The debate surrounding the Chick-fil-A controversy at UNK continued Thursday evening, but the mood was positive, though there was respectful disagreement.

According to Todd Gottula, director of news and internal communications, a total of 235 attended the forum.

At the Feb. 25 student government public forum, students and faculty on both sides of the issue took to the mic to address concerns to the student government and administration panel.

Gilbert Hinga, dean for the Division of Student Affairs, moderated the discussion.

“The way that we approach our decision making at UNK is that we want our students to be engaged in decisions that affect them,” Hinga said. “The improvements in the Union clearly affect them.”

Adam Ripp, student government chief of staff, read a statement from the Student Government Executive Board placed on chairs before the meeting began.

The statement clarified that the original survey was to poll students to gauge interest, and results did not indicate a final decision.

“Its purpose was to make students’ preferences a factor in the decision-making process along with a variety of other factors such as financial viability, franchise interest and space requirements. No restaurant has been banned from campus,” Ripp read from the document.

Eleven students and faculty addressed the panel at 6 p.m. in the Ponderosa Room.

A common issue raised included the content of student body president Evan Calhoun’s follow-up email, which Calhoun says administration drafted.

Hinga apologized for the wording of the email and said the intent was not to divide students and make this a liberal versus a conservative issue.

“We want students to feel included and welcomed. We got comments based on the comments made in 2012 and there are still some lingering concerns about what that brand may bring,” he said. “With that concern, it was held reasonably for us to wonder whether that would lead to students not being able to feel like they can come to the Union.”

Hannah Beck, a junior from Central City, cited a portion of the email: “Chick-fil-A’s corporate values are not aligned with our values as a student body, and is not in the best interest of our UNK community to pursue Chick-fil-A right now.”

“This would be evidence that the University did in fact reject the idea of Chick-fil-A, even though they sent out a survey to find out what the students wanted and the overwhelming majority was Chick-
To many that see the migration for the first time, the scene may seem surreal. Yet the spectacle of the Sandhill Cranes unfolds every year in Kearney and the surrounding Platte River Valley. The numbers are unbelievable as over 500,000 Sandhill Cranes alone blanket the skies. In addition, countless ducks and geese also rest on local water on their way north.

The great crane migration occurs every spring, and the Platte River Valley is so vital to the cranes because of how far north they are actually travelling. Breeding for Sandhill Cranes can take place as far away as Alaska and eastern Siberia. This involves a very long journey, but cranes are adapted for it; they can travel 200-300 miles a day and even reach as far as 500 miles if they have a strong tail wind. The river valleys allow cranes to have a much-needed rest with perfect conditions for them to feed on the farmlands and shallow rivers that are abundant.

This isn’t just an event for the people of central Nebraska, either. The spring migrations bring people from all over the world to see the wonder. One of these visitors includes the world-renowned primatologist, Jane Goodall. Goodall usually makes an annual trip to central Nebraska to witness the cranes, and says, “Nebraska is special to me. I’ve traveled far and wide, and coming to Nebraska, and seeing and hearing the cranes always restores my soul.”

There are several ways to view the crane migrations. You could go out on your own and see much of the migration through the parks and walking paths across town. You even have the opportunity in Kearney to see the spectacle by simply

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Cranes often form extremely large flocks and fly into resting areas in the evening while leaving in the early morning to feed in the cornfields.

Crane Fast Facts
- Height: 3 to 4 feet
- Weight: 6 to 12 pounds
- Wingspan: 6 to 7 feet
- Lifespan: 20 to 40 years
- Diet: Seeds, fleshy tubers of plants, grubs, earth worms, snails, amphibians, small reptiles and rodents

Viewing Guidelines
- Do not stop on major (paved) roadways, driveways or any other private road or gated entry.
- When viewing birds from a county roadside, pull as far off the road as possible and use your emergency flashers.
- Do not attempt to approach the birds. Use vehicles as a “blind” and stay in or next to the car when setting up scopes or cameras.
- Do not attempt to approach birds on their roosts. One alarm call from a bird can send the entire flock into a panicked flight, using up precious energy reserves and exposing the birds to hazards such as power lines- not to mention ruining the viewing experience of other visitors.
- It is illegal - and a disturbance to other birdwatchers - to harass cranes and other birds in any manner.
- Most land in the Platte River valley is private property. Do not trespass.
- Binoculars and spotting scopes are a real benefit for better viewing of all species of birds.

