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-Albert Einstein



Rudolph has H1N1?

Teams get creative during the annual Gingerbread House Competition



Photos by Emily Wernhoff

ABOVE: Joo Sik (left) and Young Jin (right), both from South Korea, show off their finished gingerbread house during the fourth annual Gingerbread House Competition. Teams were given only 25 minutes to create a gingerbread house from scratch.



LEFT: Lauren Anderson, a graphic design major from Columbus, quickly constructs the frame of her team's gingerbread house. The Lopers Programming and Activities Council, sponsored the event and awarded cash prizes to the top three houses.

BELOW: Rita Vogel, a senior elementary education major from Howells, helped create this creative gingerbread structure. "All of Santa's reindeer came down with H1N1, so the train is bringing in the replacements. We call ours the H1N1 Christmas," Vogel said.



UNK professors study dynamics of rural Nebraska

BY DEANN REED
Antelope Staff

Perhaps it's the nod of the head as you walk down the street or waving at your neighbor as you mow your grass. It could even be shopping in your local grocery store where everyone knows your name, your favorite pop, your kids' age and your mother's grandmother that makes small towns so special. Two UNK professors are trying to find out what makes those small communities work.

Professors and researchers John Anderson and Peter Longo of the political science department are researching towns like Eustis and Farnam, Southern Valley and other small towns in Nebraska. Their goal is to understand the intricate details of the role of social capital in the governance of rural communities.

Why is it that some communities feel like they can trust their neighbors and others don't? Why is it that some communities are able to come together and build community centers when their resources are so limited?

These are just a few of the questions these researchers are trying to discover. "It is actually action research, so the goal is to increase civic activity more than follow a proposed plan of research. We hope to see community and school improvement projects completed. And through those activities, we will undoubtedly produce a paper on the links between community engagement activities and the kinds of trust/friendliness needed to accomplish and sustain community life," Anderson said.

"As Dr. Longo is fond of saying, we don't want these to be drive-by experiences, so we plan to stretch out the work as long as we can. We may even seek additional funding opportunities,

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Free HIV testing provided on World AIDS Day

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Last Tuesday UNK recognized World AIDS Day to educate students and prevent occurrences of the prevalent disease throughout the world—HIV. World AIDS Day is held Dec. 1 every year to recognize those with the disease and to prevent and educate those at highest risk for infection—college students.

During the day, the UNK health center provided students with free testing for HIV. According to Cindy Schultz, associate director of UNK Health Center, the Nebraska AIDS Project came to campus on Tuesday and used the space at the health center to do the free testing.

We had about 25 people do the testing," Schultz said. According to Schultz, one in five people who test positive for HIV are unaware that they have the disease. "There are no early symptoms of HIV. Some people may have symptoms like mild flu symptoms, but then there may be no other symptoms for years—which is why it is good to get checked," Schultz said.

"The earlier we have a diagnosis, the better for treating. This is crucial

in preventing the spread and saving others from contracting it," Schultz said.

However, if you missed the testing on AIDS Day, Schultz said you may still be tested. "At the Health Center we do HIV testing all the time, and it is free and anonymous."

In Nebraska, many individuals are unaware that HIV is a problem throughout the state, but according to Schultz, there are 120 new cases of HIV in Nebraska every year. In Nebraska alone, there are currently 1,800 to 2,000 HIV positive individuals receiving active treatment to manage the disease. On a larger scope, Schultz said that in the United States alone, every 9.5 minutes, another person is infected.

"If you are sexually active and have new partners, you can be proactive in wearing condoms, but it is always good to be checked. The test is simply a small prick to the finger for a blood sample," Schultz said.

The office of multicultural affairs sponsored an AIDS presentation to continue awareness that night.

"We had about 25 people at the event. The event was to educate the students about HIV and about the history and the treatment. We also had a speaker from Nebraska with AIDS who spoke about the stigmas he has faced," Theresa Harrison, director of

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Conrad Hall said. According to Harrison, a real person who you could actually touch and hug brought the reality of the disease to the audience.

This is the first year that UNK has recognized World AIDS Day on campus. In the future, Harrison said, they hope to do more as college students are those who are at the highest risk.

"We want to educate early in order to make young people more aware of their sexual habits," Harrison said.

The theme this year for World AIDS Day was Universal Access and Human Rights. However, Harrison said there is not universal or equal access for AIDS drugs. "Most individuals who are taking medication for the disease take between five to 12 pills a day, and some pills cost up to \$1,000."

