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Partly Cloudy

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Partly Cloudy

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Low 21

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Rain/Snow

High 38

Low 24

Gingerbread man finds new home

LPAC spreads holiday cheer with lively competition for students and groups

Mark Hayden
Antelope Staff

This is the time of year when families are getting together to celebrate the birth of Christ. That is not such the case for residents of the Kearney who are not as fortunate who do not have the resources to come together and celebrate, which is why UNK students are doing their part to help.

On Thursday Nov. 29, 2007, UNK students gathered in the Ponderosa Room in the Nebraska Student Union to partake in a gingerbread house competition. The event brought 30 teams to show what you can do with a box of graham crackers and a three cups of frosting.

The teams consisted of one to three people and as an admission fee to the competition; each member donated one can of food to donate to families who are less fortunate during this holiday season. The contest consisted of traditional gingerbread houses, but some teams chose to take a different route, and built structures that pertained to trains, card houses and duplexes.

This is not the first year for the graham-cracker-building showdown. Jamie Schaffnitt, Coordinator of Student Activities, told me that last year was the first time for it and decided to bring back again due to the amount of fun had by all.

“Before we just used to do a holiday celebration and celebrate different cultures. Students came in and talked about their traditions. But to spice it up a little bit; we added



Photo by Aki Kato
Bayley Marsh (left) and Danielle Policanpio (right) decorate their gingerbread house.

the gingerbread house contest,” Schaffnitt said.

The time restriction is what ultimately made the adrenaline rush through the veins of the bakers. For some, 25 minutes did not suffice. First place winners didn't go home with frosty fingers: if you wore the apron right and your head was in the game, groups took home a \$250 prize and single competitors took home a \$75 prize.

An impressive 30 students were attendance, with 26 of those being group entries and four being individual entries. Each team was supplied with one box of graham crackers and frosting to use for their gingerbread house, or castle, as some chose.

Judges based your work on originality, creativity, quality of workmanship, overall effect and pre-assembled items. Teams were allowed to bring pre-created items, but the more you brought with you; equaled missing out on points in the latter category.

The first place award for group projects was received by, Pat Ackerman, Chris Salinas, Amber Lewis and Audrey Rowley. They announced that they will be putting the reward money towards buying gifts for needy children this holiday season. The top prize for individual work went to Angie Boirsen.

The SIMM (Students in Mass Media) team chose to try their luck on building a train

out of the hexagonal Christmas treats. They came across some difficulties when it came to transferring the train to the tracks.

UNK senior Siobhan Duffy was on the train crew and had an exciting experience at this years contest.

“We [SIMM] did this last year and we had a great time, so we thought we would partake in the event again this year and it was a fun time. We had almost a minute to go in the contest and the train collapsed when we put it on the track,” Duffy said.

This adventure brought back memories for Duffy. The gingerbread house construction rekindled fond reminiscences of her favorite thing to do with her

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Siobhan Duffy
UNK Senior

grandmother while stuck inside on cold snow days in the middle of December.

“My grandmother and I used to build gingerbread houses together and I miss her dearly, so it was kind of bittersweet,” Duffy said.

One group decided that Santa was not being a good husband to Mrs. Claus, so they developed a plan for her and built a duplex for the two to live in. Without having to be totally without her jolly Saint Nick; they decided that it would be best for Santa to move in next door. Heather Taeahon, 20, of Gothenburg, Neb. was apart of the group and their idea fell short of a duplex when the roof collapsed with about two minutes to go.

“We built a gingerbread duplex for Mr, and Mrs. Claus, but despite the roof caving in, we had a blast,” Taeahon said.

Kearney 8 opens to rave reviews

Theatre opens in time to make the most of the end of year movie rush



Photo by Hajime Nagao
The front of the Kearney Cinema 8 adds a colorful hue to the Kearney area. Visitors can enjoy aspects of the modern theatre like computerized movie posters with previews.

Jared Hoff
Antelope Staff

The Kearney 8 opened on Nov. 22 to the delight of a large crowd that was eagerly awaiting the opening of the brand new building.

Before the opening, employees had to scramble and work hard cleaning and tidying up last minute details.

The busy first couple of nights obviously weren't a surprise to employee Nicole Miller, who said the 7:30 p.m. shows are the most crowded.

“We had a really busy opening weekend, but it has since slowed down a little,” Miller said. “There are about 25-30 employees and most of them, like me, are responsible for ushering and concessions.”

The movies, which are kept a week before a new set arrives, featured a wide variety of selections. The Hitman, Enchanted, August Rush, The Mist, Dan in Real Life, Into the Wild and This Christmas were the movies offered in the first week.

Sarah Hagemann is a Central Community College

student in Kearney and is Assistant Manager at Kearney 8. Hagemann said she was very pleased with the opening week and weekend.

“We were really busy. We had a blast on opening night and then opening weekend was crazy!”

Hagemann works roughly 40-60 hours per week at Kearney 8. “I have to make schedules, and when the GM isn't working I am in charge. I basically have to run the place like making sure projections are working, enough staff members are scheduled and other things of that nature,”

Hagemann said.

Things have been operating smoothly in the new state-of-the-art theatre. Crews have been on standby to work out little details here and there throughout the entire building.

The new building is very spacious and one will immediately notice the thundering sounds coming from within one of the theatres. The incredible sound has generated many compliments and has enhanced the movie-going experience for many people.

Another well received contribution to the new building is the poster boards. The boards are small flat screen TVs that display trailers to the currently playing and upcoming movies.

Hagemann said that Kearney 8 is still looking for help and positions are available. Ushers and concession supervisors are started out at minimum wage, \$5.85 an hour.

“We offer pretty flexible hours and it's an opportunity for kids or students to put in a good number of hours per week at this job,” Hagemann said.

The biggest individual theatre in the building holds 270 people. Construction of the 1,290-seat theater at 300 Third Ave. started in April. The \$6 million project includes stadium-style seats and many other modern amenities.

Weekend Showtimes

August Rush

Rated: PG
Time: 4:25, 7:20

Enchanted

Rated: PG
Time: 4:00, 5:00, 7:10, 7:30

Hitman

Rated: R
Time: 5:00, 7:30

The Mist

Rated: R
Time: 4:15, 7:25

This Christmas

Rated: PG-13
Time: 4:10, 7:15

Dan in Real Life

Rated: PG-13
Time: 5:05, 7:35

Into the Wild

Rated: R
Time: 4:00, 7:45

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Involved students more satisfied, survey reveals

The Student Assessment Committee releases survey given to UNK students

Ben Webb
Antelope Staff

The Student Assessment Committee recently released the results for two surveys given to a random selection of UNK students during the spring semester. The two surveys, the Student Involvement Survey and the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), helped the committee to gauge student engagement both inside and outside the classroom.

The Student Involvement Survey was completed in April 2007 by 996 UNK students

which included an inclusive cross section of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. It explored the factors of student life that directly affect their involvement, or lack thereof, in UNK events, student groups, etc. These factors include whether the survey responder lived on campus or off campus, whether they worked on campus or off campus and what their current level of involvement is whether it be with official UNK events or meetings with athletic, religious or other student groups. Jessy Hansen, graduate assistant in the Office of Assessment, summed up what

the results showed her and the Student Assessment Committee. "Overall, the results showed that students who were involved with at least one activity were significantly more satisfied on many items than those who were not involved in any activities. Some of these items included the opportunity to have close friends at UNK, fit into the campus community, and attend campus activities." For complete results of the Student Involvement Survey, students are encouraged to visit www.unk.edu/academicaffairs and click on the "Assessment" link to view them.

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) is a survey that UNK has participated in since 2002 and its purpose is to gather information from first year and senior students about the nature and quality of their undergraduate experiences. Hansen said that due to the value of such information, the Student Assessment Committee will often work with other student groups such as Student Life, Academic Success and even the Vice Chancellor's office. These groups and individuals will then use this information to "learn about their stu-

dents' satisfaction and learning in the classroom along with how to get and keep students involved." Some results from the survey show that 89% of first year students report a favorable image of UNK, 82% of seniors would choose UNK again if they could start their college career over and by the time they are seniors, 66% of UNK students have participated in community service or volunteer work. For complete results of the NSSE, follow the link mentioned earlier in this article and click on "NSSE" in the Assessment section.