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"Ending the Silence" on eating disorders

Many who suffer from binge eating, other disorders, suffer quietly

KIRSTY DUNBAR
Antelope Staff

February was National Eating Disorder Awareness Month, and the last full week of the month was Awareness Week. To help inform students and staff about the medical condition, Kiphany Hof, a licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner and Associate Director at UNK Counseling Care, organized a panel held on Feb. 24.

A short video titled, "End the Silence: National Eating Disorder Awareness Week," introduced the topic to those in attendance. To end the silence, Meredith Joanne Perrin, an eating disorder recovery advocate, speaks to the camera using the words "I choose to," at the beginning of every sentence.

The reality for people who suffer from eating disorders is that they ultimately do not have the power to choose how they are treating their body. The panel comprised of Bryce Abbey, assistant professor in exercise science and the UNK Health and Wellness Director. Deena Sughroue, an advanced registered nurse practitioner at UNK and Kearney Clinic was involved in the discussion. Roz Sheldon, a licensed clinical social worker and independent health mental health practitioner, also answered questions.

The discussion began by listing the statistics and describing the five different types of eating disorders: anorexia, bulimia, binge eating, purging and nighttime eating syndrome. Binge eating is considered the most common eating disorder, with one in 35 adults suffering from it according to the BEDA (Binge Eating Disorder Association).

"This is terrible, but it is like a slow suicide," said Sughroue. Sughroue has worked as a nurse for over 20 years and has seen many patients with eating disorders. She said that those who suffer from the illness lose friends and family because they push them away.

"It’s not easy," she said, "but you can’t give up on them." A lot of her patients have been in and out of the clinic. "Relapse is always there."

One of Sughroue’s patients was 5 foot 7 inches and never weighed over 80 pounds. At her lowest, she was 67 pounds. The woman died in her early 30s. "She just couldn't overcome it," Sughroue said.

Many who suffer from anorexia and bulimia die from cardiac arrest. Sughroue said she’s seen patients come in with heart rates in the 40s all the way down to 32 as compared to normal heart rates of 60 to 100 beats per minute.

For those with eating disorders in their family history, symptoms may not be prevalent at first. "It is like a loaded gun. Environmental issues in life could pull the trigger," said Sheldon, who practices at Burke and Associates in Kearney. "It's kind of like an alcohol addiction, but you can't give up food."

Abbey said it is very common in sports for athletes to struggle with disorders. Weight specific sports such as horse jockeying, gymnastics, dance, cheer, wrestling and boxing have people with prevalent issues, but all sports do to some extent.

"A coach came to us with a female team and wanted his players below 1 percent body fat. That was absolutely ridiculous," said Abbey. "Below 20 percent for women is generally low."

The panel said it takes more than just one person’s help and support. It takes a team: A doctor, nurse, mental health therapist and a dietician. Also support from family and friends would greatly help patients trying to recover from the illness.

"Dealing with eating disorders is not like other mental illnesses," said Sughroue. "It is much more difficult to overcome."

If you or a loved one is struggling with an eating disorder, there is help on campus and in the community. The UNK health care clinic is located in MSBA. They are open throughout the school week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 everyday except Wednesdays when they open at 9 a.m. (308) 865-8218.

For counseling or questions, you can call 308-865-8248. The counseling center is also located in MSBA, Room 144. They are open 8 to 5, Monday through Friday.

See the event video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Obg6DTCGcFg

Kiphany Hof works in her office at UNK Counseling Care. Hof organized the eating disorders panel held on Feb. 24 to help inform people about dangers that may require a team to overcome.

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Any time is tee time
Small-town freshman transitions to college competition

RACHAEL FANGMEIER
Antelope Staff

Hebron freshman Jay Cottam continues his favorite pastime at a higher level as a varsity member of the UNK Men’s Golf Team.

