the property owners to post signs that prohibit those weapons from legally being carried on their property.

Now, don't get me wrong, I don't think it's a citizen's right to carry around AK-47s and assault rifles openly and freely. I do believe that it is a citizen's right to protect themselves in a defensive manner.

"Gun free zones" are not just dangerous for those who adhere to the law, but they also endanger those very same people.

Between 1966 and 1994 approximately 23 school shootings occurred, killing 67 people.

On Oct. 20, 1994, the Gun Free School Zones Act was enacted. In the 15 years since, there have been approximately 57 school shootings, killing more than 130 people.

A 1996 statistical study conducted by John Lott, a senior research scholar from the Yale University School of Law, and William Landes, a professor of law and economics at the University of Chicago School of Law, concluded three main points.

One: Concealed weapon laws reduced the number of people killed and injured because either the potential shooter was deterred from opening fire, or the shooter was stopped by people with licensed weapons.

Two: "Gun free zones" increase murders, injuries and shootings.

Three: Concealed weapon laws are the only gun law that appears to deter crime.

On three specific and documented instances, concealed weapons greatly reduced the number of potential casualties.

Lott and Landes's study found that concealed weapon laws were successful in excess of 70 percent of the time.

In 1997, a student on his way from his high school in Pearl, Miss., had just shot multiple people at the junior high school across the street when his assistant principal, Joel Myrick approached him. Myrick had retrieved a gun from his car and stopped the onslaught.

GUN CONTROL FACTS

233 million: Number of firearms in the U.S.

8: Number of firearms produced by U.S. manufacturers every minute.

4: Number of people killed by firearms every hour in America.

4: Number of federal safety standards that apply to the manufacture of teddy bears.

0: Number of federal safety standards that apply to the manufacture of firearms.

Source: pbs.org

In 2001, a student started shooting his Santee, Calif., high school classmates; luckily a San Diego policeman bringing his daughter to school that day was able to subdue the killer with his own gun until other police arrived.

In 2002, a student at the Appalachian School of Law began to open fire on his fellow students. Two people ran to their vehicles and grabbed their guns and forced the shooter to drop his weapon.

"Gun free zones" are nothing more than a shooter's paradise where unarmed, helpless, innocent and law-abiding citizens become the prey.

The Dalai Lama said, "If someone has a gun and is trying to kill you, it would be reasonable to shoot back with your own gun."

Our founding fathers understood the right of citizens to protect themselves providing the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Thomas Jefferson was a proponent of this amendment, and most importantly, of concealed weapons. "Laws that forbid the carrying of arms...disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes," Jefferson wrote. "Such laws only make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assassins; they serve to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."

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Kick back at one of 'Top Five' hangouts

BY BRIANA DUNCAN
Antelope Staff

When Friday finally arrives, college students look forward to letting loose and placing all scholastic thoughts in the back of their heads for the next few days. Each student usually only has two nights to make the best of their weekend.

In my opinion there are five places that allow me to kick back, relax and enjoy some time away from the books.

1. Paddy O'Malley's

A Kearney favorite hangout, not only on the weekends but also on a casual evening during the week, is Paddy O'Malley's. O'Malley's as it's normally called, has great music choices with a fun, low-key atmosphere. The bar offers reasonably priced drinks with the guarantee of never having to pay a cover charge.

O'Malley's is known for the basketball hoop located in the center of the bar, the mass amount of peanuts where the shells can be simply tossed onto the floor and

pool tables located in the back room. The staff is always friendly, and there never seems to be a long wait time to get a beer or a favorite cocktail.

2. Cunningham's Journal

Second on the top five list for top weekend hangouts in Kearney is Cunningham's Journal. This bar along with The Loft and The Courtyard offer a large space for a good time. Cunningham's, or Hams as it sometimes is called, is more of a city-like venue with great drink specials during the week.

