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# Black Friday not easy for store employees

*Many students have had to work during the shopping madness; this year was no exception*

BY KIMBERLY GERDES  
Antelope Staff

Alarm clock blaring in her ear—it’s five in the morning on Black Friday. She rolls over and hits the snooze.

Three minutes later it goes again. She thinks she’s dreaming that her alarm is going off this early. She can’t figure out why people make themselves do this, but she’s not getting up to get the door buster deals. She’s getting up to sell the crazy people the door buster deals.

Every year on the Friday after Thanksgiving, people across the U.S. wake up at ridiculous hours and stand in line to get the best door buster deals of the year. Whether it’s a 52” television at nearly 50 percent off or the perfect blender at 70 percent off, people are out shopping at six, five, or even four in the morning to

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Photo by Kim Gerdes

Piles of clothes and shoes were carried to the registers all morning by customers at Sporting Edge. Autumn Dugan, a junior communication disorders major from Greeley, spent her morning ringing out sale after sale for Black Friday shoppers. She spent over eight hours at work, starting her shift at 5:30 a.m.

## UNK teacher named U.S. Professor of the Year

*First Nebraskan to receive title by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education*

A UNK professor is the first Nebraska educator to be named a U.S. Professor of the Year by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) in the nearly 30 years of this prestigious national teaching award.



DR. RICK MILLER

Dr. Rick Miller, UNK professor and chair of the department of psychology, received the award at a luncheon and awards ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 19 at the Willard Intercon-

tinental Washington in Washington, D.C.

Miller earned the award in the Outstanding Master’s Universities and Colleges category. The U.S. Professor of the Year award is recognized as one of the most prestigious national awards honoring undergraduate teaching. The national award is also presented to educators in the categories of Outstanding Doctoral and Research Universities, Outstanding Baccalaureate Colleges and Outstanding Community Colleges. The four national winners each receive a \$5,000 cash award from The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

This year, the U.S. Professors of the Year award winners were selected from a pool of more than 300 nominees. Judges select national and state winners based on four criteria: impact on and involvement with undergraduate students; scholarly approach to teaching and learning; contributions to undergraduate education in the institution, community and profession; and support from colleagues, and current and former undergraduate students. The U.S. Professors of the Year awards program, created in 1981, is the only

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get deals of the year.

"This year was the second time I have worked the opening shift of Black Friday, and each year it gets crazier," said Autumn Dugan, junior communication disorders major from Greeley.

"I had never worked in retail on Black Friday, so this was a crazy experience for me. There are people everywhere fighting for the deals that they want," Nick Dvorak, junior business administration major from Wymore said.

Both Dvorak and Dugan work at Sporting Edge at the mall and were working at the 6 a.m. opening. "The manager and I opened our doors a little early because we didn't see many shoppers out, so we thought we could handle it until the others arrived at six. But right after we opened the gate, at least 40 people came rushing in our store," Dugan said. The rush at their store continued until their doorbuster sales ended at 10 a.m.

On Black Friday retail workers have to have tough skin.

"People are sometimes rude on a regular day, but on Black Friday it seems like they're on a whole different level. I was refolding sweatshirts and grabbed one off the pile that a lady was planning to buy, but I didn't know that. The elderly woman slapped my hand and chewed me out for taking her sweatshirt," Dugan said.

"It seems like each person's attitude is different. If they had a good morning and got the deals they wanted at places like Walmart and Target, then they are in a better mood. But if they get to our store after the big places and have had some fights for what they wanted, they are not happy to be in our store, and they show it," Dvorak said.

"It's a fun morning to work because of all the chaos, but sometimes the people get so rude and disrespectful that it's hard to remember to be nice to each customer," Dugan said.

The biggest shopping day of the year can bring out the worst in anyone.



Photo by Kim Gerdes

Autumn Dugan tries to tidy up Sporting Edge during her Black Friday shift. "Once the craziness of doorbusters slowed down, there was refolding that needed to be done all over the store," Dugan said.

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national initiative specifically designed to recognize excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring.

John Lippincott, president of CASE, said the 2009 national and state winners represent the best in undergraduate teaching and mentoring. In addition to the four national winners, state-level Professors of the Year are being recognized in 36 states, the District of Columbia and Guam. In 1990, Dr. Paul Welter, UNK professor of counseling and school psychology, received the award on the state level.

"These professors have a passion for teaching that sparks a passion for learning in their students," Lippincott said. "As great teachers, they combine a profound knowledge of their disciplines with creative teaching methods to engage students within and outside of the classroom. We celebrate their achievements and contributions to teaching and student learning."

Anthony Bryk, president of The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, said that the four national winners have shaped both the lives of their students and the well-being of their communities.

"These dedicated teachers are not only leading their students to develop a deep understanding of their respective fields: geology, sociology, psychology and chemistry, but they are also mirroring examples of scholarship, citizenship and community involvement that ultimately will lead to contributions toward a better society and indeed a better world," he said.

Miller has been described as: "...an engaging teacher who challenges his students to think critically about the material they encounter."

Earlier this year, "...in recognition of his exceptional work as a scholar-teacher of psychology," he received the Robert S. Daniel Award for outstanding teaching in a four-year college or university. The award was from the Society for the Teaching of Psychology, a division of the American Psychological Association.

He has also received the top UNK teaching and mentoring awards: the Pratt-Heins Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Leland Holdt/Security Mutual Life Distinguished Professor Award. He has also received the

University of Nebraska-wide Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity Award (OTICA). Further, under his leadership, the department of psychology has received the University of Nebraska-wide Outstanding Teaching Department Award, once, and the UNK Departmental Teaching Award, four times.

In addition, Miller has received several research awards, including the UNK Pratt-Heins Foundation Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Research. He has authored, or co-authored, more than 70 book chapters and journal articles, and he has co edited two books. Since 1990, Miller has directed nearly 200 undergraduate research projects; in addition, nearly 30 of his students have had their work published in professional psychology journals.

Members of the UNK department of psychology recently summed up Miller's influence: "Richard Miller is both an exemplary academic citizen and an outstanding scholar-teacher. He is the kind of person who makes a difference. He certainly has made a difference for us."



# Now is the time to give back

## Holiday season calls for volunteers

BY KYLIE TIELKE

Antelope Staff

"Everyone can be great because everyone can serve." —Martin Luther King Jr.

The greatest gift a person can give another is their personal services. The greatest benefit of volunteering is the self-benefit and making a difference in someone else's life and in the community.

"Volunteering gives me a sense of community to allow me to do something for the better of everyone and not just myself," said Jena Lynch, senior sociology and German major from Lincoln, who can speak on this firsthand. In January, Lynch will travel to Cambodia where she will teach English as a volunteer.

"I will be teaching English to adults from Cambodia. They will pay to take my class, and then the money they pay will go towards clean water and developing the area," Lynch said.