"We're in a position where we can make a difference and we can advocate for those who can't advocate for themselves," Harrison said.

According to Schultz, researchers are working on a vaccine for HIV, and they have found one. The vaccine currently is only 30 percent effective which is not yet enough to be marketed.

"It is great to actually have reached this point, and this definitely gives us reason to be hopeful in the future," Schultz said.

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but we haven't hatched a plan for that yet. We have just completed the first round with our five schools, and we now have six to eight new communities to interview about starting the work there."

Anderson said the outcomes of the second wave of work will be determined by the communities that decide to engage in the work. "Still, we are positive the work will generate more community improvement projects, and they will be done when the communities complete them."

Communities really are a small microcosm of what democracies are all about, Anderson said. They can see it in the way a small town comes together to rebuild and renew. Some small towns just seem to know how to work together and

trust each other.

Take the town of Callaway for example. Anderson said that after a devastating fire took their community center they decided that the best way to rebuild it was to pull their resources together and rebuild it with their own money. They raised \$800,000 and rebuilt the town center.

But Anderson said the most amazing thing wasn't that the center was rebuilt from a town of just 600 people. The most amazing part of this was the way people felt about each other. When surveyed, the people in the town said they trusted each other, Anderson said. He said that's so unusual in some small towns surveyed where not everyone could say they trusted their neighbor.

Anderson thinks the research may suggest that those towns able to build something together because they believe and trust in their community.

"Our primary understanding is that all communities differ from other ones, which means we should be very careful about generalizing based upon size, geography, economics or culture," Anderson said.

Anderson believes the biggest reason to do the research is to help students understand the role of democracy in America. "We believe that completed projects are a benefit to the communities and the schools that rest within those communities. We also think the engagement increases student learning about democracies, which is reason enough to do the work."



Photo by Erik Dodge

Students discuss their ideas for UNK NORML at the organization's first official meeting. The organization announces its meetings on the UNK NORML group page on Facebook.

NORML sprouts up at UNK

BY ERIK DODGE
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UNK NORML members discussed holding civil protests, calling members of the Unicameral, showing movies, inviting speakers and holding debates during their first meeting on Nov. 23.

The group experienced its share of controversy when the Student Senate initially failed to accept the group's constitution, but upon resubmission the constitution passed with only five abstentions and no votes against. This allowed the group to hold its first meeting on the Monday before Thanksgiving break at 7 p.m. in Ponderosa Room 238A. President Matt Cass, a political science major from Tekamah, invited the 15 in attendance to share their ideas about what UNK NORML should be and assured them that the, "majority of NORML isn't gonna be boring like this."

The group kicked around ideas about holding picket sign protests near the fountain in the center of campus, at City Hall, on the corner of 25th Street and 2nd Avenue, and even in front of the Unicameral in Lincoln. If the protest is not enough to get the attention of representatives in the Unicameral, UNK NORML members also discussed holding a meeting to write letters advocating for the

decriminalization of marijuana and sending them to members of the Unicameral.

To address potential liability and the concerns of some Student Senators, Cass brought up the plan to create membership contracts. These contracts would say that UNK NORML does not condone illegal drug use. Members would also be required by the contract to pay \$15 to become part of the national organization and to fund the local group.

UNK NORML also announced the organization's first campus event. Nov. 30 they showed the documentary "Grass" which explores the history of the American government's official policy on marijuana in the 20th century.

Overall members of the still green UNK NORML were excited to be part of the new organization. "I've never found an organization worthwhile. Now I've got a month left of school, and I found an organization worthwhile to take part in," said senior Zack Harbert, who is the head of UNK NORML public relations.

President Cass is optimistic about the organization's future. "This organization will be unlike any organization on campus," Cass said. He expects UNK NORML to be the biggest, least costly to join organization on campus and to "actually make a difference."

Gender Unbalanced

U.S. Civil Rights Commission investigates possible discrimination among admissions gender balance



BY ALEX MORALES
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The U.S. Civil Rights Commission is investigating college admissions across the country to find out if admissions departments are discriminating in favor of males to achieve gender balance.

In recent years low male enrollments in public and private universities has led to a gender gap.

According to data from the Postsecondary Education Opportunity, for every 100 women enrolled in college, there are only 77 men. For every 100 women who graduate with a bachelor's degree, only 73 men achieve the same.

According to UNK Factbook there are currently 3,574 females enrolled compared to 2,896 males. This gender gap has been consistent in recent years.