Cottam says golf is in his genes, but he is here because Coach Wesley Bernt took notice during his sophomore year playing at Nebraska State Golf where he earned second place in Class D.

Cottam is not sure when he officially started playing golf, but he said there are pictures of him swinging a club when he was just a few years old. While he had started playing golf for fun, he began to take a serious interest in golf when he was on his high school team. Cottam attributes his early success to having confidence in competing at a higher level.

His dad, grandpa, and an uncle all play golf. He said, “I really gained an interest in golf from my dad. I used to always go out to golf. He said, “I really gained an interest in competing at a higher level.”

Cottam has been instilled with a great work ethic from day one and has maintained good habits transitioning into college, his coach says.

“Golf in college is a lot different from high school golf in a variety of ways,” Cottam said. “College (level) golf courses are longer and tougher than most high school courses I’ve played. The greens are a lot quicker, but I actually enjoy that part.

“The competition is obviously a lot tougher as well because there are a ton of good players in our conference, but that’s something I don’t enjoy doing,” said Cottam. “Overall, I’ve just had a lot more responsibilities to take care of on my own, and that’s probably been the hardest thing to get used to. But it’s a great learning experience and has allowed me to become a more mature individual.”

The road hasn’t always been easy. Cottam said his biggest struggle with his golfing career happened his senior year of high school when he was diagnosed with a staph infection in his hip area. He spent five days in the Medical Center in Omaha, including Christmas.

“I wasn’t able to walk normally for probably a month, at least, and it took a long time to come up with a clear diagnosis,” he said. “To this day, nobody really knows how I got the infection, but I’m grateful that I’m healthy again.”

The recovery process took him out of 14 basketball games, he could not swing a golf club fully or even just walk the course.

“It took a lot of hard work and patience to get my golf game and my health to competition level again,” Cottam said. “Winning state my senior year was a humbling experience after what I had gone through following that winter, and it just allowed me to reflect and see all that I had overcome.”

Cottam knew he wanted to play for UNK after his first visit. “I got along with Wes well on my visit. Coming from a small town, I was looking for a campus that was easy access to a variety of things, and the facilities here definitely have allowed me to improve my golf game,” he said.

Before a meet, Cottam said he receives a lot of support and good luck texts from his family and girlfriend, Bailey Linton. “They support me through everything, and I can’t thank them enough for that.”

In preparation for each meet, Cottam walks the course to determine how to approach each hole.

For the season, Cottam’s goal is to keep improving every day.

Bernt and Cottam share the ultimate goal of competing at Nationals. “I would like to play at Nationals, and I think if I continue to work hard, I can make that a reality. I want to shoot a few more rounds under par in order to compete against some of the best players in the conference as well,” Cottam said.

Cottam does have future career goals including playing golf for a living.

“I am unaware of what I want to do in my future,” he said. “If I can golf for an occupation, that would be a dream come true.”
The UNK track & field team participated in the MIAA Indoor Championship Feb. 26-28 at the Robert W. Plaster Center at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas. The event featured both individual and team championship competition. There were 10 different men’s and 11 women’s teams competing, including UNK. They finished fourth (men) and sixth (women) at the meet. UNK men finished with a score of 64 points and the women with 36.

The three-day meet began with the pentathlon and the first four events of the heptathlon. Saturday started with field events and preliminary rounds and running events took place Sunday.

Conference is something these athletes have looked forward to all season, especially the seniors. “This is my last indoor track meet after four years of competing, pain and memories. I can’t help but count the blessings I’ve been given and the amazing teammates I’ve had the privilege of training and competing with,” said senior Chelsea Wickard from Mitchell. “It’s time to go out with a bang.”

Wickard participated in the women 600 yard run with a time of 1:27.95. She also contributed in the women 4x400 meter relay, having a time of 3:57.82.

The coaches can’t believe how quickly this season went by. “The indoor season has gone by so fast,” said Bonsall, UNK’s head coach.