According to Lynch, volunteering is not for everyone, but definitely is rewarding.

She decided to travel to Cambodia because she was not sure what she wanted to continue to study in graduate school. Another reason for her volunteering: simply to give back.

"I have been really fortunate throughout the years. My family has helped support me through college where I have had the opportunity to study abroad twice and live comfortably. I just think now it is time to give something back," Lynch said.

Lynch chose Cambodia because of its most recent history. In the past 30 years, they have struggled through genocide where approximately 20 percent of the population's (1.7 million) lives were exterminated, creating one of the worst human tragedies in the last century.

"Their history was interesting to me, and I just really wanted to explore a new country, and of course, help as much as I can," Lynch said.

Volunteering abroad has many benefits for students. Other than earning college credit and having the opportunity to explore a new country, there are deeper benefits to volunteering.

"Personally I think going abroad focuses you. It takes you out of your comfort zone and allows you to look at yourself from the outside. It allows you to grow and find out who you are as a person," Ann Marie Park, coordinator of the study

abroad and exchange programs said.

According to Park, going abroad helps students gain knowledge about other countries and helps them focus on what is important in life.

"I have had many students come back and change their lives, including their major. When they come back, they realize what exactly they want to do and what they want to learn," Park said.

According to goingglobal.com, other benefits of volunteering include promoting a cause, learning firsthand from the source about a community, its culture, the people and the issues, and applying your specialized skills in unconventional settings. Another benefit is to broaden your skills.

**"Volunteering gives me a sense of community to allow me to do something for the better of everyone and not just myself."**

Jena Lynch  
Senior

"I think everyone should do this. It's key in a person's life," Park said.

According to Park, students can only benefit from going abroad. "I think everyone should go abroad. College is a pivotal time in an individual's life and this is a chance for them to form themselves and decide what they want to do in their lives," Park said.

Lynch will be teaching an English program in Cambodia for three months.

There are many ways to get involved in volunteering whether it's abroad or even right here in Kearney. The first thing to do is use the Internet to research. A few Web sites that offer distinct directions on how to volunteer include idealist.org, volunteerinternational.org and volunteerabroad.com.

Idealist is a project that has thorough databases that search nonprofit organizations. International Volunteer Programs Association has organizations that promote volunteer and internship exchanges. Volunteer abroad is a Web site that is directed toward students.

To get involved, visit UNK's service-learning department. For more information contact director Geraldine Stirtz.

"It's pretty easy to get paid for something, but a lot harder to do something just out of the goodness of your heart," Lynch said.

## 300 CANS IN TWO DAYS



Courtesy photo

Psychology Club secretary Jessica Obermier and Psychology Club president Brittany Schmidt pause from collecting canned goods for Campus Kitchen. As part of a service learning project, the UNK Psychology Club recently collected more than 300 cans of food for the Campus Kitchen's annual Turkey Palooza event held Nov. 22 and 23.

# Events around campus

*Take in a show, check out a demonstration, debate policy ... and eat some pancakes while you're at it*

## Come see the new planetarium

All UNK faculty, staff and students are invited to a show at the new UNK Planetarium. The free show, called "Planetarium on Parade," will be offered Tuesday Dec. 8 at 12:30 p.m. and will last approximately 35 minutes. No food or drinks are allowed in the planetarium, and the show will begin promptly on time. Please arrive early as there is no admission once the show has started.

## Eat pancakes for softball

Support the Loper softball team. The ninth annual UNK softball pancake feed will be held Dec. 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the American Legion, located at 1223 Central Avenue. Tickets are \$4 and will be available at the door. Contact head coach Holly Carnes at 865-8010 for more information.

## Free Nebraskats concert tonight

The UNK department of music and performing arts will feature the Nebraskats Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall. Admission is free.

The concert will feature many songs and melodies including: "It Had Better Be Tonight," "Maroon 5 Medley," "80s Medley," "Hot Chocolate," "Christmas Time is Here," "Wonderful Christmastime," "Dreamgirls Medley" and "Michael Jackson Medley." Andrew White is the director, and Blake Thompson is the student assistant director.

## Watch free glass blowing demos

Saturday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. the G.A.S. Club will be hosting their annual Glass Blowing Open House and glass sale. The event will be held in the UNK Hot Shop located in room 137 of Otto Olsen.

Please come by, bring family and friends, watch one of the many glass blowing demonstrations and help support the UNK glass students. Hand blown ornaments

will be available! If you have any questions please contact Chad Fonfara.

## Jazz Rock ensemble features big band, swing music

The UNK Jazz Rock ensemble will present their fall concert Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall. The concert will feature big band music from the swing era to the present. The Innocence will be the featured guest. Free admission and open to the public.

## Don't Ask, Don't Tell forum opens debate

The University of Nebraska Public Policy Center, American Democracy Project at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, the Locke and Key Society, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Arts and Sciences through the Thomas C. Sorensen Policy Seminar Series are cosponsoring the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" forum Thursday, Dec. 9.

Discussants James Bowman (The Ethics and Public Policy Center) and Alex Nicholson (Servicemembers United) will offer competing perspectives and arguments for maintaining or repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

Since 1993, openly gay individuals have been prohibited from serving in the United States Armed Forces by a combination of both federal statute and executive order. Gay individuals can serve in the military but cannot be asked about their sexual orientation, and will be discharged if they disclose it.

Popularly known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," this policy has been controversial since its inception, and President Obama has recently vowed to end it.

The forum will begin at 7 p.m. in Copeland Hall Room 142. The event is free and open to students, staff, faculty and community members.

## HAPPY IN NEBRASKA



Photo by Kevin Whetstone

Janoslav 'Jon' Sneijder, a sophomore business management major from Berkeley, Calif., enjoys a sunny day just outside of Kearney. Sneijder, originally from the Netherlands, said that Nebraska has the nicest people he has ever met in his time in the States. According to the May 2009 Happiness Index by MainStreet.com, Nebraska is the happiest state in the nation.

## Sudoku ★★☆☆☆

### How to play:

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

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# Divi ded



## After six months, bar owners and employees are still divided on smoking ban

BY LYNDSLEY LUXFORD  
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Thunderhead, check. Copperfields, check. Fanatics, check. Playpen, check. Cunningham's, check. Lumberg's, check.

All of these bars stretch across The Bricks in downtown Kearney. As of six months ago, they all have become non-smoking. No matter what their opinion is on the statewide smoking ban, all of the owners agree that people should have the right to decide what to do with their privately owned businesses.

### Thunderhead

Trevor Schaben kicked the cigarette butts out of the doorway at the local brewery he started 10 years ago. "I find it ironic that I am kicking cigarettes out of my entrance," Schaben said with a slight chuckle. Schaben walked up the brewery's staircase and stopped on the first landing. He resumed cutting wires in order to replace a painting with a new backdrop displaying Thunderhead's brews on the crimson wall.