The Student Assessment

Committee at UNK is a group interested in representing students' concerns surrounding several of the important assessment issues on campus. It was also formed to help disseminate information and to educate their student peers about assessment at UNK. If interested in joining the Student Assessment Committee, students are encouraged to contact committee members or the Office of Assessment itself which can be reached by phone at 865-8495 or by email at assessment@unk.edu.

President Bush campaigns for Johanns in Omaha

Seat being vacated by Senator Hagel and Johanns hopes to take it

Elizabeth Weaver
Antelope Staff

President Bush is hitting the campaign trail early for Mike Johanns, his former department of agriculture secretary. Bush made a trip to Omaha yesterday to attend a fundraiser for Johanns, who is seeking the Senate seat being vacated by Senator Hagel.

The high dollar fundraiser was held late yesterday morning at an Omaha residence. According to the Lincoln Journal Star ticket prices ranged from \$1,000 per person to \$10,000 per couple. Couples that raised or donated more than \$10,000 were invited to a VIP reception where they had the opportunity to have their photo taken with the president. President Bush is visiting Neb. early in the campaign season. Dr. Diane Duffin, a political

science professor at UNK, said that early fundraising wards off strong challengers and President Bush's early visit to raise money for Johanns encourages potential Republican challengers to stay out of the race.

While in Omaha President Bush attended a health care meeting at the OneWorld Community Health Center, a clinic that provides health care services to mostly Hispanic clients. After the meeting Bush gave a public speech.

The UNO Democrats held a rally protesting President Bush's visit to Omaha. Jared Brower, UNO Democrats Vice-President said that they organized the rally around President Bush's decision to veto the legislation that would have authorized funding for SCHIP and his lack of support for a universal healthcare

plan.

President Bush has visited Neb. seven times during his term. The most recent visit to the state, and the only appearance he has made outside of Omaha, was to Grand Island Neb. last year to encourage Republican voters to rally behind Adrian Smith in his bid for the 3rd District congressional seat. Bush's other visits to the state have been to promote legislative initiatives regarding tax cuts, social security reform, and immigration. The president also attended the College World Series in 2001.

President Bush's visit to Neb. on Wednesday comes after Neb. Senator Chuck Hagel vocalized criticism of the Bush administration in an address before the Council on Foreign Relations in New York last week. Hagel, a vocal critic of the

administrations decisions and policies regarding the Iraq war, took his criticism of the administration a step further. In his address Hagel said "this is one of the most arrogant, incompetent, administrations I've ever seen or ever read about, they have failed the country." Hagel also said he would rate the Bush administration the lowest "in capacity, in capability, in policy, in consensus almost every area, I would give it the lowest grade."

President Bush's approval rating in Neb. has dropped to 41 percent, which is fairly low for the state but high when compared with the national approval rating. A PEW poll for the week of Nov. 20 to 26 shows President Bush's approval rating at 29 percent.



Photo by Sean Takahashi
UNK students, who are in the Japanese Association at Kearney, discussing potential officer.s

JAK elections held for 2008 officers

Sean Takahashi
Antelope Staff

Japanese Association at Kearney (JAK) just finished the election for board officers for the year 2008. The new officers already started discussion for the next year. So far, they are working on making their concept and aim concrete.

Because there are over 200 Japanese students in UNK, many of the Japanese students often get disappointed when they find out the high population of Japanese students are in this university.

"I wondered why JAK members bother to hang out with Japanese people even in the U.S.," Saki Kaneko, a new vice-president, said. "Making Japanese friends and hang out with them is not what I wanted to do in the U.S. Rather, I thought I was going to be the only Japanese among my American friends."

"I am still wondering why Japanese students tend to hang out with each other," Ryunosuke Nakayama, new president, said. "But JAK is not an organization provides a place for Japanese students to hang out with each other. It is established to introduce Japanese culture to other people."

"To be successful in a big event like Japanese Festival, there should be some organization to take the initiative," Kazuya Yoshino, a new treasurer, said. "Otherwise the event lacks unity."

Japanese Festival. Each member has their own reasons and aims for running for their positions.

"I have never participated in planning and carrying out an event," Hiroaki Ito, a new PR officer, said. "I wanted to have an experience of planning an event as well as working with other people. It is exciting, because it will be a new experience for me."

"I wanted to be more active person," Risa Ito, a new vice-president, said. "I participated in some activities, but I also wanted to involve in planning side of events. The rest of the officers said they want to be leaders, but I want to serve as a foil for Japanese students to get involved."

Those nine new board members are aiming to set up more chance for communication between Japanese students and other students. Also, they said that they want to change the way people in Kearney recognizes JAK. "I feel that people recognize JAK as one of the groups in Japanese community in Kearney," Kaneko said. New officers aim to make JAK more famous, and make it recognized as an active student organization in Kearney.

JAK officers would like to hear your voice. Please send them suggestion and comment for future reference. To contact JAK, e-mail at jakearney1-information@hotmail.com

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Reader Opinion: Effects of religion

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As Christmas approaches, about 75 per cent of Americans will prepare to celebrate what they perceive as a religious holiday. Most believe this is a religious holiday because of what an ancient text (the Bible) tells them presumably happened approximately 2000 years ago. As the story goes, a virgin gives birth to a male child (a double miracle as it were, since a clone of a female would be female), who turns out to be a divine person in the flesh. Interestingly, these claims of virgin birth and divinity are not at all novel. Montezuma, Alexander the Great, Buddha, and Genghis Khan, among others, were all supposedly born of a virgin. The modern day yogi Sathya Sai Baba claims virgin birth. Now, before the readers say so what, Sathya Sai Baba recently had a birthday party and guess how many people showed up. A hundred, a thousand, no, approximately one million people attended this man's birthday celebration. This person claims to be able to walk on water, fly without the aid of machines and perform miracles. These claims do not even merit an hour of time on the Discovery channel and yet his claims, even in the light of 21st century science, are believed by millions of followers. So now, place such claims in the pre-science era of the second and third centuries, when the New Testament was actually written, and it is easy to understand how such claims were entertained. A careful examination of the Bible shows that it is one of the worst books that we have, if the

content is believed to be true and is viewed as a guide on which to base one's life. In fact, it would be the worst book, if not for the Koran.

Recent events illustrate the inhumanity that is perpetuated by a strict adherence to the Islamic faith and sharia law. Gillian Gibbons was a British school teacher in Khartoum, Sudan. Last week she was charged with inciting religious hatred over letting her pupils name a teddy bear Muhammad. If Gibbons would have been convicted of this "crime," she would have received up to 40 lashes (yes, from a real whip), six months in jail and a fine. Fortunately, Gibbons was "only convicted" of insulting Islam and was sentenced to 15 days in prison and deportation from Sudan.

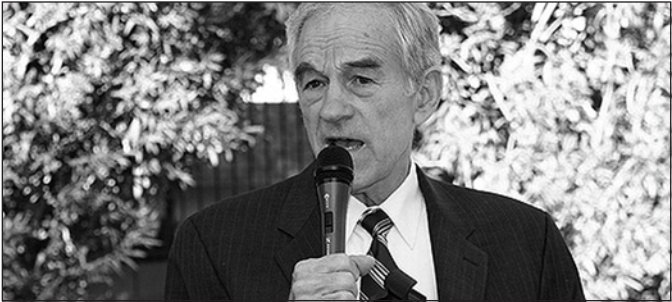
Where would followers of Muhammad get such a ridiculous notion that would cause them to be concerned about the naming of teddy bears? The Ten Commandments. It must be remembered that Islam is one of the three Abrahamic faiths (Christianity, Judaism and Islam). The Second Commandment states, "You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth." This is interpreted as meaning that no caricatures of the prophet Muhammad are allowed (including teddy bears, apparently). Now, step back two years to 2005. Remember when 12 cartoons, published on the 30th of September by the Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten, showed the Muslim Prophet Muhammad in a variety

of humorous and satirical situations. This triggered riots, hundreds of people were killed, embassies were stormed, death threats made, etc. Now, I promise you if the Koran said that the Prophet likes to have images of himself drawn, none of this would have happened. This is the result of believing that a particular religious dogma is actually true.