For most, the athletes don’t get a chance to compete at nationals, so the MIAA conference meet is big for them and the best competition they see. “It’s the most nerve racking, exciting and fun meet of the year. These three days spent with my teammates always reminds me of how grateful I am for the UNK track program,” said senior Demi Higgins from Bennington. “My coaches and teammates have taught me patience, leadership, discipline and so much more that I would never learn in the classroom. Without UNK track, I wouldn’t be the person I am today and I will always cherish my time spent on this team.”

Higgins participated in high jump, jumping 1.65 m for the Lopers.

“This weekend I competed in my final indoor meet as a UNK Loper, and it’s hard not to be sentimental at a time like this. This group has been there since day one,” Higgins said. “I can’t wait until outdoor starts and we can come back to show the MIAA what we can do.”

The 2016 NCAA Indoor Championships will be held March 11-12 at Pittsburg State. The national qualifiers will be released early this week.
PITCHER MAINTAINS PIVOTAL POSITION

DAVID MUELLER
Antelope Staff

Q: How would you describe your baseball career at UNK?
A: Coming out of high school I didn’t have many opportunities, but playing here under Coach Day has given me the opportunity to succeed and give me opportunities I would not have had if I would have gone anywhere else.

Q: Baseball players are known for their superstitions. Do you have any unusual habits before, during, or after your games?
A: During warm ups I have a very unconventional way of getting ready. It can best be described as a bunch of skips, hops and wriggling to warm up my body. During the game I have a routine before I throw each pitch that involves digging in, shrugging my shoulders and adjusting my left sleeve in that order.

Q: What did you work on in the offseason to improve your game?
A: I went into this offseason working on developing my off speed pitches. This offseason my main concern was to find and develop a changeup. It is something that I have always struggled with. I also wanted to develop my curveball into a more dominant pitch.

Q: As a veteran on the team, what kind of role do you fill regarding leadership?
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Q: You’ve been playing baseball for a while; do you still get nervous when you take the mound?
A: Yes, I do. From my experience, being nervous means you still care. That being said, I have learned to keep (nerves) off as soon as I go into a game. When I am in the dugout, I can usually tell how a game is shaping up and start to get a little nervous. Even when I am waiting in the pen right before I go into a game, I will still feel some nerves. When I cross the foul line, I have to calm down and pitch my game.

Q: As a pitcher, what is your most effective pitch and why?
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Q: Do you have a favorite pitcher that you try to replicate? If so, why?
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As UNK’s top closer, Smidt takes his role as a leader very seriously. He leads all pitchers in Loper history with 25 career saves, and still has one more season to continue his dominance.

ABOUT JOE SMIDT:

Class: Senior
Major: Geography & GI science
Hometown: North Platte

Senior, Joe Smidt was considered one of the Lopers top pitchers last season, and will maintain the title in 2016. However, getting to his current position was a daunting task.

Smidt said his baseball offers were limited coming out of high school at North Platte, but UNK was willing to take a chance on him.

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Smidt aims to close out Loper career on top

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Q: What kind of challenges do you face as a student athlete, balancing school and baseball?

A: The biggest challenge I face is all of the class we miss. Due to weather conditions and the nature of our schedule, it is not uncommon to miss weeks at a time. The important thing here is that communication is key. If you keep a good line of communication with the professors they are more than willing to work with us.

Q: What are your plans after you graduate?

A: After I graduate if I am given an opportunity to continue my career, I will do so. If that is not an option, I am looking to go into environmental sciences, possibly working in soils or in National parks.

Overall in his career, he has chalked up a school record 25 saves, with a 2.85 ERA. In 79 innings, Smidt has struck out 38 batters.

The Loper veteran is a 3-time MIAA recipient of Academic Honors, and was awarded All-MIAA in 2014.

As a geography & GI science major, Smidt is thankful for all the University has provided. As to his experience as a Loper, he says, “I would describe my baseball career here at UNK as a blessing.”

BIO

Joe Smidt

Eight wrestlers heading to nationals

Traveling to Gunnison, Colorado this past weekend, the Loper wrestling team continued their success this season as they won regionals and had eight members of the squad punch their ticket to nationals.