Restaurant and bar owners were literally told they had to nip smoking in the butt as of the first of June when a smoking ban took effect across the whole state of Nebraska. The effects that this ban has put on places that mainly sell alcohol have both upsides and downsides.

"For us it's a little bit different because we were non-smoking before all of this happened— which was the thing that made us unique. Now that we aren't unique, it has been a bit of a negative effect. However, at the same time, I can't say it has been all negative because people who wouldn't come here before because we were non-smoking, come here now because they don't have options to go other places," Schaben said.

It is obvious that people who smoke are against this ban, and people who do not smoke are for this ban. Local bar owners definitely have their own point of view on the situation.

Schaben stopped clipping wire for the

first time and said, "I am actually against the ban because these are privately owned businesses. We should be able to make the decision on our own. I think people 'voting with their feet and with their dollars' works the best. There can be a place for everyone. That way if you absolutely have to have a cigarette with your beer there would be a place for you to go."

Schaben's voice stopped as he clipped another piece of wire. "So as a business owner, we could decide what we wanted to do— for us we decided to go non-smoking, just because we wanted to be different."

Bryan Todd works at Thunderhead. His two-month employment anniversary is coming up soon, and the ban hasn't really changed anything for him. "I would not have wanted to work at a bar that allowed smoking because I am allergic to the smoke." Since Thunderhead was non-smoking prior to the ban, he would have applied there rather than anywhere else.

### Playpen

Down the road, a quiet bar shows telltales signs that patrons of the Playpen aren't too impressed with the ban either. The lighting is dark at two in the afternoon. The color of the walls reveals that smoking was a popular pastime in this establishment for years. Three regulars and the bar owner, Jeanne Jorgensen, sat at the bar ironically talking about what had been published in that morning's Kearney Hub. The headline read, "Smoking ban good, bad for business."

In a raspy voice Jorgensen spoke about the ban, "Our business is significantly down. I would say before the ban we had about 60 to 75 percent smokers. It is hard to say because at the time that the ban took effect, the weather had not been the greatest. We have a lot of construction workers and golfers, but it didn't get so hot

that they couldn't stay outside. So it is hard to say what is more to blame: the weather or the economy. I believe smoking was a significant part of it."

Jorgensen's thoughts are similar to those of Trevor Schaben's. Jorgensen and her husband John believe that it should be the bar owner's decision.

"Well I am against it, but we are learning to live with it. I guess my biggest problem is that my husband and I own this building, so we feel that we should be able to do what we want. I don't see, for any reason why we couldn't put a six-foot sign up in front that reads, 'We are smoking in here. (If you don't like it) Don't bring me beer, don't clean my carpets and don't apply for a job. That is what we are doing in here.' I don't see why it couldn't be as simple as that, to let us make our own decisions." Jorgensen also said that she hasn't seen the hordes of non-smokers that were supposed to show up after the ban. She has not seen anyone come in here specifically because the bar is non-smoking. It is mostly their same regulars, however now, she says "they don't stay as long."

### Fanatics

One popular sports bar, Fanatics, sits right on Central Avenue, a prime location. Bar owner, Todd Schirmer has the impression that his bar has not been drastically affected by this change. Schirmer decided he wanted a smoke free bar from the get-go. He hoped that this would give him a niche and that he would develop customers based on the smoke free atmosphere.

"We knew it was coming eventually, so we wanted to be ahead of the game and offer a place with no smoking, just to see if we could develop a crowd based on no smoking. We also didn't want to go through the whole process of cleaning the smell of smoke out of the bar. I am not a smoker, and as much as I am at the

bar, I didn't want to work in a place that constantly smelled like smoke," Schirmer said.

So far Schirmer said that the ban has been, for the most part, a positive. He said that people who smoke feel like they are on a level playing ground, so they come to Fanatics now that they do not have the need to go elsewhere for smoking.

However, Schirmer firmly believes that this should not be legislated. "I think it should be each individual owner's choice. People have the right to choose to come or not to come, based on what the bar has to offer. I think that we make that choice every day; whether it is smoking, the type of food offered, the atmosphere or the location. I just am not a believer in legislating things like that."

### Lumberg's

Jody Spilde, the bar owner of Lumberg's reflects that drinking and smoking often go hand in hand. "When customers go outside to smoke, then they are not drinking their beer, which has been a bit of an effect on our business," Spilde said. Spilde, originally from Sioux City, Iowa, said that his business has not been as affected, but he faces problematic legal issues the ban causes. "When people go outside to smoke, they tend to take their drinks with them (which is illegal). Now my costs have gone up to have an extra person on staff just to watch our doors."

### Copperfields

Just across the brick road from both Thunderhead and Lumberg's is another locally owned bar, Copperfields. Once Mike Kelliher, the bar owner, heard "smoking ban" his demeanor went from laughing to serious. He said his business has gone down drastically, over 50 percent. He is not sure how much of the drop is due to the ban and not the economy, but he feels that the smoking ban has made a negative impact on his bar.

Kelliher said that if not smoking in the bars was so important, then the bars that



# Keep the Magic rollin'

*Despite best effort from team Alpha Tau Omega, Madonna Magic roll to an easy victory during halftime*

Photos by A Sanam Bhaila

FAR LEFT: During the opening minutes of the exhibition game between the Madonna Magic and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, the Magic opened up a huge lead thanks to the play of No. 3.

LEFT: North Platte freshman Anthony Pfeiff of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity frantically chases after the guard, but is too late. Team ATO did manage two points, but played sloppy defense much of the night.

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BOTTOM LEFT: Members of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and the Madonna Magic line up for a group shot after their 10-minute exhibition match during halftime of the UNK-Hastings game. The Magic were brought in with the help of CIA on campus, and they are an official member of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Gering junior David Kelley looks to bomb the ball downcourt during the exhibition game. To no avail, he found only the opposing team.



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# From CTE to Club E

*UNK dorm creates new tradition that is easy on the wallet*



**BY JESSICA KENYON**  
Antelope Staff

UNK students are always looking for that one night where they don't have to drive, and they don't have to spend money. That night still involves the usual friends and can be found right on campus.

CTE has made it a tradition to throw Club E for students to dance the night away.

The RAs plan and prepare for the event; however, this year the RAs asked for more input. "We asked CAN to help set up and plan. It ran so much smoother with resident help, so the RAs were very grateful," junior biology major Alyssa Helming from Bellevue said.

Setting up Club E takes two or three weeks for planning, discussing dates and times as well as decorations and entertainment ideas.

At Club E, event decorations ended up taking a few hours, but everything looked great. "The decorations included black tarps that covered the windows; paper Es that covered the walls and a giant E on the floor that was highlighted. Glowing water sparkled on the main table, glowing plastic string wrapped around the columns and white sheets with glow-in-the-dark paint covering the chairs. Helming said the black lights were key, adding

fluorescent colors to enhance ambience.