If you like celebrating Tuesdays or don't have an early class on Wednesday, then check out Old School Night. Old School Night at Ham's offers low priced drinks, a reasonable cover charge and classic oldies over the speakers. Cunningham's also has great bands during the weekends. Bands like Stars Go Dim, Groove Puppet and Champagne with Friends give the crowd excitement and their money's worth. A shot bar, dance floor and pool tables and are a few reasons to check it out.

3. Shooters

If you haven't been to Shooters Bar located in downtown Kearney, then you're definitely missing out. If anyone you know is going out to the bars on a Wednesday, I would put money on the fact that they were going to Shooters. Known for their Wednesday karaoke night, Shooters offers \$5 pitchers with a cover charge of just \$1, so if you can stand an off-key note once in a while, then this is the place for you to celebrate Hump Day. If live music is your niche, then head down to this country hangout on Friday nights for some live music. Think you don't have enough cash to hit up the town? Then take advantage of the tower shots at Shooters. Just \$1 for the mystery flavor.

4. Lumbergs

Busy on Wednesday and can't make it to Shooters for karaoke on Wednesday? Do not fear. Head to Lumbergs on any Tuesday or Thursday. You can usually find this bar packed on these nights, along with no cover charge and \$2 "you call its." The

crowd can't help but sing along during karaoke with personal renditions of the classics. This is one of the smaller bars of the top five but still won't leave many disappointed.

5. Big Apple Fun Center

The final weekend hangout spot in Kearney is the Big Apple Fun Center. The Big Apple, a fun enjoyable evening for families, can also be a great time for college students. Bowling, miniature golf, go-karts and more activities can be found at The Big Apple as well as happy hour drink and food specials. It's a great place to have a social drink with friends or a bite to eat with the family. The sports bar also hosts billiards, darts, keno and several HD plasma televisions showing the sporting event of your choice.

Kearney may not be a giant metropolis, but its weekend social scene will never disappoint. Anyone is guaranteed to enjoy at least a laugh or a memorable moment at any of these top five locations.

Pearl Jam is last of flannel folk heroes

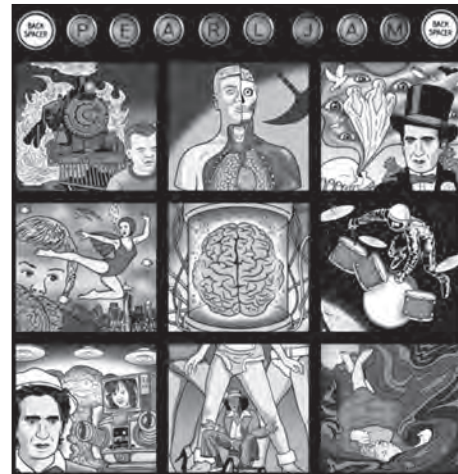
BY TRAVIS SCHOTT
Antelope Staff

The music world was transformed in the early 90s when grunge music ripped onto the scene. Bands like Nirvana, Alice In Chains, Stone Temple Pilots and Pearl Jam were all led by a new generation of beatnik social misfits: Kurt Cobain, Layne Staley and Eddie Vedder. Seemingly proud of their growing addictions and fully clad in their ripped Levi's, cardigans, flannels and Ramones and Iggy Pop T-shirts, they moaned distressing lyrics helping to create a new breed of music fan.

Many of the bands formed during that era are no more. Tragedy struck Nirvana and Chains early with the deaths of front men Cobain and Staley. STP was torn apart by egos and addiction, and other great grunge bands like Soundgarden and Blind Melon were also victims to similar fates.

But one has endured, and the last remaining flannel folk heroes just celebrated the release of their ninth album "Backspacer," proving Pearl Jam is still one of rock's most vital forces.

"Backspacer" bursts out of the gate with three fast-paced, hard-nosed tracks that echo with vintage Pearl Jam style. "Got Some" and "The Fixer" both resonate with the same powerful tempo and pulse



pounding tone that came out in classic Pearl Jam tracks like "Alive" and "Even-flow."