The two-day meet, hosted by Western Colorado State, featured 14 schools. The fifth-ranked wrestling team had three first-place finishers, who helped the team rack up their 144.5 points to easily defeat California Baptist (112.5 points) and Western State (87.0 points) who came in second and third respectively.

The first place finishers included seniors Devin Aguirre (165 pounds) a Ponca City, Oklahoma, native majoring in organizational communications; and Daniel DeShazer (133 pounds) an exercise science and health and wellness major from Wichita, Kansas, and junior Destin McCauley (149 pounds) a physical education major from North Sioux City, South Dakota.

Coming in second for the Lopers were seniors Connor Bolling (125 pounds) a Central City heath and P.E. major; Romero Cotton (195 pounds) a psychology major from Hutchinson, Kansas; and sophomores Calvin Ochs (174 pounds) a chemistry major from Hoxie, Kansas, and Keith Surber (141 pounds) a physical education major from O’Fallon, Illinois.

Placing third and also heading to nationals will be senior Chase White (157 pounds) an industrial distribution major from Lincoln.

Aguirre and White will be looking to earn their second All-American titles, while DeShazer earned a rare fourth regional title this weekend and Cotton will look to become four time All-American in Sioux Falls.

In Coach Marc Bauer’s 17 years as head coach, the Loper wrestling team has had an impressive showing at nationals, earning five division II national runner-ups and three national titles.

As the team became MIAA champions two weeks ago and Regional champions this past weekend, they look ahead to continue their streak to become National Champions in two weeks.
You're in charge of new member recruitment.
How does this process work?
It's weird because it's different from summer to spring. Summer is basically a lot of going out of your way to meet - just the massive amounts of people who come to UNK. A lot of it is just calling them, getting in touch. Finding time for both you and them to go and do something, seeing if your values and their values match up, if you get along really well.

In summer it's kind of weird because you don't know them at all. Like you might have one friend with them. So it's kind of hard in that aspect, where it's just like I don't know anyone, let's just go and talk to random people.

Whereas, spring it's like 'OK guys, everyone's had a chance to meet most of the people on campus.' So we go and get the guys we missed first semester or we go and reach out to friends and see if they would be interested in getting involved and joining.

The motto for your fraternity is, "friendship, the sweetest influence." What does this mean to you?
Basically, to me, that means that your true friends are the ones who are gonna be there for you when you're at your lowest. They're always there to either give advice, or if you aren't in the mindset for advice, they're just there to listen. Whenever you need them, they'll be there.

You're studying exercise science. What drew you to this field?
It was really weird. I was undecided halfway through my sophomore year, and my friends had come to me and asked for help on how to lift and exercise since they had never really done it before. So I told them the times I go, so they would go too.

At one point in the weight room it kind of hit me like, I'm enjoying this. It's fun! So I was like, that's my major now, I'm gonna pick it! And that's what I did.

What are your future career goals?
I don't have goals. I don't even plan for tomorrow.
If you are seeking a way to step outside of your box by experiencing new foods, new cultures and meeting people from all across the world, UNK has a solution for you.

UNK International Students Association will host an exciting and free annual event, the Scott D. Morris International Food and Cultural Festival Sunday, March 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the UNK Health and Sports Center Arena.

The Festival is one of the largest university events annually. The very high energy and exciting events draw up to 2,500.

The festival provides a great opportunity to learn about different cultures by first-hand interaction with great people, whether it be trying food they’ve made, enjoying traditional performances, playing games or watching different demonstrations, all here in Kearney.

“Living in central Nebraska can be challenging to learn about or understand cultures from around the world,” said Tracy Falconer, an international student advisor. "We don't have the same opportunities for travel or cultural immersion that some others in more metropolitan or coastal areas across the U.S. may have. So, we love to be able to bring the world here to the community.”

The festival also gives international students the chance to share their culture with the Kearney community, and those students work very hard to prepare cooking different foods, creating booths and organizing games and activities.

The students enjoy hosting this event so much because it gives them a chance to thank people on campus and in the Kearney community for being so welcoming and supportive.