Local rappers brought in from across Nebraska by residents created "club" entertainment.

**"Although I don't live on campus at UNK, I still like to attend a lot of the events so I'm able to meet other students and just have a fun and safe time."**

**Joey Cochnar**  
Senior

All UNK students are allowed to attend Club E, but the event is centered around on-campus students. "We probably had 100 people attend this year," Helming said.

Senior elementary education major

Joey Cochnar of Grand Island said she attended the event to have fun and meet others. "Although I don't live on campus at UNK, I still like to attend a lot of the events so I'm able to meet

other students and just have a fun and safe time. ... This year's Club E was so fun. The decorations looked great and the rappers were an awesome touch to the night."

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# Seniors hit right notes at Frank House

**BY CHELSEA ARCHER**  
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Music could be heard floating out of the Frank House doors Nov. 21 during the "Parlor Performance: Two in Tune" event featuring seniors Blake Thompson and Kassie Sabah.

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Thompson, a baritone from Dalton majoring in K-12 music education, and Sabah, a soprano from Kearney majoring in music, sang a series of duets and solos among friends and family. Piano accompanists included Dr. Marilyn Musick and student Maiko Sugahara of Japan.

"Chamber music was popular in Victorian times," said Kris Ann Sullivan, director of the Frank House. "The Frank House chambers are perfect for sharing music. They are sized for small, intimate groups and have coved ceilings (concave surface forming a junction between ceiling and wall) which are acoustically wonderful."

Songs included "Ahh Sweet Mystery of Life/ I'm Falling in Love with Someone" from the musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie," "Anything You Can Do" from the musical "Annie Get Your Gun" and a German duet by Robert Schumann.

Thompson sang "More," "Nebronchezpas," "Rastlose Liebe," "The Dodger" and "Long Time Go." Thompson is the assistant director for the UNK Nebraskats, the assistant director of speech at Kearney High School, choreographer for Gibbon High School's show choir, an assistant complex director for UNK Nester South residence hall and a mem-

**"I took piano lessons starting when I was in second grade, and I loved to play school when I was little, and I just kept going with it. I really love teaching and helping others, and I love music."**

**Blake Thompson**  
Senior

ber of UNK Choraleers.

After graduation this December, Thompson plans on student teaching at Grand Island Northwest High School.

"I've always enjoyed music," Thompson said. "I took piano lessons starting when I was in second grade, and I loved to play school when I was little, and I just kept going with it. I really love teaching and helping others, and I love music."

Sabah sang "Elijah" by Mendelssohn, "Summertime" by Gershwin and other songs by Pauline Viardot, Franz Joseph Haydn and Clara Schumann. Sabah is a member of UNK Choraleers, UNK Collegium and the Kearney Symphony Orchestra. She will perform in the upcoming opera, "Suor Angelica," shortly after Christmas break.

Sabah plans on joining the Peace Corps after graduation.

"My mom is a music teacher and everyone in my family is musical in one way or another," Sabah said. "Instead of teaching music, I am just majoring in it, and hopefully I will be doing music ministry or music therapy some day."

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# 'New Moon' rising

*Crowds continue to invade movie theaters across the country, helping 'New Moon' shine*

BY JESSICA HUEBERT  
Antelope Staff

Biggest midnight opening—ever. Crowds of UNK students and masses of people across the country, primarily females, flooded over 3,500 theaters at midnight on Nov. 20 to see the second film in the “Twilight” saga, “New Moon.”

The film took in \$26.27 million during its midnight opening, surpassing previous record holders, “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince” and “The Dark Knight” by a landslide.

The Kearney Cinema 8 sold out for all eight screens more than a week before opening night. Cinema 8 general manager, Mark Lusche, said it was definitely the craziest midnight showing they’ve seen so far.

From homemade shirts declaring either “Team Edward” or “Team Jacob” to full on vampire costumes, fans were geared up and crowding the Cinema 8 lobby for hours before the midnight showing. “We went at around 10 o’clock,” said Stephanie Folkers, a senior social work major from Lexington. “We might have gone earlier, but since we already had advanced tickets, we had guaranteed seats anyways. It was kind of fun to see people so crazy and excited and all dressed up, even older women with shirts that said ‘Twi-moms.’ Waiting in line and seeing all the people was like free entertainment before the movie.”

fore the movie.”

Cinema 8 also teamed up with the Red Cross for the evening, offering “pocket-sized first aid kits” complete with attached plastic vampire fangs for a \$2 donation. These were a tie-in to the beginning of the movie in which one of the main characters, accident-prone Bella Swan, gets a paper cut that changes her entire world when she is nearly attacked by a member of her vampire boyfriend’s family. The first aid kit played on the obvious connection between the Red Cross’s need for blood donations and a vampire’s need for blood.

Now, over a week after opening night, [www.movieweb.com](http://www.movieweb.com) reports that it took only seven days for “New Moon” to reach the \$200 million milestone that every big film hopes for, already surpassing the total income for its predecessor, “Twilight.”

Despite mixed reviews from critics, hard-core fans of the “Twilight” books, which the movies are based upon, can’t be kept away from seeing the film in theaters once, twice or even three times.

“I thought it was better than the first ‘Twilight’ movie,” said Ruth Christensen, a senior secondary education major from Maxwell. “There was more humor and action, and it definitely stayed more true to the actual book.” Twi-hards continue flocking to the theaters, determined to help “New Moon” outshine all the rest.



Photos by Jessica Huebert

TOP: While waiting for “New Moon” to start, Ruth Christensen, a senior secondary education major from Maxwell, uses her bright pink vampire chompers to take a bite out of Courtney Kadlecck, a senior elementary education major from Ceresco.

BELOW: The opening of “New Moon” brought out all sorts of crazy outfits and homemade shirts from fans expressing their love for the “Twilight” series. Diehard fans showed up for the midnight showing hours ahead of time to ensure a good seat in the theater.