Admissions counselor Josh Pierce believes that the gender gap is caused by

natural tendencies in males and females. "Guys and girls seek two different things. Women know it is better to seek an education. Guys tend to assume they already know everything," he said.

At the heart of the discussion is Title IX which was mainly designed to ban sex discrimination in athletics at the high school and collegiate levels. Since its introduction, Title IX has been widely credited with increasing female participation in collegiate sports and therefore boosting female enrollment. Title IX experts claim that the apparent favoring of males is a sneak attack on an important law.

Junior Megan Becker, an advertising major from Beaver City is part of the women's basketball team. As a student athlete she feels the playing field should be equal for everyone. "I am fortunate to have the opportunity to pursue an education and

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'Climategate' tampers with findings on global warming

BY MATT IBERG
Antelope Staff



Nixon had Watergate.

The liberals now have Climategate. The Climate Research Unit, as liberals call it CRU, the leader in global warming

advocacy, has been caught like a deer in the headlights.

In mid-November, an unknown person hacked into the University of East Anglia's CRU servers and retrieved and distributed, e-mails and other documents from the server.

These e-mails and documents show that scientists deliberately tampered, altered and skewed their "scientific" findings on global warming.

Sen. Barbara Baxter (D-Calif.), the top Democrat on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, said the person, or persons, who hacked into these servers must be criminally brought to justice, justice that the liberals like to administer only when the means justify THEIR cause.

Never mind the fact that Baxter, or her other liberal friends, have been caught in a scandal "green" handed.

They sing praise when the whistle-blowers are on their side and condemn conservative blog-

gers when they bring anything into question. How do you think the American public was made aware of Dan Rather's lies?

More than 1,000 e-mails and approximately 2,500 documents and files were obtained from CRU's servers.

These extracted bits of information have put a serious cramp into the liberal's attempt to ram their legislation down our throats; legislation which would increase the cost of energy in America in order to curb our energy consumption. They want to increase costs in order to drive down demand.

We have been told for years, even decades, that "science has proved global warming is a real and dangerous situation" ... They were screaming at the top of their lungs that the Earth had never been warmer.

At least the liberals understand the root of all basic economics; unfortunately, it would be detrimental to our economy.

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The e-mails and files acquired show direct communication between the CRU, leading "scientists" in the field of global climate and political leaders in their attempts to manipulate findings.

In correspondence between former CRU Chief P.D. Jones, Michael Mann, Raymond Bradley and Malcolm Hughes, Jones wrote, "I've just completed Mike's Nature trick of adding in the real temps to each series for the last 20 years (i.e. from 1981 onwards) and (sic) from 1961 for Keith's to hide the decline."

If you're unfamiliar with Michael Mann, he is the creator of the infamous "Hockey Stick" graph, which indicates a sharp increase in the deviance from the global average temperature.

They were screaming at the top of their lungs that the Earth had never been warmer.

This graph was adopted by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) as a scare

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Seniors invited to Operation Graduation

BY NATE BLAHA
Antelope Staff

College can be tough, but the Student Alumni Foundation would like to congratulate all graduating seniors and invite them to celebrate. Thursday, Dec. 10 from 4-6 p.m. at the Alumni House on 2222 W. 9th Ave, the Student Alumni Foundation is hosting Operation Graduation for all graduating seniors.

Meagan Smejdir, a senior Spanish translation interpretation major from Lincoln and president of the Student Alumni Foundation, said, "Operation Graduation is a fun event to congratulate the seniors on graduating and encourage them to stay in contact with the university after graduation.

"We have door prizes for the first 50 seniors in attendance and a raffle for other prizes including multiple gift certificates and an iPod," Smejdir said.

The Student Alumni Foundation will make sure that seniors in attendance don't go home hungry. "We will have pizza, cookies, drinks and the crowd favorite, a chocolate fountain," Smejdir said.

Michelle Widger, the assistant director of the Alumni Association, said, "Operation Graduation is a great opportunity for individuals to meet members of the Alumni Association and the board members, and get a feel for what an alumni gathering is all about."

For more information contact Michelle Widger at 308.865.8474 or mwidger@nufoundation.org.

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.