From start to finish "Backspacer" runs just 39 minutes in length. Each song flows seamlessly into the next and is layered with the same organic tone that made "Ten" and "Vitalogy" instant classics.

Fortuitously enough, guitarists Mike McCready and Stone Gossard help complete the album by offering their typical soulful and rugged playing in tracks like "Supersonic" and "Force of Nature." And on two occasions, Vedder captures the same acoustic magic he discovered in the

2008 soundtrack for the Sean Penn film "Into the Wild" with "The End" and "Just Breathe"—no doubt the closest thing PJ will ever come to producing a love song.

As is the case with all Pearl Jam records, Vedder's expressive and moving vocals complete the album. It appears the band has finally come to grips with the contemporary political climate they once

so publicly detested and are now willing to accept the world, and society, for what they are.

Vedder manages to refrain from offering his occasional political rhetoric and allows for a bit of reprieve by allowing the same tone and passion to permeate through his voice that has always managed to capture the depths of human desperation.

RECREATION JOBS! January-April seasonal positions

- Girls & Boys Basketball Coach (\$7.75-8.25 per hour)
- Girls & Boys Basketball Official (\$7.75-8.25 per hour)
- Parent/Child Soccer & Baseball Inst. (\$7.75-8.25 per hour)
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It's a UNK student tradition: Donuts after dark

BY EMILY WEMHOFF

Antelope Staff

It's 12:45 a.m. on Friday morning. More than 50 college students are lined up along the side of the building. Some students are holding their cups of spare change they saved up all week. Tummies growl and rumble as the smell of freshly baked donuts makes its way out from under the front door.

Finally, at exactly 1 a.m. the "Open" sign lights up and a few cheers are heard from the front of the crowd.

Every Friday morning at 1 a.m., Daylight Donuts, located at 2315 2nd Ave, opens their doors to a crowd of college students waiting patiently for their after midnight snack. Why donuts at 1 a.m.?

There are several reasons why UNK college students crave Daylight Donuts.

"I come for the dinosaur sprinkles!" said Josh Brummer, a sophomore from Kearney. "Soft, yummy frosting at 1 a.m. is so

much better than writing my paper," said Emily Webb, a freshman from Dannebrog.

There is a donut for everyone: glazed, powdered, chocolate, sprinkled and even cinnamon rolls. But some students come for more than just the donuts.

Bjorn Lund, a junior from Salt Lake City said, "I come to socialize, so that's why I happen to consume six donuts every time."

"It's fun just to say I did it since it's kind of tradition amongst students," said sophomore Jennifer Wegener.

More students stop by as the morning continues, but by the time most students leave Daylight Donuts, it is close to 2 a.m. It's a late night, and definitely doesn't make those 8 a.m. classes sound any more appealing. Even though many won't get the recommended amount of sleep that night, the freshly baked donuts and bonding with friends makes up for the lack of sleep.

"It's definitely worth it!" said freshman Jenny Frisch.



Photos by Emily Wemhoff

ABOVE: Freshmen James Selders and Emily Webb debate about which donuts look the most appetizing. "Soft, yummy frosting at 1 a.m. is so much better than writing my paper," Webb said.

RIGHT: Daylight Donuts, located at 2315 2nd Ave., opens their doors to a crowd of college students at 1 a.m. on Friday mornings. A variety of freshly baked donuts are available to choose from.



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Free tickets

Complimentary tickets for The Luna Negra Dance Theatre are available for UNK students for the Wednesday Nov. 18, 7 p.m. performance on a first-come, first served basis. Please contact the dean of your college or your student government president or vice president about tickets to this performance.

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us. It's easier to talk about lots of things and joke around."

Difficult adjustment and cultural differences aside, why would someone want to move from China to CTW of all places? Good question says Duan.

"Kearney is a small town. Nebraska is not famous for international student programs, so I thought there would be really few international people here. I wanted to be closer to American culture and to practice English."