Most abhorrent is the treatment of women in Islamic societies (read Infidel by Ayann Hirsi Ali for a personal account). Envision the following scenario: a young woman is driving a car with a male acquaintance (that is not a family relative) down a street, when suddenly a gang of 7 men gets you pulled over, forcibly removes both you and your companion from the car and rapes both of you. Who do you suppose will receive punishment under Islamic law? Everyone of course. The seven men were convicted of kidnapping (presumably, rape could not be proven), but only four of them received a sentence between one and five years in prison and between 80 and 1,000 lashes. As for the woman and man who had been raped, they were sentenced to 90 lashes each for what is termed "illegal mingling." In Islamic countries, rape is viewed as a crime that one man commits against another man as it brings shame on the husband and/or the

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Not just another political puppet



Courtesy Photo

Tracy Stuart
Guest Writer

What would you think if someone told you that you were not required to pay income tax? If someone said that there has never been a law that requires you to pay a percentage of your earned income to the federal government, would you still pay? Republican Congressman and Presidential Candidate, Ron Paul, takes a strong stance on this issue. He has said, "We cannot continue to allow private banks (including the Federal Reserve), wasteful agencies, lobbyists, corporations on welfare, and governments collecting foreign aid to dictate the size of our ballooning budget. We need a new method to prioritize our spending. It's called the Constitution of the United States."

You might argue how income taxes paid by the American people come back to the people in the forms of improved roads, public education or even military protection. However, some argue that none of this money is ever used towards the American people in any way. If that were true, would your answer change? Would you still willingly pay your income taxes?

On the issue of border security and immigration, Paul says, "The talk must stop. We must secure our borders now. A nation without secure borders is no nation at all. It makes no sense to fight terrorists abroad when our own front door is left unlocked." To combat this problem, Paul has created an innovative six-point plan. One point on his six-point plan for immigration calls for a change to United States citizenship requirements. No other wealthy, western nation grants automatic citizenship to those who simply happen to be born within their borders. Other nations seem to understand that citizenship is about more than just being born within its borders. It's time that we understand that as well.

These solutions to very real problems this nation is

currently facing might seem quite different. In fact, they are. But there is a 2008 presidential candidate that is willing to apply these solutions, and many other equally creative solutions. Decreasing federal control and placing control back into the hands of the states may seem a little awkward to many of us today, but it's a very old concept in America.

Maybe his name is unfamiliar to you; if it is then you need to spend just a few minutes of your Google or YouTube time searching for him. It won't be hard considering he has the strongest internet following of any current presidential candidate.

Ron Paul's campaign broke records when it managed to raise more than \$4.2 million in less than 24 hours. To break it down, Congressman Ron Paul has a consistent voting record - which never contradicts the values he claims:

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Shogatsu: Japanese New Year Holiday

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The Japanese celebrate New Year's Day on Jan. 1 each year. Before 1873, the date of the Japanese New Year (Shogatsu) was based on the Chinese lunisolar calendar and celebrated at the beginning of spring, just as the contemporary Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese New Years are celebrated to this day. In 1873, five years after the Meiji Restoration, Japan adopted the Gregorian calendar, so the first day of January is the official New Year's Day in modern Japan. It is one of the most important annual Japanese festivals and has been celebrated

for centuries with its own unique customs. Jayne Heimer, a member of the English Language Institute, said, "I lived in Japan for three years and I was able to experience the Japanese New Year. It seems to be a lot like the American Christmas holiday in these ways: families get together and eat special food, families send cards to their friends and co-workers, people go to temples and shrines to pray." Celebrating the New Year in Japan also means paying special attention to the first time something is done in the New Year. Hatsuhinode is the first sunrise of the year. Before sunrise on January 1st, people often drive to the coast or climb a mountain so that they can see the first sunrise of the New Year. Hatsumode is the first trip

to a shrine or temple. Many people visit a shrine just after midnight or sometime during the day on Jan. 1. If the weather is good, people often dress up or wear kimono. Other firsts that are marked as special events include shigoto-hajime (the first work of the New Year), keiko-hajime (the first practice of the New Year) and hatsu-yume (the first dream of the New Year). "One interesting part of the Japanese New Year is the food. There is special food and each kind of food that is eaten has a special meaning: for example, if you eat beans, you will work hard, if you eat seaweed you will have joy, if you eat long soba noodles, you will have a long life, etc.," Heimer said. Japanese people eat a special selection of dishes during the New Year celebration called osechi-ryori, typically shortened

to osechi. A popular soup is ozoni, consisting of soybean paste, boiled kelp, fish cakes, mashed sweet potato with chestnut, simmered burdock root and sweetened black soybeans. Many of these dishes are sweet, sour or dried, therefore people can keep without refrigeration—the culinary traditions date to a time before households had refrigerators, when most stores closed for the holidays. There are many variations of osechi, and some foods eaten in one region are not eaten in other places (or are even banned) on New Year's Day. Today, sashimi and sushi are often eaten, as well as Japanese foods. The special food prepared for the New Year's week is a joy for many Japanese people. Michel James, an education specialist said, "The American New Year's holiday and the Japanese holiday are different.

American New Year is a time to have a fun party with friends. "The Japanese New Year is a time to be with family members, not friends. American New Year is kind of a wild, fun celebration, but Japanese New Year is more solemn ... a time to reflect on the old year and hope for good luck in the New Year. Japanese New Year holiday is really similar to American Christmas, because Japanese New Year holiday is really religious," James said. Jerald Fox, a director of International Education said, "Japanese kids love the New Year Holiday because they get presents of money, called Otoshidama, from older family members. It is same meaning as a Christmas present". This custom of otoshidam means that on New Year's Day, Japanese people give pocket money to children, which is a

custom originally from China. In the Edo period, large stores and wealthy families gave out a small bag of mochi and a mandarin orange to spread happiness all around. The amount of money given depends on the age of the child but is usually the same if there is more than one child so that no one feels slighted. Learning about other countries' holidays is really interesting and fun, and it also helps people to understand people from different cultures. A lot of countries have original or special New Year celebration or event, and it is really original New Year holiday. The other countries' culture is profound and interesting. Let's start to study other countries' culture and original holiday, and it makes you a citizen of the world.

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日本人は毎年1月1日に新年を祝う。1873年以前、日本の正月は中国の太陰暦に基づき中国・韓国・ベトナムと同様春の訪れと共に祝われていた。しかし明治維新から5年後の1873以降、日本は太陽暦に移行し、1月1日が正式の新年（正月）となったのである。正月は年に一度の重要な日本の祭り事であり100年以上もの間独自の文化として祝われてきたのである。 ELL講師のジェーン・ハイマー氏は「私は日本に3年間住んでいて日本の新年を経験する事ができました。アメリカのクリスマスとよく似ていて、家族みんなで集ったり、特別な料理

を食べたり、家族、友達、仕事仲間にカードを送ったり、寺院・神社に足を運び、願掛けをします」と。日本では新年を迎えてから最初に行う行動に対しても特別の注意を払い祝うものとされている。初日の出は新年最初の日の出の事を指し、新年最初の日の出を見るために、1月1日の日の出の前に人々は海岸沿いを運転し、山に登ったりする。初詣は新年最初の神社参りの事を指し、多くの参拝客が1月1日の深夜から訪れ、天気が良い時は着物を着て参拝する。その外にも仕事始め、稽古始め、初夢などが新年の特別行事として祝われている。 “料理も日本の新年に

おいて興味深いもので、それらの料理を食べる事は特別な意味を持っています。豆を食べる事は仕事の成就を意味し、海草を食べることは喜びを招き、そばを食べる事は長寿祈願の意味を持っています”とハイマー氏。 日本人は一般的にお節料理（簡単に“おせち”とも言う）と呼ばれる特別な料理を新年に食べる。お雑煮は人気のある汁物で、昆布巻き、かまぼこ、栗きんとん、きんぴらごぼう、黒豆などは甘く、酸味があり冷蔵庫無しでも保存できるように乾物であることが多い。これはお節料理が家庭に冷蔵庫の存在しない時代から作られていたためであ