This year the festival will feature traditional food samples from 11 different countries. Seven countries will have booths with traditional games and activities such as origami, calligraphy and face painting. In addition, each attendee will receive a free cookbook with recipes for foods prepared for the festival.

This year’s festival will also feature a variety of different performances: A folk dance from Nepal; a traditional Chinese dance; a Japanese dance called Yosakoi; a Korean drum performance, plus many more.

The Office of International Education and the International Students Association would like to thank Scott D. Morris and the Morris Printing Group for their continued generous support of this annual festival.

Minjung Kim serves a Korean snack, “Ramen-Ttang” (Fried ramen) to Natsumi Yoshida during last year’s International Food Festival.

Pre-registration begins at 4:30 p.m. and the tournament will start at 5 p.m.

Raffle tickets may be purchased one for $2 or three for $5.

The top raffle prize is an iPad mini. Top prizes include a PS4, flat screen TV and assorted gift cards (the highest of which are $100 to Walmart, Cabela’s and HyVee). The top 45-50 contestants will win a prize.

All proceeds will go to the Alpha Phi Foundation, which is dedicated to promoting women’s heart health.

Alpha Phi will host its 11th Annual Red Dress Poker Tournament in the Health and Sports Center on Thursday, March 3.

The education campaign started earlier with a heart health awareness week during the month of February.

Tickets for the tournament can be purchased for $12 from any member of Alpha Phi or at the door for $15.
Sister Rosie has a heart for students

MOLLY ANSON
Antelope Staff

Sister Rosemarie Maly (Rosie), the director of the campus Newman Center, has been serving college students for 24 years. Throughout the years, the Newman Center has seen many changes, but for the past 10 years, Sister Rosie has been a constant.

In 2006, Maly arrived in Kearney from the USD Newman Center and she has been the director of the Newman Center since. Sister Rosie said, “I have found a similar kind of spirit in the students here and at USD (University of South Dakota).” She said it has been wonderful these past 24 years working with college students because she is drawn to the students’ lives and energy.

For others, working with college students might seem burdensome or difficult, but not for Sister Rosie. She said she enjoys working with college students:

“...Their motivation and their faith are inspirations to me. I just find it a privilege to work with young adults in our church. I like their energy.”

The warm, welcoming atmosphere of Newman Center is due in part to Sister Rosie’s caring nature. The students really care for Sister Rosie. “She cares very much about every student that comes to the Newman Center, and our Catholic community would certainly not be the same without her,” said Newman Center member Ben Wagner, a junior computer science major from Columbus.

The Newman Center on campus isn’t one building, but five: the chapel and four houses where Newman Center students and the directors live.

Most activities occur in the yellow house where several male students live. Sister Rosie’s office is in the yellow house as well.

The chapel holds masses on every day of the week. Father Hock lives in the white house, Sister Rosie in the brick house next to the chapel, and several female students live in the blue house on the other side of the chapel.

Sister Rosie started her ministry in 1970 as a Benedictine Sister in Yankton, South Dakota. She worked as a youth minister and a vocational director for many years before started as the director of the USD Newman Center where she worked until 2006.

Although it may seem that many campus ministries are falling by the wayside, that is not the truth for the UNK Newman Center. They host activities on campus throughout the semester. Every Wednesday after the 10 p.m. mass there are “sundaes on Wednesdays,” and at 5:30 p.m. every Sunday and Wednesday, the yellow house hosts dinners made by the students or members of the community for members of the Center or anyone interested in coming.

About 30 students attend these dinners, but the Sunday attendance for masses is much higher. Between the two services on Sundays, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., attendance typically reaches about 300 students with 500 involved in the Newman Center as a whole.

Sports talk team happy to find their 'game' on KLPR live at 91.1

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Producing a live sport show can make anyone so nervous it might not be fun at first; however, current Radio Workshop Sports students say being on the radio does bring excitement.

“I’m always a little bit nervous in the first minute or two,” says David Mueller, a junior journalism major who is taking to the airwaves for the first time this term, “but after we get to talking, the nerves go away and I dive right in.”

For Shai Harris, having previous experience in junior college keeps all of the nerves away.