Wait...American culture? To Duan, America has a lot of culture, such as major sports like basketball. He says that in China, basketball stars, like Kobe Bryant, are huge celebrities. "Chinese people are crazier than Americans about NBA," Duan said.

Duan is a basketball fan also and even started a team at UNK last year. "I was the captain of the Chinese Basketball team, and we would practice and have training on Saturday and Thursday. We also played intramurals."

Since moving to Kearney in January 2007, Duan has had the opportunity to learn about American traditions, such as the election of a president. During last year's election, he noticed the differences between American and Chinese government.

"The biggest difference is we have only one party, Communism. Democracy is not as good there, especially in that we have no rights to vote. We have a chairman and a few people to represent. I paid a lot of attention with Barack Obama. I love politics."

Duan is set to graduate next year and has big plans for his future. "Well in five years I will go to a big city like Los Angeles or New York to work and eventually get my master's degree, which requires me to have work experience. The United States has the best education in the world. That's why I want to stay over here to work."

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available, but when given the chance, soccer is still not far from his mind. "Soccer is my job and my avocation. I am involved in soccer 365 days a year in some form or fashion. I do like all sports though, particularly football," Munch said.

Looking back at his first season, he finds himself appreciative of his team's hard work and the immense support the fans have given to him and the team. However, he can't quite pick a favorite moment of the season. "Everyone would expect it to be the first game: the record crowd and the end-of-game goal to win that game. That was great, but I was happier for the players, fans and administration. I have really enjoyed working with this team and seeing them grow and compete and become a team. Taking the field for our first practice scrimmage was very memorable for me." Munch said.

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Greek Storm supports unity in the community

BY NATHAN BLAHA
Antelope Staff

Kearney Greeks united Tuesday Nov. 3 to cheer on the Tri-City Storm in their 2-1 victory over the Lincoln Stars.

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) in cooperation with the Panhellenic Council planned the Greek Storm at the Viaero Event Center in Kearney to improve Greek unity in the Kearney community.

Ben Schleiger, a Lincoln senior majoring in construction management and president of IFC, said, "The Greek Storm game gets the Greek members out into the community, along with publicizing the chapters by showing our support for the Storm." With over 120 Greek members in attendance, support for the Storm was strong last Tuesday night.

Usually one of the biggest events for IFC, Greek Storm was planned in a hectic month as the members of IFC tried to pig-

gyback the game with the Women's Symposium. "Having the events on the same day would further the sororities and fraternities unity," Schleiger said. "This allowed the fraternities to show their support of the sorority efforts with the Kearney community."

The Greek Storm game marked the third time IFC and Panhellenic collaborated for what Schleiger hopes to become an annual event in Kearney. "We are hoping to expand the Greek Storm game and turn it into a philanthropic event in the future," Schleiger said. "Working with Storm hockey was fun, and they are very willing to help with making this an even better event in the future."

Photo by Nathan Blaha

Members of Pi Kappa Alpha and Gamma Phi Beta surround the Tri-City Storm's mascot, Stormy, during the Storm game against the Lincoln Stars.



Music, art, tattoos captivate crowd at Japanese Festival



ABOVE: Japanese students impress the crowd with a powerful and exciting "So-ran" dance. The dance was a showcase of dynamic choreography and modern rhythms and beats.

TOP CENTER: Yukie Imura, a junior biology major from Japan draws a Kanji tattoo meaning "heaven" on Angie Boersen, a junior communication disorders major from Grand Island.

TOP RIGHT: Yohei Hagiwara, a freshman aviation major from Gumma, Japan, flips through his favorite manga series. Manga is a Japanese comic and was among the many types of Japanese books, magazines and brochures displayed by the entrance of the 2009 Japanese Festival.



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Photo by Debbie Epping
Ayae Mori, a senior music major from Kagoshima, Japan, (left), and Risa Ito, a senior social work major from Aichi, Japan (right), display a sign hand-painted in Shodo or Japanese calligraphy. Both artists demonstrated their calligraphy skills in the union on Saturday night.