る。お節料理には多種多様の料理が存在し、新年にある地域では食べるが他の地域では食べられないような料理も存在する。今日では日本料理として知られている刺身や寿司が食べられる場合が多くなっている。新年に向けて作られるお節料理は多くの人々にとっての楽しみである。 教育専門家のミッシェル・ジェームス氏は「アメリカと日本の新年は違っていて、アメリカは友達と遊んだりして過ごします。」と、述べている。 また「日本の新年は友達とではなく家族と共に過ごして、過去を振り返ったり、新年の幸運を祈ったりなどより厳粛なものだけ

ど、アメリカの新年は騒々しくて面白半分のお祝い事なのです。日本の新年は宗教的な意味合いを持っているという点で、アメリカのクリスマスと非常に似ています。」と、ハイマー氏とジェームス氏。 更に国際教育学部長のジェラルド・フォックス氏は「日本の子供たちは新年がとても好きで、なぜならクリスマスプレゼントと同様にお年玉と呼ばれるプレゼント（お金）を両親や祖父母からもらう事ができるからです」と。 日本では新年にお年玉と呼ばれるお小遣いを、子供に上げるという習慣があります。江戸時代には、大きなお店や裕福な家庭が餅の

入った小さな袋とマンダリンオレンジを幸福が訪れるようにと配っていました。お金の金額は子供の年齢によって違っており、また子供が1人以上いる場合はその金額は同じになるので、誰もお年玉を軽視したりはしないのである。 他の国の祝日を学ぶ事は非常に興味深くて面白い事である。多くの国々が独特で特別な新年の祝賀や行事を持っている。そしてそれらはとても独特な新年の祝日である。他の国の文化は深みがあり、興味深いものだ。他の国の文化や独特の休日を勉強し始めましょう、それがあなたを国際人へと成長させるはずだ。

Sandwich maker to owner One UNK student wants to taste it all

Victoria Althage
Antelope Staff

Most college students dream of owning their own business and being their own boss right out of school: for one UNK student, this dream is coming true. Matt Berry, a senior the University of Nebraska at Kearney, is making his dream of opening a family business come true by starting a Jimmy John's franchise in Hayes, Kan. Since its opening in Kearney, Jimmy John's has found its phone number in every phone book and its menu permanently taped to refrigerators all over town. The restaurant, ideal for college students, is known for its late night delivery of gourmet sandwiches at amazing speeds. Another not-so-publicized aspect of the business is its popularity among employment options for college students. Berry, who has worked at the Kearney Jimmy John's for two years, says that Jimmy John's is a great place to work. You get to hang out with your friends and they are open late so it's easier to get hours. "It's great that I can actually say that I worked my way up from running the cash register to running the business," Berry said. Berry is grateful for this opportunity, which was made possible through the help of a a business partner. "The best thing about all of this is that I get to do it with my family. My dad's my business partner and my fiancée will help manage the franchise with me," Berry

said. Most franchises are started by business partners because of the amount of start-up money the business requires. Jimmy John's requires individuals to have \$80,000 in non-borrowed personal resources (liquid assets, e.g. cash, marketable securities, stocks, etc.) along with an overall net worth (total assets minus total liabilities) of \$300,000 to qualify. Berry hopes that the franchise will stay a family business and intends to manage the store himself with his families help. "My fiancée, UNK senior Kayla McConville, is going to start working at Jimmy John's in Kearney soon so that we will both know the ins and outs of what goes on." Jimmy John's has done well in Kearney due to its fast service and college-friendly

environment. Berry hopes that this trend will carry through to Hayes, as well. "Hayes, Kan. is a lot like Kearney demographics wise so we should be successful," Berry said. Finding a town to host a franchise is one of the easier tasks of opening a business. According to Berry, finding the actual location can be hard, because of the stipulations that corporate puts on franchise owners. Corporate requires that all Jimmy John's be corner stores and located on main roads. The location also has to be found and approved within a year of the franchise approval. "Finding a location can take anywhere from a month to a year and is generally the hardest part of opening a franchise," Berry said. To open a Jimmy John's franchise the average gross

sales are \$1,044,244, average food and paper costs 27.33% and the average net profit from operations is \$244,980. **The standards for opening a Jimmy John's franchise, from www.jimmyjohns.com:** 1. You have to have the cash. 2. Real passion for my brand. If you don't dig it as much as we all dig it, this brand is not for you! 3. You've got to be a good hard working, well intended individual, who respects yourself and others. 4. You've got to take specific, detailed & disciplined direction extremely well. 5. You can't be a criminal. 6. You've got to love life, kids, music, dancing, your grandparents & sandwiches. 7. Last, be excited to work harder than you ever have in your life.



Courtesy Photo
Matt Berry, a UNK senior, is going to open his own Jimmy John's franchise in Hayes, Kan.

iPhone zoned for sales, not safety

Jessica Fritsch
Guest Writer

The latest, the coolest, the trendy new iPhone from Apple has been a huge hit all over the U.S. It has the capabilities of a phone, camera, a portable media player (iPod), and the most advanced web browser ever on a portable device, all in one. The multi-touch screen with virtual keyboard and buttons allow maneuvering and playing around with all its features' fun and has enticed millions of customers to purchase it since its release almost five months ago. However, the iPhone has not been a huge hit with the Center for Environmental Health (CEH). "Apple customers should know that when they get their hands on an iPhone, they may be getting a dose of toxic chemicals as well," Michael Green, executive director of CEH, said. "It's clear that Apple's priority is to market new products as fast as possible, not as safely as possible." According to "Alleyinsider International," scientific testing has revealed that Apple's iPhone contains alarming levels of two types of hazardous substances. The first, brominated flame retardants (BFRs), are used internally in the iPhone to handle heating issues, but their use has been discontinued by most mobile phone manufacturers. The second, PVCs, which Apple uses in the iPhone headphones, have been shown to cause birth defects. The CEH warned Apple to stop using BFRs and PVCs in the iPhone within 60 days or face legal action. "I didn't realize that the iPhone was a health risk," Stephanie Folkers, a sophomore social work major from

Lexington, Neb., said, "but now that I know, I'm not sure if I would purchase it unless they redesigned it to be able to take the chemicals out. Why should Apple be able to get away with dangerous chemicals just because they're a big corporation?" Apple has already promised to phase out the use of these materials by the end of the next year, but the CEH wants quicker action. For now, Apple is not planning on a product recall and most Kearney cell phone retailers are still carrying the iPhone for purchase. However, Apple has suggested that they want to place warning stickers put on all iPhones to alert users about possible risks. "I would probably still buy it," Nathan Huebert, a sophomore telecommunications major from Henderson, Neb., said, "I'm into electronics though, so I might have a different opinion than people who are don't care about the latest technology." For now, it's safe to say that in terms of environmental issues, consumers are not getting a greener Apple.



Health Science Club

beneficial to students,community

Derry Stover
Antelope Staff

Saving lives comes natural to not only those working in health care but for students planning to be health care professionals. This was evident during last week's Red Cross Blood Drive hosted by UNK's Health Science Club, whose members are future health care workers. More than 130 units of blood were collected, and since one unit of blood can save up to three lives, more than a potential 400 lives were saved.

The event, which took place both Wed. and Thurs. in the Nebraskan Student Union, was a two-part effort between the Health Science Club and the American Red Cross.

Melissa Ripp, community service coordinator for the Health Science Club, says the event was a huge success. The daily goal for was 65 donated

units of blood and for both days that number was surpassed.

"All of our hard work and effort has paid off, and we've been able to exceed our goal," Ripp said. "It took a lot of organizing and a lot of volunteers."

Ripp, a senior who helped organize the event, also credited the event's success to the outside support they received.

"We had a very large outpouring and support from the student body to help make it a success," Ripp said. "We also had community support from local businesses and a radio station as well."

If a student wanted to but missed the opportunity to donate blood, Ripp says students can always go to the Red Cross office in Kearney. Also, the Health Science Club will be assisting Leadership Kearney in hosting another blood drive in late January at the YMCA. For more information on donating

blood, students can contact the Red Cross office at 234-2770.

November's blood drive was just one of many events and activities the Health Science Club organizes throughout the year.

The club consists of over 75 students, and its goal is to help students prepare for a career in health care.