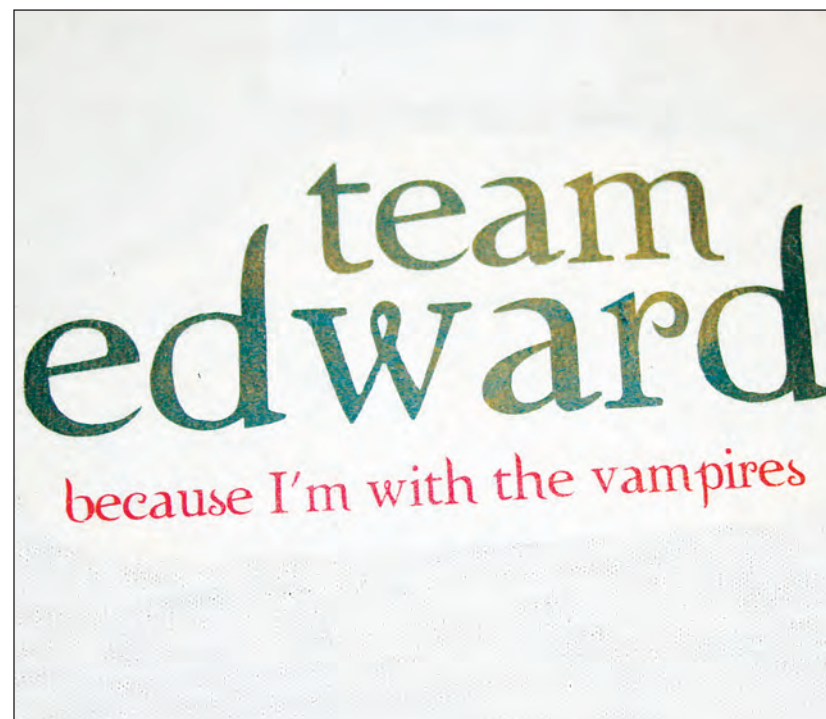


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Kearney’s Cinema 8 theater was invaded by fans of “Twilight” for the midnight showing of the saga’s second film on Nov. 20. All eight screens were sold out over a week before the premiere.







Photos by Jessica Huebert

LEFT: Cinema 8 teamed up with the Red Cross for the opening night of "New Moon." Pocket-sized first aid kits complete with vampire teeth were given out for a \$2 donation.

ABOVE: "New Moon" fans are split between Team Edward or Team Jacob, the two leading men in the film. The midnight showing of "New Moon" brought out all sorts of kooky outfits and homemade shirts from fans expressing their love for the "Twilight" series.

BELOW: Jennifer Richardson, a junior art history major from Stratton, Courtney Kadlecsek, and Ruth Christensen eagerly wait for "New Moon" to begin. Cinema 8 reserved eight screens for the opening night crowds.

## I'M DREAMING OF A 'TWILIGHT' CHRISTMAS

Do you know one of those obsessed Twilight fans? Or are you one of them? Well, Christmas is right around the corner so why not skip the knitted scarf or smelly bathroom products this year and get them something they really want. Here are some "Twilight" gift ideas for the budget conscious or the big spenders.

- The "Twilight" Saga Collection Box Set = \$41.50 on Amazon.com
- Mattel SCENE IT? "Twilight" = \$25.99 at Sears
- "New Moon" soundtrack = \$9.99 at Best Buy
- "New Moon" Edward fleece throw = \$28.00 at Hot Topic
- "New Moon" Jacob/Edward/Bella life size cardboard cutout = \$35.95 at Giftapolis.com
- "I Love Twilight" tile coaster = \$8.99 at CafePress.com
- "Twilight cast lunchbox = \$12.98 at Hot Topic





# Tweeting through regionals with volleyball team



**BY MATT IBERG**

Antelope Sports Staff

Lopers load the bus, roll out for Ames, Iowa, for night!

4:18 p.m. Nov 17th from Lopers4Life

Pulled into the Mall of the Bluffs for dinner; Panera for ALL! Great staff and friendly!

8:07 p.m. Nov 17th from Lopers4Life

Checked into our hotel. The beds are Sleep Number beds...Awesome!

3:25 p.m. Nov 18th from Lopers4Life

After a few hours of down time (naps!), we're off to the mall (coaches to a meeting) for shopping and dinner.

6:30 p.m. Nov 18th from Lopers4Life

Table for 28 at Macaroni Grill...

7:15 p.m. Nov 18th from Lopers4Life

Bed time for everyone!

10:00 p.m. Nov 18th from Lopers4Life

Wake-up call in St. Paul! Preparing for a big day!

8:45 a.m. Nov 19th from Lopers4Life

Breakfast in our lobby...French toast, eggs with cheese and bacon! GBB!

9:30 a.m. Nov 19th from Lopers4Life

On our way to the gym...almost GAME TIME! GBB!

11:23 a.m. Nov 19th from Lopers4Life

Just finished watching the Metro-Southwest Minnesota match! Metro won in five!

1:45 a.m. Nov 19th from Lopers4Life

First serve of our NCAA Playoff Match!

2:47 PM Nov 19th from Lopers4Life

Lopers down 0-2 to begin set three. Can we do it?!

3:16 PM Nov 19th from Lopers4Life

Lopers end their season 33-3 after a 3-game sweep at the hands of Minn. Duluth.

3:47 PM Nov 19th from Lopers4Life

Tears flowed from the girls' eyes in the locker room. "Great year, bad day" says coach.

4:02 PM Nov 19th from Lopers4Life

Headed back to the hotel to shower and get ready for dinner tonight. Somber atmosphere.

4:53 PM Nov 19th from Lopers4Life

Arrived back at our hotel. Parents are here hugging their daughters after a tough loss.

5:11 PM Nov 19th from Lopers4Life

Decisions for dinner, Outback, Chili's or somewhere else...

6:31 PM Nov 19th from Lopers4Life

Decision made, OUTBACK it is!

6:40 PM Nov 19th from Lopers4Life

Loading up for our hotel, yet again.

8:15 PM Nov 19th from Lopers4Life

Homework, sleep, hanging out, going out with parents are all on the agenda tonight.

8:30 PM Nov 19th from Lopers4Life

Early wake-up call tomorrow, bedtime!

11:00 PM Nov 19th from Lopers4Life

Loading the bus for our return trip to Kearney!

8:01 AM Nov 20th from Lopers4Life

Most of the bus is asleep, those who aren't sleeping are doing homework...at least trying.

10:24 AM Nov 20th from Lopers4Life

Trying to figure out lunch plans. We're in Des Moines, so we HAVE to stop at Chic-fil-A

12:01 PM Nov 20th from Lopers4Life

Oops, who would have thought the Chic-fil-A was in a mall? WELL WORTH IT!

1:10 PM Nov 20th from Lopers4Life

Loaded up and ready for our last leg of the trip to Kearney.

1:16 PM Nov 20th from Lopers4Life

Lincoln...getting closer! Everyone is getting restless.

4:41 PM Nov 20th from Lopers4Life

Erica is doing her own fashion show: aisle = catwalk, bathroom = entrance. Hilarious.

5:15 PM Nov 20th from Lopers4Life

Girls are starting to go crazy...bad Pitch deals, cheating...yelling...not good!

6:00 PM Nov 20th from Lopers4Life

ARCHWAY!

6:31 PM Nov 20th from Lopers4Life

Finally back at UNK after along trip. Great season!

6:42 PM Nov 20th from Lopers4Life

Senior Nikki Scott of Broken Bow has a very good memory; Babe the Pig + Hong Kong.

9:32 p.m. Nov 17th from Lopers4Life

Arrived at the Country Inn and Suites in Ames, Iowa. FREE COOKIES!

10:04 PM Nov 17th from Lopers4Life

Bedtime; Long day tomorrow! GO BIG BLUE!