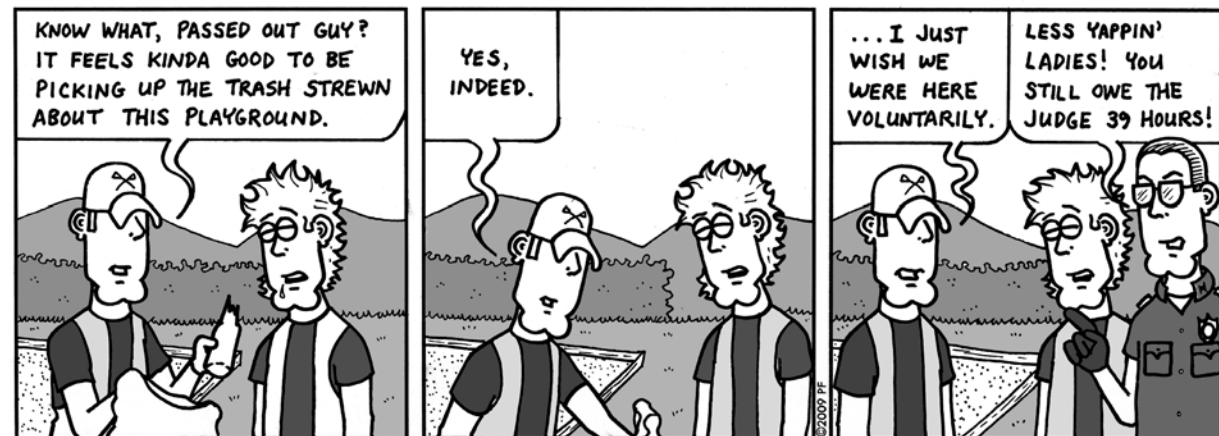
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by phil flickinger (www.blundergrads.com)



Lopers poised to crash RMAC party

Early upset of preseason RMAC favorite has team knockin' at the front door

BY JASON ARENS

Antelope Sports Staff

Note to self – never underestimate an opponent. These must have been the thoughts of the pre-season RMAC favorites New Mexico Highlands after their road trip to Kearney to take on the men's basketball team on Dec. 4.

The Lopers defeated New Mexico Highlands by a count of 101-90, led by a 23-point performance by freshman point guard Akeem Morissaint. The Lopers have shot out of the gates strong, starting the season with a (6-2/5-3) record, most recently (defeating/losing to) Colorado State University-Pueblo on Dec. 5.

The Lopers have had some tough early-season losses, but continue to look forward to the rest of the season. Co-head coach Tom Kropp gave his thoughts on whether or not the team had met early-season expectations. "Well it's hard to say. We really didn't know where we would be at this point. We're happy to have the current record that we do, but we want to get better every night. That's our goal, and so far that is what we have been doing," he said.

As the season progresses, the individual

players begin to step out as leaders for the team. Max Froehlich is a leader on the court who has tenacious defense and great scoring ability, and is third on the team with points per game. Akeem Morissaint is a true freshman point guard who has stepped onto the scene as a big time scorer for the Lopers with a smooth 3-point shot, and is second on the team in scoring.

But there is one player who has really been the solid rock for the Loper squad, and is coach Kropp's early season MVP. "Josiah Parker is our 6'10" post player who has been dominating the paint so far this season," Kropp said. "He's averaging nearly 20 points and five blocks a game, which is just phenomenal. He's certainly been our most outstanding player."

With big play from the big man Parker, nice shooting from Froehlich and Morissaint, and great support from role players like Jeremy Cruise, Chris Deans and Drew Sankey, this basketball squad may be taking the RMAC by surprise. After all, the Lopers, who were projected to finish sixth in the conference, have already knocked off the projected No. 1 team in the conference New Mexico Highlands.



Only time will tell how the season shapes up for the Lopers, but there is no doubt that the potential for a memorable season is within grasp. The Lopers will next travel out to Alamosa, Colo. to take on Adams State College on Dec. 11.



Photos by A Sanam Bhaila

LEFT: Senior center Josiah Parker of Lincoln throws down a slam dunk against New Mexico Highlands.

ABOVE: Sophomore guard Max Froehlich of Pierce puts up a layup against Highlands last week.

Loper of the Week

BY MATT TOMJACK

Antelope Sports Staff

Josiah Parker, a pre-physical therapy and business management major from Lincoln, is the lone senior on this year's men's basketball team. Standing at 6' 10", Parker is as big of a leader as he is a presence on the court. Heading into the holidays, Parker and the Lopers look to continue their quest for the conference championship.

What is your favorite:

- Color: Red
- Movie: "Remember the Titans"
- Song: "You are" by The Katinas
- Band : I can't choose just one!
- Actress: Jessica Alba
- Actor: Denzel Washington
- TV Show: "The Office"
- Food: Italian

Do you have an inspirational figure?

I look up to my dad. He's always been there for me whenever I need him.