"This club is an organized, easy way to obtain community service hours and job shadowing experience that's necessary for applying to pre-professional and professional schools," Ripp said. Ripp, originally from Kearney, is a three-year member who's planning a career in osteopathic medicine. She plans to apply to medicine school in May.

Ripp finds being a member in the Health Science Club beneficial in more ways than one.

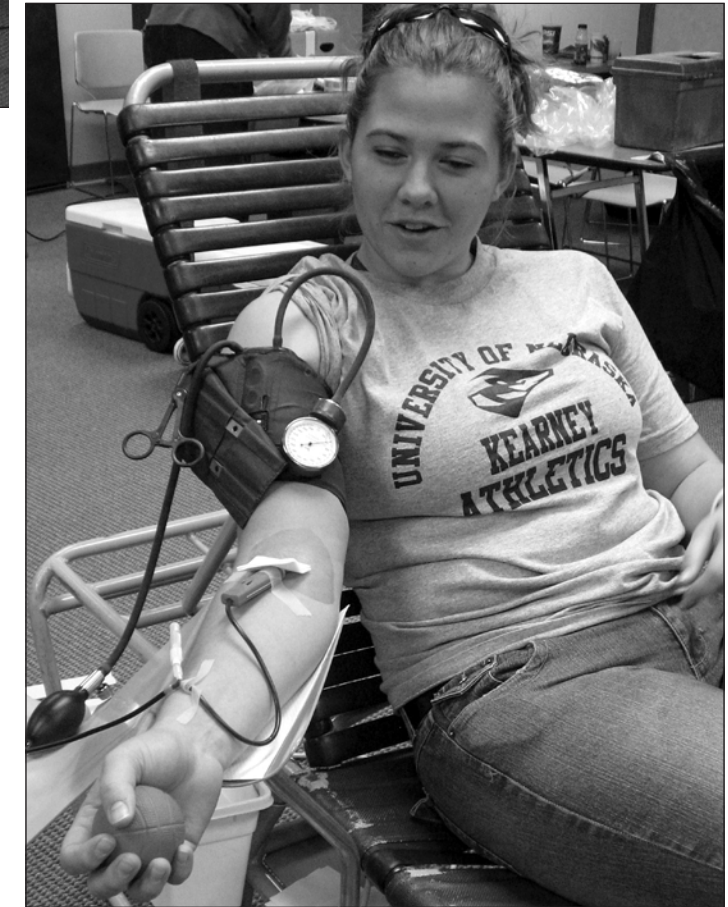
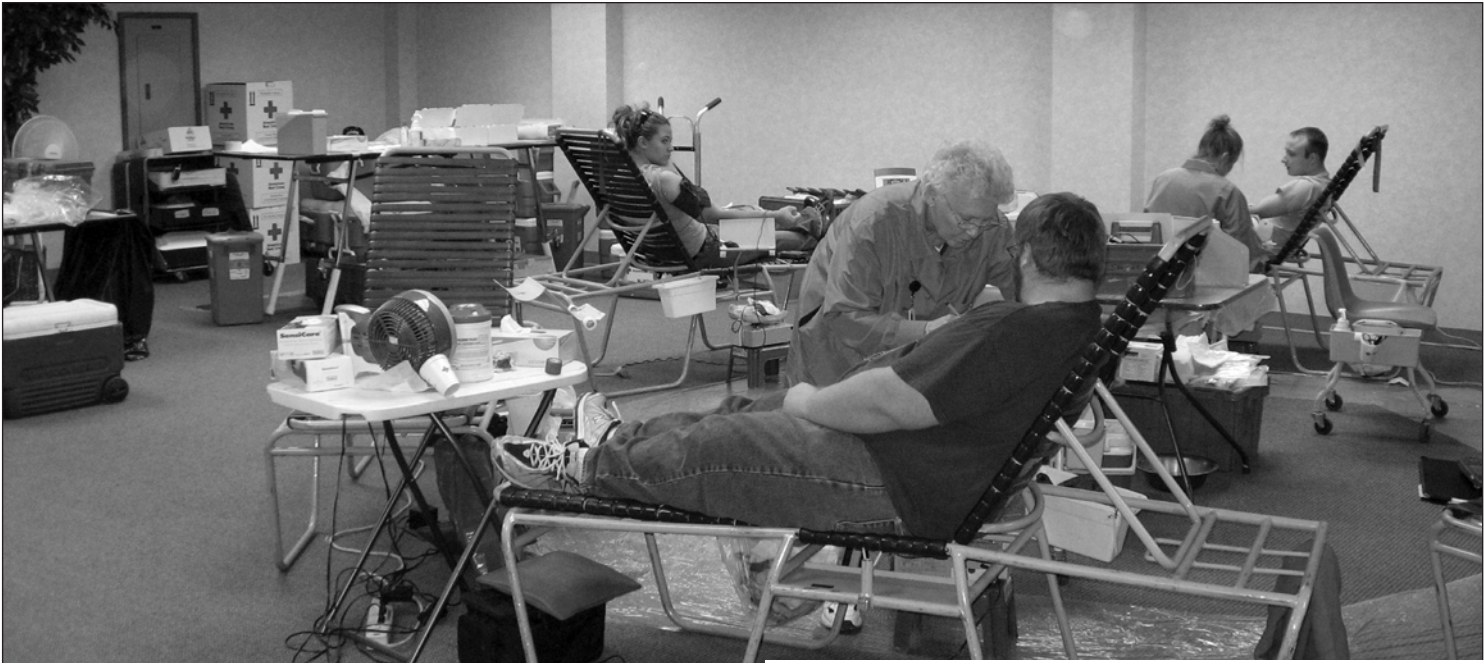
"It's very rewarding to see how our community service

projects benefit the community."

The Health Science Club's holds several events throughout the year, about one or two every month. The group's next community service project will be to send care packages and Christmas cards to troops overseas.

Another event the club puts together is an etiquette dinner, which helps students prepare for interviewing for professional schools by helping them learn proper etiquette skills and techniques.

The Health Science Club also hosts a number of speakers and presentations about health topics and health care careers. The club is open to all students who are interested in health care careers. To find more information on becoming a member, students can contact Andrea McClintic in the Health Science office at mcclinticar@unk.edu or at 865-8260.



Photos by Derry Stover

Top: Red Cross workers collect blood donations from generous and good-willed UNK students at last week's Red Cross Blood Drive in the Student Union hosted by the Health Science Club.

Left: Freshman Wes Thoene, a psychology major, is prepped by a Red Cross nurse and ready to donate blood at last Thursday's Red Cross Blood Drive hosted by the Health Science Club.

Right: Sophomore Cal Harper, an athletic training major, finishes donating a unit of blood at Thursday's Red Cross Blood Drive hosted by the Health Science Club.

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Department Spotlight:
Health Science Programs
UNK students get the guidance needed for careers in health care

Derry Stover
Antelope Staff

Health care is one the most promising fields in the job market, and countless opportunities await students who become health care professionals. Luckily, students have the perfect resource right here on campus for taking advantage of this opportunity by choosing to pursue a career in health care: The department of Health Science Programs.

The department of Health Science Programs was established because of the high demand of health care professionals, and ever since its creation the department has been helping students obtain the necessary education for becoming health care professionals.

Peggy Abels, Director of Health Science Programs, says there are many benefits that attract students to health care.

"A great job market, good salary potential, opportunities for advancement, job status, job security and the ability to make a difference in people's lives are all reasons to pursue a career in health care," Abels said.

The department offers programs for many types of students with a wide range of interests.

"If considering health sciences, there's types of health careers that fit nearly all student interests, even if they're in computer science, business, administration, or legal-related fields," Abels said.

A total of 19 different health-related areas are offered through the department. They offer pre-professional programs such as pre-medical, pre-pharmacy, pre-occupational therapy, and pre-optometry. Students can also pursue a degree in health sciences in radiography, medical technology, and respiratory therapy. A health science minor is also offered.

Marissa Nyffeler, a UNK student from Columbus, is enrolled in the department's radiography degree program. Nyffeler, who is currently in her first year of clinicals in Rapid City, S.D., credits the much of her success to the program.

"The health science program really prepared me for radiography school, and it has given me a definite advantage

during my first year of clinicals," Nyffeler said.