11:00 p.m. Nov 17th from Lopers4Life

RISE AND SHINE! Wake-up call in Ames, Iowa!

7:15 a.m. Nov 18th from Lopers4Life

Bus is loaded and ready for our trip to Concordia-St. Paul for our gym time. Breakfast was fairly decent...at least it was hot!

8:45 a.m. Nov 18th from Lopers4Life

The girls can not get enough of Disney's "Mulan."

9:36 a.m. Nov 18th from Lopers4Life

Crossed into Minnesota. First thing we see, a SPAM museum.

10:30 a.m. Nov 18th from Lopers4Life

Arrived on the campus of CSP. Preparing for our gym-time. GBB!

12:15 p.m. Nov 18th from Lopers4Life

Good use of our practice time. Time for lunch at Bruegger's Bagels.

2:00 p.m. Nov 18th from Lopers4Life

What ever little town we're in, the girls are loving it!

2:07 p.m. Nov 18th from Lopers4Life

Leaving four our hotel from lunch. I don't think Bruegger's was ready for 28 people!

3:00 p.m. Nov 18th from Lopers4Life



# UNK women's basketball goes for more than athletics

*With a team GPA averaging 3.520, the Lopers sit ninth academically in the NCAA*

**BY JENNIFER KARDELL**  
Antelope Sports Staff

The UNK women's basketball team may not have started their season the way they had hoped, by losing their first three games. However, they have something to be proud of.

The team has started the season on a high note with their academics. The Lopers are currently ranked ninth academically in NCAA Division II—tied with Winona State University in rankings determined by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

The WBCA chooses the top 25 teams in each NCAA division by overall team GPA. The Lopers sit firmly in ninth place with a GPA of 3.520. The team was not far from the top spot held by St. Thomas Aquinas College with their overall GPA of 3.694.

The Lopers have always been nationally ranked while under the direction of head coach Carol Russell. "Since I have been the head coach here at UNK, we have consistently been ranked for our academics. The lowest our team has been ranked is 11th in the nation, and the highest we have been ranked was for the 2002-2003 academic year where we were No. 1 in the nation overall NCAA Division I, NCAA Division II and NCAA Division III women's basketball programs," Russell said.

The players themselves, however, play the biggest role in their academic honors. Team members Megan Becker, a senior advertising major from Beaver

City, and Sarah Ludwick, a sophomore elementary education major from Elkhorn, have spent many hours studying and utilizing the resources provided to them to keep up with their academic studies.

Ludwick spends about two hours every night studying, using resources such as the UNK library and tutors when needed.

The number of hours Becker spends studying usually depends on the amount of homework she has. With all the resources provided to them, it may seem easy to balance academics with athletics, but it's not as easy as it sounds according to Becker. "Even as a senior, I still am trying to fit everything in my schedule in one day, and it seems like there is always something more that I want to accomplish in a day. Time management is key for a student athlete, and I will admit it took me a few years to figure that out."

The team is very happy with their academic accomplishments and couldn't do it alone. They have a great support team at UNK from their tutors as well as coach Russell. Ludwick says, "It's really exciting. Our coach stresses academics, and it's great knowing it paid off."

The Lopers' next task is to get a few more "wins" on the board and finish out the season on a high note.

You can catch the Lopers in action in their next double feature at home with a game against New Mexico Highlands University on Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. and again on Dec. 5 against Colorado State-Pueblo—which is also at 6 p.m.

# Loper of the Week

**BY ABBY RICHTER**  
Antelope Sports Staff

## Heather Glodt Aqualoper

Heather Glodt, a sophomore elementary education major from Oberlin, Kan., contributed to a major part of the Aqualopers' win over Minnesota-Morris on Nov. 20 at Northern State University. Glodt led the way by winning the 50 free (26:37), 50 fly (29:23) and the 100 breaststroke (1:13.59).



Photo courtesy of lopers.com

### What is your favorite:

- Color: pink
- Movie: "Meet the Parents"
- Song: "Forever Young" by Rod Stewart
- Band: Aerosmith
- Actress: Reese Witherspoon
- Actor: Matthew McConaughey
- TV show: "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air"
- Food: Lasagna

### What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

What spare time? (haha!) If I do have any spare time, I like to veg out and relax. Recently, if I have any spare time, I have been experimenting in the kitchen, but I wouldn't call myself a Rachael Ray.

### What is one thing you consider unique about yourself?

One thing that is unique about myself is that I have been to almost all 50 states. My family would load up in our family van and ended up creating many of our own versions of the "Griswold's Family Vacation."

### If you could live or travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?

If I could travel or live anywhere in the world, it would be in the Bahamas. I've heard it is absolutely beautiful there, and the water is crystal clear. Beach locations are one of my favorite places.

### Who is your idol?

An idol of mine is my brother, Kyle. The obstacle that he overcame (breaking his neck and his recovery) makes me know that through perseverance, determination and faith, anything is possible.

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# Running a mile, or 50, in their shoes

*Year-round cross country creates opportunities for bonds, friendships between teammates*

**BY RACHAEL COCHRAN-PAGE**  
Antelope Sports Staff

Cross-country, the sport known for its long-distance runs. The sport run in rain or shine, over huge hills, through mud and water, and on any terrain imaginable. Cross country is the sport where athletes run for a finish line and a time, with no ball involved.

At UNK not only do the cross country runners run in the fall, they run in the winter and spring. These athletes run year-round because of indoor and outdoor track. But for Alma sophomore Hilke Brandon it is a way of life.

"Between the two seasons we only get a week of rest, where we still run but our miles are cut in half, so instead we run 15 to 20 miles. Running is part of my life; I am used to running 40 to 50 miles a week," Alma sophomore Hilke Brandon said.

To some that sounds absurd, but for long-distance runners this is the norm. UNK's female athletes complete 50 miles a week when they don't have a competition and 40 miles a week when they do have a meet. Most of the miles they complete each week are run together. Some miles, however, if they have a class conflict, they can run on their own.

"We run together. It makes it easier that way. We all try to schedule according to practice times. It can be hard to make yourself run without the rest of the team," Brandon said.

But does cross country and all this

running really help the athletes prepare for indoor track? Many athletes feel that running all the time is easier than getting out of shape and having to work at getting back in shape.

**"After all the miles we put in together, the team becomes more like a family. It is unlike any other sports experience."**

**Hilke Brandon**  
Sophomore from Alma

"I feel like if a runner just takes a couple weeks off they can become out of shape. Running year-round pays off because we are in shape all the time. Cross country season helps us in outdoor and summer helps us for indoor. The results from running year-round aren't necessarily immediate, but they do pay off in the long run," Brandon said.

Because the athletes are together year-round, they not only stay in shape, but form bonds and friendships different than in other sports. The team is known for doing "fun" runs for Halloween and Christmas; the team dresses up, completes their practice through town in costumes and usually they keep track of how many honks they get from cars driving by.