What is your favorite thing about UNK?

The friendships I have developed.

Josiah Parker Basketball



Name: Josiah Parker
Hometown: Lincoln, Neb.

Year: Senior

Major: Pre-physical therapy/
business management

What hobbies do you have to occupy your spare time?

I play video games most of the time.

Besides basketball, what is your favorite sport?

Besides basketball I have to say football, no question.

What is the hardest part about being a student athlete? What's your favorite part?

The hardest part is definitely the time management aspect. My favorite aspect is all of my friends on the team.

What do you want to do after college?

I want to be a physical therapist. It's going to be hard work, but it will be worth it.

What is the hardest part about being the only senior on the team?

The pressure of this being my last chance to play competitively in college.

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Not even a broken foot will stop him from racing



Photo Courtesy of Claire Aylward

Fruit (center with number) enjoys time with his supporters after the NCAA national meet in Evansville, Ind. Fruit placed 68th in the race out of 182 runners.

Fruit runs through regionals, qualifies for nationals on broken foot

BY ABBY RICHTER
Antelope Sports Staff

Tanner Fruit, a junior exercise science major from Ogallala, never gives up. About a month ago, approximately a week before the regional cross country meet, Fruit was running at West Lincoln Park for practice and stepped on a baseball sticking out of the ground. This caused a stress fracture on his fifth metatarsal, but it didn't stop him from competing in his last two races of the season.

"It was really painful to run on, which was pretty frustrating. And it was difficult because I couldn't train like I would have liked to before the national meet," Fruit said. "I pretty much had to try and stay in shape doing activities such as biking and pooling."

Head cross country coach Bonsall believes that Fruit's commitment day in and day out is one of his strengths as a runner, and that focus helps him get through this. "Tanner's regional race was awesome," Bonsall said. "For him to go out and do that well and qualify for nationals on a broken foot and suffer though it was amazing."

Bonsall said, "Pain tolerance is really important, and he started the race prepared for it."

As for the national meet, Bonsall said there were more long and steep hills than any other course he has ever seen, which made it difficult to run on with a broken foot.

Staying positive through all of this has been very difficult for Fruit. "My relationship with Jesus Christ is the only thing that kept me focused on what I

needed to do," Fruit said. "I really wanted to be an example for my teammates and hopefully a witness for Christ on how to handle adversity."

Fruit felt like everything happened for a reason, and it was no mistake that he stepped on that baseball. "I just thank God for allowing me to be able to still run at regionals and be able to qualify for nationals," Fruit said. "Basically, all the credit goes to God because I couldn't have done any of it with Him."

As for the indoor track season, Fruit plans on redshirting. In a couple of weeks he will get another X-ray to see if the injury is healing correctly, and if it isn't he will have to get a screw put in his foot. If that is the case, he will probably be out for the rest of the indoor and outdoor season and start running again in February.

"The hardest part about being hurt is not being able to compete because I really enjoy racing, and it will be hard to miss so many meets," Fruit said. "It really gets frustrating working out and trying to maintain my level of fitness without being able to run."

Seeing one of UNK's best distance runners hurt is frustrating for Bonsall too. "I don't deal with injuries very well, even as an athlete I didn't," Bonsall said. "When you're sitting down you never factor in injuries. You always operate with everybody being at 100 percent."

As for Fruit, he said if he is able to come back and run then that would be great, but right now he is just trying to be patient during the recovery period. "Really if I had a goal, it would just to be a positive teammate and help everyone out to the best of my ability," Fruit said.

Small team + strong bonds = big success

BY RACHAEL COCHRAN
Antelope Sports Staff

After two months of training and preparation, the Aqualopers' hard work has paid off. The ladies had a chance to flex their muscles this past weekend at the Mutual of Omaha Invitational. Placing fifth out of eight teams and scoring 342 points was a huge accomplishment for the girls.

"I think that everyone did way good this weekend. There were some really tough teams there, but the girls really kept their heads in the game and swam hard," said Kansas sophomore and captain Krissie Mikulan.

The team's success at the Omaha invite has tallied up to three wins so far this season. Extra practices, lifting and dry land training have made a difference this year.

"I feel like we have strengthened muscles that really help us be competitive. We all feel well prepared for meets, and our team bond helps too. We all get along really well and all have a drive to be successful as a team," Mikulan said.

A smaller team usually limits the ability to win, but not this year. The small bunch, made up of only freshmen and sophomores, continues to succeed.