More than 500 students are currently enrolled in Health Science Programs, and students can take advantage of the many benefits the department has to offer. Academic advising and helping students with shadowing opportunities are just some of the many ways the department aids students.

They also assist students with career decisions, applications and interviews to professional schools, and many other aspects relating to pursuing a career in

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Marissa Nyffeler
UNK radiology student

health sciences.

The Health Science department holds a strong track record when it comes to helping students get into professional schools.

The overall acceptance rate for the past 10 years for students applying to professional schools is 70 percent, which is well above the national average for nearly all programs, according to Abels. Also, the student acceptance rate into medical school is 50 percent, which is 20 percent higher than the national average.

The department also offers two one-credit hour courses. One course, Opportunities in the Health Sciences, explores different careers in health care. The other course, Seminar in Health Sciences, investigates current trends, topics and issues in health care.

Students who are interested in health care careers and would like more information about the program may visit the Health Science office located in the second floor of the library, or call 865-8260. Students can also contact the Peggy Abels at abelsp@unk.edu.

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Men lose in heartbreaker

Kayla Laird
Antelope Staff

The Loper men's basketball team lost a close one in the final seconds to rival Fort Hays State 79-75 Friday night in the Health & Sports Center.

A night of spectacular shooting and costly turnovers saw the Tigers, now 4-1, drop UNK to 2-5 on the season. Fort Hays converted on a three point play and took advantage of two late Loper turnovers to get the win in what was the blue and gold's fifth game in the last 12 days.

The Lopes, down by 15 in the first half, came back and looked to get the "W" when they took possession with 52 seconds left and were up 75-74. A jump ball that went the Tigers way and a forced turnover led to a Fort Hays bucket and sealed the deal for the Tigers.

UNK shot a solid 51 percent from the field, including 10 of 19 from downtown. Fort Hays barely edged them, shooting 52 percent and going 9 of 19 from three point land.

The Lopers out rebounded the Tigers 30-22, but the difference came in turnovers and depth of the bench. The blue and gold committed seven more turnovers and the reserves were out-scored by the Tigers bench 39-15.

Drake Beranek, asophomore from Ravenna, led UNK all night while recording a career-high 34 points and a team-high eight rebounds. Beranek ended the game 10 of 16 from the field, including a perfect performance from downtown,



Photo by Garrett Ritonya
Sophomore guard Jeff Martin from Bellvue, Neb. looks to pass around Tyrone Evans of Fort Hays State during Friday's game.

nailing all five long attempts. The former Bluejay also dished out four assists.

"We competed harder as a team than we had all year," said Beranek. "They put us up against a wall in the first half and we responded, which we hadn't done all year."

Beranek broke his former career-high of 30 points set a

mere two weeks ago against South Dakota. Adding to his dominating performances, Beranek also put up 26 a week ago versus York College.

"We showed some signs of how good we could be and now all we need to do is bring this type of attitude night in and night out," said Beranek.

Jeff Martin, a sophomore

out of Bellevue West, was the only other Loper to hit double digits with 14 points on a six of 12 shooting effort.

Reserve Jake Johnson, a Grand Island freshman, contributed a season-best eight points as fellow freshman Justin McCullough, out of Peoria, Ariz., had four points and four rebounds.

UNK will finish their long home stand as they take on RMAC teams New Mexico Highlands on Wednesday and Western New Mexico on Friday in the Health & Sports Center.

Beranek said, "Hopefully we will come out and compete hard. It would be huge if we could get two wins before the Christmas break."

Sports Summary of the week in sports Shorts

Derek Wurl
Antelope Staff

Lopers

The men's basketball team will be looking to improve on their season as they face Western New Mexico Fri. Dec. 7 at the Health and Sports Center at 8 p.m. The women start off the night playing at 6 p.m. also against Western New Mexico.

The wrestling team has its first home meet of the year Sat. Dec. 8. It starts at 9 a.m. in the Health and Sports Center.

College Football

The University of Nebraska has a new football coach. Sunday interim Athletic Director Tom Osborne introduced Bo Pelini as the leader of the football team. Pelini left Louisiana State as defensive coordinator to come back to Nebraska. Pelini was a member of the coaching staff in 2003 under coach Frank Solich. After Solich was fired Pelini Not only does Pelini know the expectations at the school, but also the expectations of the state. "One of the unique aspects of this job ... is everything it means to the state," he said. "It's like one big family." The assistant coaches have yet to be named but will be coming in the next few weeks.

The regular college football season is over and the BCS rankings are out. Just like always there was some controversy. Kansas, Illinois and Hawaii all got at-large bids over Missouri. The Tigers ended the regular season 11-2 and Big 12 North

Champions. Kansas (11-1) lost to Missouri 36-28 in a game that was for the Big 12 North title. Hawaii went undefeated but because of their weak schedule, didn't make it to the championship game. Illinois actually lost to Missouri in the first game of the year 40-34. They finished 9-3 and second in the Big 10.

MLB

Alex Rodriguez's new contract with the New York Yankees could reach up to \$314 million. The new contract will pay Rodriguez \$275 million in guaranteed money, \$30 million for milestones based on home runs, and \$9 million in deferred money that the Texas Rangers owe Rodriguez in conjunction with his decision to opt out of his last contract. Rodriguez needs 245 homeruns over the next 10 years (length of new contract) to overtake the record set by Barry Bonds this season.

Men's Basketball

The Husker men got a big win over Arizona State last Sunday in a non-conference game. The Huskers won handedly 62-47. This game was a part of the Big 12-Pac 10 Hardwood Series. Here are other scores from Sunday's games:

No. 4 Kansas beat No. 24 USC 59-55
Arizona beat No. 9 Texas A&M 78-67
No. 1 UCLA lost to No. 8 Texas 63-61

Four Quarters with Mike Vamosi

1st Quarter: NU goes with Bo

Let the speculation end since Bo Pelini has been hired as the next head coach at the University of Nebraska. Late last week it was reported that the search game down to Buffalo head coach Turner Gill and Pelini. Yeah I'm disappointed that the pool of candidates wasn't deeper then it was. Personally I'm not sold on this hire from the standpoint of Bo doesn't have any experience as a head coach even if he has been a coordinator in the SEC and Big XII conferences he has never run a program. Being open minded I'll reserve judgment while hoping he can restore things down the road in Lincoln. Beware Husker fans you got who you wanted so enjoy him no matter what happens.

2nd Quarter: BCS Chaos

With the season we've had so far in college football why would the last week be any different? Missouri drops one to Oklahoma and we're not surprisee, but hardly anyone expected Pitt to end West Virginia's hopes of making it to the National Championship. I'm not going to speculate or tell you who will play for the title but rather say this system is broke and the college presidents in charge of this mess need to wise up and create a playoff for the fans. The rules have changed this season with so much that can happen week to week in college football thus a playoff making sense. Oh the 2007 season isn't a playoff it was a train wreck this season now let the debate begin.

3rd Quarter: College B-Ball

I'm not a fan of the Big Ten-ACC Challenge that ESPN puts on every year but I do watch because it features intriguing early season match ups. But thank goodness there is something new on the schedule this year that doesn't feature ESPN's two favorite basketball conferences. What would this new event be? The Big XII-Pac 10 Hardwood Series which have showcased the talent that the Big XII brings to the court this year. Kansas over Arizona and Texas beating UCLA, yes things are looking up for the Big XII, in college basketball at least. Now we just have to hope that our luck can carry into conference play.

4th Quarter: MLB Offseason

I try not to talk about the baseball season when there is snow or ice on the ground, but something happened this week that changed my mind on this subject. And yes it once again involved everyone's two favorite baseball franchises (except mine) the Sox and Yankees. This time the two super powers are battling for Johan Santana of the Minnesota Twins who is trade bait. I'm hoping that some other team not on the east coast winds up with Santana, but right now the Yankees are on the mound with the Red Sox anxiously waiting in the bullpen to get their shot with Santana.

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Wrestlers prepare for annual tourney

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Saturday, Dec. 9, the UNK wrestlers hit the mats and put their skills to the test as they compete in the Loper Open starting at 9a.m. at the UNK Health and Sports Center.

“This tournament is not a huge tournament but there will be very tough competition and match-ups with the teams that are coming,” junior Keenan McCurdy of Lincoln, majoring in Middle School Education said.