"We have a lot of fun together. Because we are individuals creating a team we push each other to be better. If we had

to run these long distances alone, it would be hard and probably not as fun. After all the miles we put in together the team becomes

more like a family. It is unlike any other sports experience," Brandon said.



**HILKE BRANDON**

**Because the athletes are together year-round, they not only stay in shape, but form bonds and friendships different than in other sports.**

# Youth leads men's basketball to 3-2 start

**BY DAN LENZEN**  
Antelope Sports Staff

The theme of the 2009-10 UNK men's basketball team will be youth and inexperience. The team will have four returning starters from last year's team, and the rest of the players are very young.

The returning starters are: senior guard Max Froehlich from Pierce, freshman guard Akeem Morissant from Delray Beach, Fla., junior forward Chris Deans from Hemingford, and senior center Josiah Parker from Lincoln.

Parker is the only senior on the team.

The team will be looking to replace the production of Drake Beranek, who transferred to UNL to play for a Division I program in the upcoming season. Beranek was the leading scorer and team leader last season.

The returning squad will step up, the coach says. "We just have guys last year who were role players for us who will have to step up for us this year and be key players. Froehlich and Parker will be key," co-head coach Kevin Lofton said.

Lofton said that the team is going to have a little more strength in depth than last year. "Last year where we could only play six to seven guys, this year we think we can play a few more," Lofton said.

The coaches are looking to younger players to step up to fill leadership roles. "Youth will be our biggest weakness. With just four returning starters from last year, we have a lot of new faces. We are counting on our four guys with starting experience to lead us playing at least 23 minutes per game. We need a lot of production out of those guys," Lofton said. According to Lofton, this year's team is going to be more of an up-tempo, motion style offense, with a man-to-man defensive scheme.

So far this season the team has a 3-2 overall record getting their most recent victory Nov. 18 over Hastings College 87-84.

Coach Lofton says that out of the 14 RMAC schools the two best teams will probably be New Mexico Highlands and Fort Hays State. "Those two teams should be pretty good. They have some really good players, and they are always usually pretty tough," Lofton said.

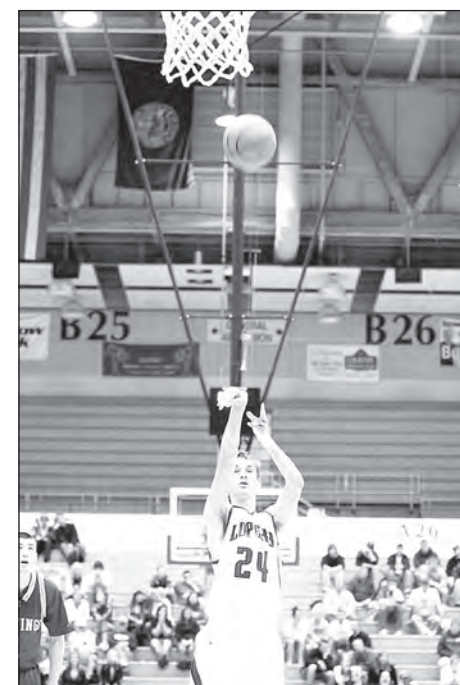
Lofton said the goals and expectations for this year's team will be just to get better and improve as the season goes along. "We have a young team this year. Our four returning starters have been leaders for us and need to continue to be leaders for us. We just need to get better as the year goes along," Lofton said.



Photos by A Sanam Bhaila

**ABOVE:** Senior center Josiah Parker of Lincoln goes up and slams home a dunk against Fort Hays State. Parker has been a bright spot for the Lopers this season, among the team leaders in points, rebounds and blocks per game.

**BELOW:** Sophomore guard Max Froehlich of Pierce puts up a free throw against Hastings College





Smoking Ban from page 5

were non-smoking prior to the ban would have been the busiest bars in Kearney. Those bars were not the only ones making business. He feels now they actually have lost their niche as a non-smoking establishment.

“It has absolutely hurt everybody. Now we have cigarette butts all over the streets. The liquor stores are up about 55 percent, and the bars are down about 50 percent. The waitstaff and workers who work here do not make nearly as much tips as they used to,” Kelliher said.

Before Kelliher stepped outside in the November weather to smoke his cigarette he said, “If they had allowed the people who attend the bars at least once a month, to be the only ones who vote, then they would have had a drastic change in the outcome. The majority of people who voted are not the type of people who go to the bars.”

When Kelliher rushed outside for his smoke break, Emily Robbins and Amaya Blasi, both bartenders at Copperfields, agreed that they would not have applied at Copperfields if the smoking ban had not taken place.

“I think the ban is obviously bad for bar business, but I do not like going home having to smell like smoke, so I like it,” Robbins said.

Cunningham's

All of these five business owners are landlocked. Therefore, they do not have beer gardens that their customers can comfortably smoke in. The only designated smoking area is the hard, cold concrete out front.

However, there are a few bars who don't feel as affected by the ban, particularly because their customers have the option to smoke in their beer garden. One bar in particular is Cunningham's. They have the option for smokers to smoke on their premises while still drinking outside

in the beer garden. However the true test will be coming shortly: the dead of winter.

“I don't think it has been affected for the good or bad. I know that there are smokers out there, but I think that they are getting used to it. It has been a positive for people who do not smoke because it brings them in to our place, and they enjoy being here and not going home smelling like smoke,” Mike Anderson, owner of Cunningham's said.

“As a non-smoker I am okay with it,” Anderson said, “but as a business owner I feel that some things should be left up to the business and let them decide for themselves. As a business owner I think there is a fine line.”

One thing is for sure, some employees actually feel healthier. Cunningham's employee, Jessica Cramer, feels that all of the regulars come to Cunningham's just as often, but they smoke less. “It is healthier for everyone. A couple of other employees have asthma, but with no smoke in the bar, it has helped them feel healthier.”

The overall effect

Six different bar owners, six different businesses affected for better or for worse, one similar opinion. The bar owners all agree that they should have had the right to decide what they can or cannot do with their own privately-owned business. On the other hand, some employees aren't


complaining and even “feel healthier” because they do not breathe in secondhand smoke all day and go home smelling like an ashtray. The ban has been in effect for six months now, and as businesses adjust to the new changes, patrons must take up smoking outside in the colder weather or simply nip it in the butt.

Sudoku answer:

Upside down, from page 4

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4	5	6	9	3	8	2	7	1
3	2	8	1	6	7	9	5	4
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5	6	1	8	4	3	7	9	2
2	9	4	7	1	5	3	6	8
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# Record-breaking season ends with loss to Duluth

BY CLAYTON KUSH  
Antelope Sports Staff

The final chapter of the 2009 UNK football team's season came to a close on Saturday, Nov. 21, with a 42-7 loss to last year's Division II champions Minnesota-Duluth.