"We have a close team, and this weekend was another opportunity to bond more. Because we're small, we don't have drama, and we all get along. We can focus on practice and pushing each other to do better rather than worrying about things that aren't important. This year the team is great," said Kansas sophomore and captain Heather Glodt.

"We all have a drive to be successful as a team."

Krissie Mikulan
Sophomore/Aqualoper

The girls have completed competition for 2009, but will start off the 2010 competition in Iowa on Jan. 15. The lady Aqualopers have five more meets next semester to finish up their season. They will compete at home for a final time on Jan. 30, 2010 against UNO.



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STUDENTS READY TO PARTY SAY 'LET IT SNOW'



Classes were canceled and campus was closed as inches of snow continued falling from the skies. The university sent out an alert Monday night, and many students then celebrated by going out for an extra night of partying, sleeping in the next day or both. The extra day off during the last full week of the semester offered an unexpected break during the stressful week before finals.

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UNK students venture into enemy territory to cheer on Huskers at Cowboys Stadium



BY CLAYTON KUSH
Antelope Sports Staff

This past Saturday's game was huge for the Husker football team and a memorable Big 12 showdown for a few UNK students who were lucky enough to watch it live in person at Cowboys Stadium in Dallas. UNK students Keller Batterman, Kayanne Hamling and Eugene Bichlmeier, were just a few students from Kearney who made the nearly 11-hour road trip down to the Lone Star State to root on the Huskers as they faced off against the undefeated Longhorns on Saturday night.

All three students drove down with separate groups of people, not wanting to miss out on an opportunity to witness their Huskers win their first Big 12 Championship since the 1999 season.

Keller Batterman, a grad student in the psychology department decided to get tickets the day they became available because he was excited about the Huskers playing the Longhorns and having a chance to win the conference title. Batterman felt let down by how the game played out, but was not disappointed by the atmosphere at the game. "The crowd was really into it and fired up. It was one of the loudest games I

have ever been to," Batterman said.

Batterman wasn't the only fan disappointed by the outcome. Senior Kayanne Hamling, a speech pathology major, felt the Huskers got cheated" and was shocked by the outcome. Her main reason for making the trip down to Dallas? To go on a road trip and see the new Cowboys Stadium. Her favorite part of the trip was the tailgating before the game; Hamling was surprised by how friendly everyone was. "Tailgating outside the stadium was an awesome experience; I was able to meet so many cool Husker and Longhorn fans. Both fans were fun and were very respectful of the opposing team," Hamling said.

Though he worked late the night before the game, senior communications major Eugene Bichlmeier drove all night Friday night to cheer on his Huskers and said that the game and crowd atmosphere was well worth the trip. "The atmosphere inside the stadium was intense the entire game. Even with all the energy that both the teams and fans had, they were still very respectable to each other."

Despite the fact that the Huskers were two touchdown underdogs, Bichlmeier felt confident before the game that the Huskers had what it takes to beat the Longhorns and wasn't happy with how it ended. "On the last drive, I really



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Nebraska star defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh takes Texas quarterback Colt McCoy for a ride during Saturday night's Big XII championship game. Suh, named a finalist for the Heisman trophy, recorded a championship record 4.5 sacks to push his season total to 12. The students who went enjoyed a good game, but saw Nebraska fall just short of a Fiesta Bowl invitation.

felt our defense was going to stop the Longhorns offense and was very disgusted when the referees put one second back on the clock. From where I was sitting, it appeared the clock had run out," Bichlmeier said.

Despite the narrow loss, all three Husker fans were proud that that the team had made it to the big game and feel that Bo and the Huskers are on the right track. "I'm satisfied with our performance this season, I just feel that if we had a good quarterback like Joe Ganz this season, we would be competing for a National Championship," Bichlmeier said.

"Considering all the change this program has gone through in the last couple years, I am very happy with where we are at and feel really good about the future of Nebraska football," Keller said.

Hopefully the Huskers will be Dallas bound again in December 2010 as next year's Big 12 Championship Game will once again be held at Cowboys Stadium in Dallas.

It was a great trip, and an amazing, unforgettable game for these three UNK students who say the game and championship atmosphere was well worth the drive and a time they will never forget.

Antelope NFL Picks of the Week



Eric Korth, Hastings
Former Antelope Sports Editor, 37-31



Jason Arens, Springview
91.3 KLPR Sports Director, 45-25



Garrett Ritonya, Omaha
Current Antelope Sports Editor, 46-24



Colby Henderson, Wakefield
Special Guest Picker UNK linebacker

San Diego Chargers at Dallas Cowboys
Philadelphia Eagles at New York Giants
Cincinnati Bengals at Minnesota Vikings
Green Bay Packers at Chicago Bears
Seattle Seahawks at Houston Texans
Denver Broncos at Indianapolis Colts
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Climategate from page 4

tactic. They knew it was false.