Among the competition this weekend will be the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) and Chadron State, two teams in which the Lopers have their minds set

to defeat. University of Nebraska at Lincoln (UNL) will also be attending this open tournament and will bring their non-varsity wrestlers to intensify the competition.

“A few junior colleges did pretty well last year too so we're anxious to see what they look like this year, McCurdy sad.

Since this is an ‘open’ tournament anyone can bring wrestlers from their team to wrestle. One does not have to be a NCAA athlete to compete in an open tournament. As for a dual, this type of meet is sanctioned and only NCAA, varsity wrestlers are allowed to attend.

“We always expect to do our very best. Personally, when I go into a meet I don't worry about the outcome, but focus on trying my hardest and concentrating

on wrestling the best that I can,” McCurdy said.

The Loper Open is the last open tournament before Christmas break. Though the Lopers will be practicing hard during Christmas break they hope their hard work and dedication to their sport will pay off. “We want to go hard our last open tournament of the season because it will help prepare us for our upcoming duals,” McCurdy said.

A home meet brings familiarity and a good fan base. “It's always nice to wrestle in your own gym. You practice there every day so you know the environment you are in and you don't have to road trip back home after a long day of wrestling,” McCurdy said.

This past weekend seven of the top Loper wrestlers were in Las

Vegas, not gambling but betting their cards at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational. Out of 54 teams, the Lopers placed 25th overall, scoring 25 points. The Lopers’ score was the best among the non-Division I schools that attended this invitational.

Las Vegas was not the only place one could find UNK’s wrestlers. While seven appeared in Las Vegas others were in Fort Hays, Kan., competing in the Bob Smith Open where three individuals placed. Matt Farrell, junior, of Omaha (184 lbs.) and Marty Usman, sophomore, of Texas (174 lbs.) won their respective weight classes while Taylor May, sophomore, of Imperial (165 lbs.) was runner-up in his division.



Korth's Solution

for handling the National Championship

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—Sports Editor—

On Sunday LSU leap-frogged their way to the top of the BCS standings, and into a place in my heart. I'm not saying that I'm hopping on the Geaux Tigers! bandwagon, I'm just glad that Georgia didn't slide into the National Championship game undeservingly, like Ohio State did.

If this season has taught us anything, it should be that the national title game needs to be decided by a single-elimination tournament.

College football, I would say, is more popular throughout the nation than college basketball is, but we all know how crazy everyone gets about college basketball when March rolls around. If there were a playoff for college football just imagine the possibilities. Granted there would be less teams and less games, but I guarantee that the upsets would still be there.

I've spent the past few days devising the best way to tackle a college football playoff and I think that I've got a pretty good idea figured out (*see bottom of page*).

What I have drawn up is a sixteen-team, single-elimination, March Madness style bracket. I've taken the top 16 teams as proclaimed by the so-called "fair" BCS. I have broken the teams into four regions and thus placed each team accordingly and seeded them according to their current BCS rankings. There are a few flaws with this bracket that I will address later in this column. The beauty behind this bracket is that the top-rated seed in each match-up will have home-field advantage in the first round of the tournament. In the second round teams will play in designated bowl stadiums and the Final Four and national championship will be held in the Superdome in New Orleans.

The idea of a tournament would be a success in my opinion because it would increase the number of viewers, which in turn would increase advertising sales, merchandise sales, food and alcohol sales. Pretty much it's a win-win situation for the economy.

One of the cons would be an extra week of college football would take viewers away from the NFL, NBA and College Basketball just to name a few sports.

I realize that the list of pros and cons is much longer than what I've listed, I just wanted to fast forward to my "mock" tournament and give an explanation of how this tournament is going to take place. It's very simple, I am going to take the bracket I have created and simulate each match-up on NCAA '08 and determine a winner that way. It's the best way to determine a winner for this particular tournament without my bias interfering.

One flaw with simulating the tournament on a video game is that players like Pat White and Tim Tebow, who are currently suffering injuries, will perform in the tournament at full health. This is the most unfair to Oregon, because if they were included in this tournament with a healthy Dennis Dixon, they would be a tough team to beat.

So go ahead, take a look at the bracket that I have conceived, there are plenty of good match-ups. The one that I would love to see in real life is a game between USC and Hawaii. Also potential second round battles like Virginia Tech-West Virginia and Oklahoma-USC would by far be considered as some of the best match-ups of the year.

Let me know your opinion, would a tournament be successful in college football? Shoot me an e-mail and let me know what you think.

If you would liked to see anything covered in the Antelope, feel free to e-mail me at korthem@unk.edu

Defense moves girls to 4-1 record

Hinkley named RMAC East Player of the Week



Photo by John Reed

Seniors Melissa Hinkley, left, and Amy Mathis, right, play tough defense against opposing players from Fort Hays State last Thursday. The Lady Lopers defeated the Wildcats 70-54. On Saturday the women's team squared off against South Dakota, in what seems to be the beginning of a bitter rivalry. Last year the Lopers embarssed the Coyotes by beating them 73-45. This year they returned the favor by beating the Lady Lopers 84-51. Senior Amy Mathis reached scored her 1,000th career point against South Dakota and becomes the 17th player in UNK history to accomplish the feat.

Positive visions turn to 'Big Red' disaster

Kayla Laird
Antelope Staff

In a season that seemed as though the Nebraska Corn huskers would finish among the top of the nation, a six and seven record was all too disappointing. Husker coach Bill Callahan was given a raise by then Athletic Director Steve Pederson, which seemed to put Callahan in the seat for a much longer stay then the November dismissal they both received.

Bill Callahan, who came to Nebraska as a possible savior for a falling program, who had just had a nine and three season and a bowl game win, left as a coaching failure. A failure not because of his off the field personality, but a failure because in his four years the Huskers combined for a 27-22 record with two losing seasons. For a program that hadn't had a losing season since1961, to have two in four years was unacceptable.

Seth Yount, a senior Business

Administration major, said, “He (Bill Callahan) didn't really understand what Nebraska was all about. There was a good chance he could have kept his job, had he fired the defensive coach, Kevin Cosgrove.

As for the athletes that were a part of this debacle, some performed and played well, while several others underachieved (the defense). Sam Keller was expected to be “the answer” to all Nebraska’s offensive problems. Even though Keller was breaking several of the Huskers passing records, the defense was breaking records as well. The defense allowed opponents to score over forty points in six of its twelve games this year, including seventy six by Kansas. In a system that is putting p great offensive numbers, to have a defense that is almost last in the nation in several categories is not going to allow a team to have a winning combination.

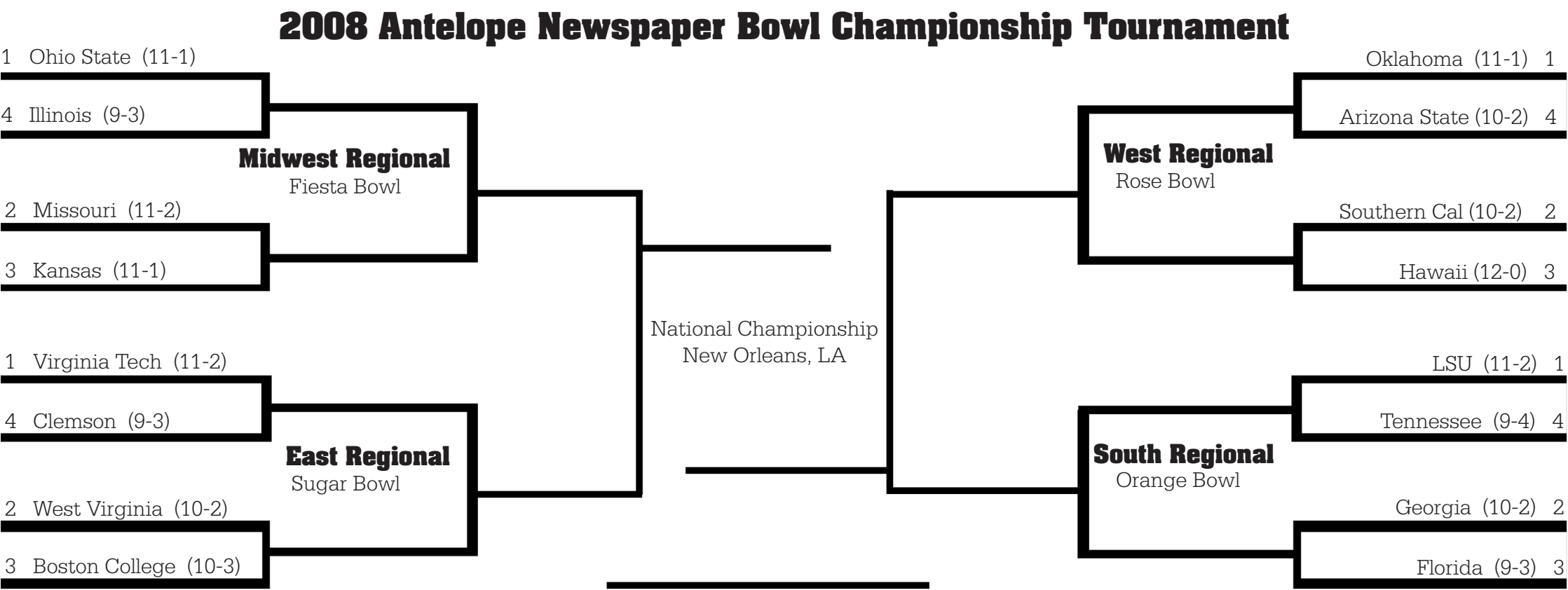
Through all the turmoil there was for Huskers fans this season, there were some upsides. Joe Ganz, a player who may be up for the