The loss capped an outstanding season for the Lopers as they finished with a record of 11-2 and a perfect 9-0 in conference play.

This was a season full of great accomplishments for both the team and individual players. The Lopers won the RMAC Conference for the first time since 2005 and their first round playoff win against Saginaw Valley State was the first playoff victory by a Loper football team since 1980.

A big key to the Loper's success this season was having an experienced team, with returning starters like quarterback Jake Spitzlberger and wide receiver Kyle Kaiser. The team's explosive big play offensive attack and suffocating defense were a driving force during UNK's 11-game win streak, but it was how this team played together that made this season so special.

"A big key to our success was teamwork; everybody on the team had their own specific jobs and duties. Knowing that the guy next to you is going to do their part makes it easier for everyone else," Kaiser said.

UNK's quarterback Jake Spitzlberger also felt that the team played well together



Photo by Garrett Ritonya

Junior wide receiver Kyle Kaiser of Broomfield, Colo., goes down to make his only reception of the game in the third quarter against Duluth. Kaiser had one catch for eight yards in the loss and will return next season as the Lopers' primary target at wide receiver.

and is proud of how much they accomplished. "This year was really special. Not a lot of teams and players get to experience this type of season. I'm also extremely proud of our seniors and the way they led us this season," Spitzlberger said.

On top of great offensive and defen-

sive play, another key ingredient to their success this season was playing in front of a rowdy, loud, blue and white crowd at all of their home games. Students came out in full force this season to cheer on the Lopers, and they were not disappointed. The Lopers went undefeated at home, with wins over ri-

vals UNO and Chadron State. The RMAC's unofficial championship game was even played at Foster Field where the Lopers beat Colorado School of Mines.

This support was felt on the field by the players and greatly appreciated. "The more fans we had in the crowd, the easier it was for us to get up for a game, and I really enjoy going out and putting on a show for them," Kaiser said.

For the UNK football team, the bar has definitely been raised for next year's team. With many starters such as Spitzlberger, Kaiser and the RMAC Offensive Player of the Year, Rustin Dring in running back, why not? While returning players say they will definitely miss many of the seniors they are losing this year, they are still confident that they can be better next year.

"I think everyone would agree that we would be disappointed if we didn't match or succeed what we accomplished this season," Kaiser said. "We have a lot of weapons coming back next season. We expect to win another conference title and go deep in the playoffs. This team expects a lot from next season," Spitzlberger said.

As for now, the excitement will begin to grow for players, coaches and fans for the kickoff of the Lopers 2010 campaign. One that some feel, could lead to the Lopers hoisting the Division II National Championship trophy over their heads at this time next year.

## Antelope College Picks of the Week



**Eric Korth, Hastings**  
*Former Antelope Sports Editor, 34-27*



**Jason Arens, Springview**  
*91.3 KLPR Sports Director, 40-23*



**Garrett Ritonya, Omaha**  
*Current Antelope Sports Editor, 42-21*



**Colby Henderson, Wakefield**  
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No. 16 Oregon State at No. 7 Oregon  
No. 5 Cincinnati at No. 15 Pittsburgh  
No. 1 Florida vs. No. 2 Alabama  
No. 3 Texas vs. No. 22 Nebraska  
No. 10 Georgia Tech vs. Clemson  
Arizona at No. 18 USC  
Neb./Texas spread: Texas -10

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Pittsburgh  
Florida  
Texas  
Georgia Tech  
USC  
more than 10

Oregon  
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Florida  
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# Stack 'em up with the best

## Six returning Loper football stars compared with their NFL equivalent

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**Outside linebacker Chris Senkbile: returning as a senior**  
**NFL Comparison: Lance Briggs of the Chicago Bears**  
Senkbile has a rare combination of power and finesse at the linebacker position. These playmakers can blitz, defend receivers in zone coverage, and even play man to man. These types of players are a foundation for a defense and can adjust to all types of defensive formations. Expect Senkbile to be all over the field and a top tackler next season.



**Quarterback Jake Spitzlberger: returning as a junior**  
**NFL Comparison: Aaron Rodgers of the Green Bay Packers**  
Spitzlberger will be the leader on offense next year as the playmaking quarterback. Like Aaron Rodgers, Spitzlberger brings confidence and a rocket arm to the playing field. Neither of these athletes are afraid to throw the ball into tight spots. Above all, Spitzlberger and Rodgers are dual threat quarterbacks that can hurt you with their feet as much as their arms. This allows them to extend the play and raise the chances for a conversion. Expect Spitzlberger to have big numbers through the air as well as on the ground next season.



**Running back Rustin Dring: returning as a junior**  
**NFL Comparison: Chris Johnson of the Tennessee Titans**  
Dring is now a proven runner who will be at the top of the list of opposing defenses. Like Chris Johnson, when Dring gets in the open field you can just say goodbye. Dring's speed is his biggest weapon, but he's got other weapons as well. Johnson and Dring are speedsters, but they don't go down with arm tackles. They are tough runners with superior vision that won't avoid contact, but just when defenders think they're going to lower their shoulders, Johnson and Dring will leave them behind with one quick juke and instant acceleration. The RMAC's top rusher will be favored to defend his title next season.



**Hybrid wide receiver Brendan Liess: returning as a senior**  
**NFL Comparison: Percy Harvin of the Minnesota Vikings**

Liess has the ability to line up everywhere on the field and keep the defenses guessing what he'll do next. Like Percy Harvin, Liess can play both the wide receiver and running back position. Both players have excelled at both positions in their careers and are constantly being put in motion in the pre-snap. These athletes are tough runners with great hands and speed that can motion to the backfield for handoffs or take off on a fly route. Any team would be tickled pink to have a versatile player like Harvin and Liess. Expect Liess to be a big offensive weapon next season.



**Wide receiver Kyle Kaiser: returning as a senior**  
**NFL Comparison: Santana Moss of the Washington Redskins**  
Kaiser seems to make at least one spectacular play a game and breaks the stereotypical mold of the tall wide receiver. Like Santana Moss, Kaiser is always a downfield threat with his speed. These receivers may be shorter, but that doesn't stop them from going over the middle of a zone defense, making it much easier for the quarterback. They have sure hands and nifty moves and can double duty with kick returns. These players always give opponents headaches and can't be stopped from getting their catches. Kaiser will be Spitzlberger's primary target once again next season.



**Defensive end Josh Rohde: returning as a senior**  
**NFL Comparison: Jared Allen of the Minnesota Vikings**  
Rohde will be able to stuff runs up the middle as well as provide pressure on the quarterback. Like Jared Allen, Rohde has a motor that won't quit. These linemen will chase down a play until it is finished. The combination of power and speed allow these athletes to fight through a pass block and provide solid pressure on opposing quarterbacks, or pinch the line down to suffocate the holes for running backs. Rohde is set to be the Lopers' sack leader and perhaps tackle leader next season.