Steve McIntyre, a fellow scientist, proved global temperatures had, in fact, been warmer 450 years prior, and the sharp curve in Mann’s graph is due to selecting specific numbers while completely ignoring others.

McIntyre showed that the Earth is coming out of a “mini-ice age,” and while temperatures are indeed increasing, they are increasing at a much less dire rate than what the liberals have come to make us believe.

In addition, there is no evidence that CO2 levels cause temperature increases. Actually, CO2 levels have been shown to increase AFTER temperatures have already gone up. CO2 levels follow temperature increases.

Freedom of Information Act requests have furthered the speculation that the CRU is nothing but a place of manipulation, intimidation and lies.

Requests have gone unanswered in attempts to see the raw weather station data that the opposition has requested, citing an unforeseen disappearance in the data.

Perhaps the person who is most likely to be hurt by this scandal is Al Gore. Gore has canceled his appearance at the International Climate Summit in Copenhagen, Denmark, citing “unforeseen changes” in his schedule.

In other words, he doesn’t want to deal with his empire built upon a throne of lies.

Gore has admitted that he does benefit substantially from the hoax that is global warming.

Sudoku answer:

Upside down, from page 4

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“There are a lot of great investments you can make... Here are just a few of the investments I personally think make sense. I have a stake in these so I’ll have a disclaimer there.”

Let’s put it this way, yes, I believe that there is a change in our climate occurring. Yes, I believe that we, as humans are having an impact on global climate. However, I do not believe that we are as detrimental to our environment as the liberals make us out to be.

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are as detrimental to our environment as the liberals make us out to be.

I just don’t feel that it is the right time, or the right economy, to be implementing international policies on cap-and-trade based on faulty and incomplete data. If anything, we need to step back and re-examine the work that has been done and reevaluate the findings.

The CRU has admitted that it would take at least another three to four years to fully regain the lost materials and gather and prove new theories on global warming.

Until then, maybe we should stick with the more than 31,000 scientists and 6,000 Ph.D.s who have legitimate findings that global warming is nothing more than a scare tactic.

Title IX from page 3

play a sport I love. I think it is a freedom everyone should have. It shouldn’t be a freedom granted more to either females or males,” she said.

On the other side of the spectrum, senior Travis Schott, a public relations major from Ft. Collins, Colo. does not assume to have a grasp on all knowledge. Schott, a non-traditional student returned for higher education after successfully owning two businesses. “My decision was a professional one. I did it to obtain my degree and pursue a graduate degree that I know will better prepare me for my chosen vocation,” he said.

Is it true that in general females are more driven to higher education goals and males are now less motivated to achieve higher education? The figures seem to indicate that is true.

Whether there has been discrimination against women in order to narrow down the gender gap is yet to be seen. Regardless, the tendencies of males and females are up for debate along with the tendency of college admissions to have a gender balanced enrollment.

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Third Hand Improv creates one-of-a-kind scenes

BY EMILY WEMHOFF
Antelope Staff

Lights, camera, action! It's opening night for the big show, but unlike most performances, this one doesn't have a script. Neither the performers nor the audience will know what is going to happen next. The performance doesn't include memorized dialogues, choreographed dance rou-

tines or directed stage cues. Instead, the performers make it up as they go along.

For many actors and actresses, forgetting lines can be their greatest fear on stage, but for the UNK Third Hand Improv (THI) group, forgetting lines just doesn't exist.

"There are a million things going on in my head, thinking of ways to add to the scene and to help my partner or something

Photo by Emily Wemhoff

JT Jelkin (left), a senior organizational communications major from Kearney, and Mark Messner (right), a freshman music education major from Ogallala, help each other through a scene during improv rehearsal.

"The best part about improv is that I can do whatever I want and be whoever I want to be," said Jelkin.

that will make it interesting," said Ryan Hruza, a senior theatre major from Ord.

Third Hand Improv was created last spring by Hruza, in an attempt to bring a unique theatre group to campus. "Most people, even advanced theatre people, aren't exposed to improv very much in Nebraska," Hruza said. "It's a very good tool for actors and a lot of fun for an audience."