Matt Terman award for most games on the sideline, came in for an injured Keller and proved that, even though he is not a better quarterback then Keller, he is good enough to run the offense and even break a few records on his way to finishing the season. Ganz broke several of the single game records, previously held by Keller, and may be the spark for the 2008 Huskers campaign. However, even if Ganz is good enough to start next year, is it a good idea to bring in another player, at a very important position, who will only be around for one year? Or would it be smarter for the Huskers to bring in a young athlete to run the offense for his entire four years? This question will be answered in the future by a new head coach.

Yount also said, “He's the type of quarterback that is working right now in the Big 12. A little undersized and more mobile then a pocket type quarterback. I would like to see the best play who offers the best chance at success, no matter what age or class he is.”

The head coaching job at Nebraska is looked at as one of the top and most successf8ul positions in the entire country. The two candidates being considered for the position, Bo Pelini, who has already, being rumored to have the job locked up, and Turner Gill. Pelini, who currently is running an LSU defense that is one of the best in the nation, has been a Husker before, coaching under Frank Solich in the 2003 season. Turner Gill has also held a position at NU, as both an outstanding player and a coach. Who it will be is expected to be announced here in the near future and possibly already has been.

The team had its leaders in stats for the year including Marlon Lucky who rushed for a total of 1057 yards and 13 touchdowns including one passing. Keller led the quarterback in passing yards with a total of 2422 yards with a 62.1 pass completion percentage and 14 touchdowns. As for receiving Maurice Purify led the way with 814 yards and 9 touchdowns.



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Getting pumped up

Gas price increases hit the public where it hurts

Garrett Ritonya
Guest Writer

With the price of a gallon of a gas rising each day to a new record high, how are full-time students affording a college education and transportation?

The national average has reached just above \$3.20 per gallon, a far cry from a year ago when it was \$2.22 per gallon, according to AAA.com.

Many full-time students are so involved with campus and extracurricular activities that they do not have time for a job. So that poses the question, with gas going up, how are students' wallets handling the squeeze at the pumps?

"The price is definitely a strain on my budget," Freddie Arnold, a freshman education major from Fairbury, Neb., said. "I have actually asked my boss back home for a raise, just so I can afford to fill my tank."

A comparison of city gas averages on AAA.com shows that out of eight of Nebraska's biggest cities, Kearney boasts the second highest average at \$3.25 per gallon. York was the highest at \$3.28 and Omaha was the cheapest at \$3.12 per gallon.

Despite the steady rising at the pumps, gas prices are becoming more accepted with a very different calm than when gas prices first started to rise a few years ago, causing a nation-wide debacle.

"It's disappointing to see gas prices where they are now, but it has to be expected ever

since 9/11," Eugene Bichlmeier, a junior broadcasting major from Columbus, Neb., said. "There has never been a steady price in gas since that event."

So with the holiday season approaching fast, there is speculation that the price of fuel will reach even higher levels. Certain reports have the price per gallon mark hitting the \$4 per gallon level by the time New Year's Day rolls around.

Regardless of the high prices, students will still need to pay the extra dollars to travel home for the upcoming breaks. So, if the market ever did reach \$4.00 per gallon here in the Kearney area, student travel is sure to be affected.

Even now students curtail their trips home. "I only go home when necessary, like during breaks or if there is a special occasion," Bichlmeier said. "With home more than two hours away, a trip back ends up costing me \$40 that I don't have."

Students will have to find alternative measures to be able



Photo by Garrett Ritonya
Freshman Jessica Guyle of Mead comforts fellow freshman Freddie Arnold of Fairbury while filling up his Mazda. The price of gas has reached all-time highs this year, leading to disgruntled and depressed drivers.

to afford a full tank. Some accept the price spikes with a sense of humor. Arnold says it is getting to the point where he needs to take out more student loans just to be able to drive.

"It is insane what gas has done in just the past couple of years," Arnold said. "Fuel has reached the point that if the

Pope sneezes, gas the next day will go up 20 cents."

At least we can be thankful that most of us don't drive Hummers. Comedian Jeff Dunham states that when he takes his H1 to the pumps, he leaves \$140 poorer.

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Reader opinion:
family (but not the woman?). It is the woman's duty to not put herself in a position where this could ever happen. Again, where would such ideas come from? Read the Old Testament carefully and find out.

It is not just radical Islam that thinks that sharia law is a useful way by which to live one's life. A recent poll of British Muslims showed that 38% thought that a suitable punishment for the religious crime of apostasy (leaving the Islamic faith) should constitute a penalty of death.

In the spring of 2006, President Ahmadinejad of Iran, accompanied by his cabinet, made a procession to the site of a well between the capital city of Tehran and the holy city of Qum. This is said to be the cistern where the Twelfth or "occulted" or "hidden" Imam (someone who is able to lead mankind in all aspects of life) took refuge in the year 873, at the age of five, never to be seen again until his long-awaited and beseeched reappearance will astonish and redeem the world (sound familiar?). On arrival, Ahmadinejad took a scroll of paper and thrust it down the aperture, so as to update the occulted one on Iran's progress

in thermonuclear fission and the enrichment of uranium. Why "inform" the Imam of this? Because it is believed that the 12th Imam will only return when the apocalypse takes place and Iran's nuclear weapons program is designed to accelerate this process. Such beliefs clearly have consequences, none of which are good for those that value civilization.

We currently live in a world where religion is rapidly leading us to something terrible. We can save civilization from the nonsense of religion, but only if we embark on a world wide campaign of a new enlightenment. Toward this end, the 2008 elections are going to be the most important in the history of the US and perhaps the world, in terms of getting us back on an enlightened course. I say this because currently the Supreme Court is composed of four out of nine judges with radical religious viewpoints comprising it. One more would tip the court towards a radical religious base. Don't vote for ignorance and superstition, vote for a candidate who shows an understanding of science and values reason over religion. If not, I am afraid we will all be seeing each other in a "flash."

3 tips to conserve fuel

1. Avoid pushing the pedal to the metal

• Instead of slamming the gas pedal to the floor when taking off from a red light or stop sign, gradually pull away. Hitting the gas like you're John Force in a dragster burns up a lot of fuel and will empty your tank more quickly. This may be difficult in an "I gotta get there now" society, but it will save money in the long run.

2. While waiting in your vehicle, keep engine off.

• While waiting for someone or just sitting in the driveway/ parking lot making a call, turn that ignition off. When the engine idles, it still burns up gas in the tank.



3. Keep your vehicle in good shape

• Keeping your vehicle in good running condition will allow the engine to reach maximum miles per gallon. Making sure tires are properly inflated, air filters are clean and your engine tuned will stretch each gallon.

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