Although there aren't any scripts to memorize, the group does meet every week on Monday and Wednesday nights in the Fine Arts Building to learn the fundamentals of improv. Everyone is welcome to attend a workshop night. Basic techniques are taught: word association, listening to your partner and how a scene works.

JT Jelkin, a senior organizational communications major from Kearney said that improv gives him the chance to play like a kid again.

"I can do whatever I want and be whoever I want to be."

The performers then learn the fundamentals of improv, which include, always say, "yes" and don't deny someone. While being clever and funny are included in most improv scenes, performers must first

See the video
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learn how to build a scene and make it come to life, rather than focusing on making the scene comical.

"It's a natural occurrence for human beings to make stuff up," Jelkin said. "If you just relax and breathe, improv can happen. If you start to think about it too much or try to think about what to say next, that's when it can get hard."

Hannah Om, a freshman musical theatre major from Auburn, said that the other members have great chemistry with each other during rehearsals.

"We all get along really well and just have a lot of fun," Om said.

One of her favorite games is called "Freeze." The game begins by having two performers act out a random given situation. At any moment during the scene, someone can yell out "freeze!" Both performers on stage must then freeze in their position. Whoever yelled "freeze" must "tag" one of the two players and assume the same physical position as the person he or she tagged out. A new scene then begins and the process repeats.

"The best part about improv is when you make something really awesome happen on stage, and it feels natural, when in all actuality it's just random stuff made up," Hruza said. "I love bringing the audience into a world that we get to create ourselves onstage."

Third Hand Improv will make a public performance Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Black Box studio theatre in the Fine Arts Building on campus.

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Redefining normal

Thursday and especially Friday the flow of students on campus is often reduced...due to the pursuit of "wild" and "crazy."



Let's be a bit different and wild.



BY ALEX MORALES
Antelope Staff

What is normal? Let's face it, whatever we think normal is, we try to avoid it. Now, there is nothing wrong with that. Something

about human nature does not allow us to settle with being average. It is our ego.

Of course, the normal I am talking about is not the normal that allows us to be accepted among our peers. The normal I am talking about is the one we avoid in order to set ourselves apart from the rest of the world.

Within us there is an element that gives us the desire to be a bit wild at heart, to seek adventure and defy risk. However, how can we set ourselves apart by seeking after the same manias that everyone around us is using to be different?

Now I don't mean to pick on the party scene for UNK students, but it does come to mind, and perhaps others

can relate to my feeling— not to mention help me illustrate my point.

The murmur on Mondays tends to be about how "crazy" the weekend was. By Wednesday the murmur progresses to how "crazy" and "wild" the weekend will be. Thursday, and more so Friday, the flow of students on campus is often reduced to a trickle due to the pursuit of "wild" and "crazy."

This is a pattern that everyone is aware of, and I am sure it holds true for many campuses. In fact it is such a prevailing pattern that it has become the norm.

Therefore I don't see anything peculiar that makes this pattern stand out. For that reason, how wild and crazy can it be?

Let's be a bit different and wild. Let's open a book, listen to classical music, read the campus newspaper, or any paper, and volunteer. Let's go to a Times Talk, write a letter to someone we care about and have a moment of contemplative silence. These activities can guide our actions through the chains of normal and liberate us from being average.

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ADVERTISING CLASS TAKES ON LAW FIRM AS CLIENT

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"We just don't want to be Brian Fats. "We really want some creative help here. Although, we're looking forward to seeing the results and work, there's a relationship with legal services and making the change that don't work. It's a creative way."

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ITALIAN 101 HELPS STUDENT ORDER PIZZA AT RESTAURANT

What began as a typical dining-out experience quickly turned into a scary situation yesterday when sophomore Danny Rivers and his friends realized that the Italian restaurant that they had chosen for lunch... was completely

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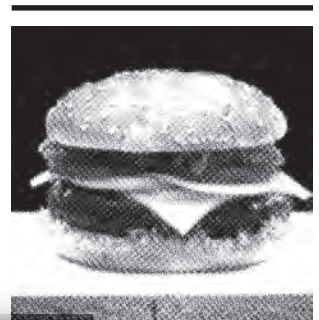
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FRESHMAN JUST REALIZES HE SPENT HIS ENTIRE STUDENT LOAN ALREADY

A frightening moment happened Saturday night as Freshman Dirk Polston pulled

then rubbed his belly which was sticking out just a little below his shirt.

In order to make it through the rest of the semester until his next loan kicks in, Dirk plans to sell everything he has on Ebay, sell his textbooks to the bookstore and mooch off his roommate for as long as he can.



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