“I don’t have anything that makes me nervous,” said Harris, a senior journalism major. “I may get a little tense before the show starts, but once we’re on air I’m fine.”

Both Harris and Mueller, along with classmate Ryan Dahlgren, are doing a live talk show as part of their 339 Radio Workshop: Sports class. Each expressed excitement to do the show and be on the air.

“I would say I absolutely love doing radio,” said Dahlgren, a junior organizational and relational communications major. “I’ll be happy as long as I can do something that lets me talk, and radio certainly allows that.”

Harris said he realizes that not everyone gets the chance to be on the air, but if they did, they would have just as much fun as he does.

“Being able to be on the radio and talking about things you love is an honor,” he said.

Mueller said that doing the show is a great experience and that it is helping him come out of his shell. “This opportunity also allows me to learn so much more about sports, just by conversing with the guys in the studio,” he said.

One other thing that helps make radio more exciting, Mueller said, is chemistry. “We have great chemistry, and our show flows very smoothly, which makes it a lot of fun,” he said.

Another benefit is good cohosts. “I think the most exciting thing about doing my show is that my radio hosts are David and Ryan, two very well-spoken broadcasters,” Harris said.

As for Dahlgren, knowing that there are real people out there listening in brings the excitement home.

“It’s even more exciting when people come up to you in public and they listened or that they liked the show,” Dahlgren said.

They talk about a variety of sports on their show, which as of right now has no official name. It airs every Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m. on 91.1 KLPR.

Photo by Christian Schwarz
Pictured from far left to right: guest Ryan Boyd, David Mueller, Ryan Dahlgren, and Shai Harris. The sports talk show developed by the team airs live on 91.1 every Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m. Go online at unkantelope.com to see the current schedule.
the cost of a brand name dining option, no major's perspective. Amenities would cost an estimate of $150,000, rental kiosk, wireless printing, fitness dining prospect include franchise liability, Student Union. Consider coming to the UNK Nebraskan that contact with the company had been in a bad light. "I wanted to take a stand and coming back on us due to the pressure, "Wiegert said. "I wanted to voice my opinion, but I never wanted to paint reasonable conclusion, but this blame was never banned, but that's what (students) felt received the blame.

"We've covered that Chick-fil-A was never banned, but that's what (students) felt was the insinuation made from the original wording from the email. We felt it was a reasonable conclusion, but this blame was coming back on us due to the pressure," Wiegert said. "I wanted to take a stand and voice my opinion, but I never wanted to paint the University in a bad light."

Jon Watts, director of business services, assured students that Chick-fil-A was receiving a fair vetting process. To prove that contact with the company had been made, Watts said a minimum of $350,000 in sales, 250 square feet and a royalty of 10 percent is required for Chick-fil-A to consider coming to the UNK Nebraska Student Union.

Watts said other considerations with any dining prospect include franchise liability, distribution and labor cost.

Other Union improvements polled included 24/7 access to the Union, a movie rental kiosk, wireless printing, fitness equipment and an LCD video wall. These amenities would cost an estimate of $150,000, according to Watts.

Abbey Rhodes, a senior from Kearney, said she looks at the logistics from a finance major's perspective.

"If we can have all those amenities at half the cost of a brand name dining option, no matter what that brand name is, then we can make UNK better for all students who come to UNK beyond us," she said.

Speakers also commonly identified the national media as playing a detrimental role in the process.

"I have not seen anyone at UNK starting some flame throwers," said Ross Taylor, associate professor of management information systems. "I did see some flame throwers, but it was outsiders that were writing about the story and trying to bait us into turning on each other, and I never saw that happen.

"I've been very impressed with a lot of people through this. This was a train wreck waiting to happen, yet we somehow, one way or another, keep the train on the tracks. It kind of tilted for a while, but stayed on the tracks."

Darrin Gonzales, a senior from Gering, began saying he had to go off-script, as he did not expect the forum to be as respectful and constructive as it was.

"I do want all of us to be aware that a situation like this can be more dangerous than any fast food establishment's presence on campus could ever be," he said. "I want people to be aware, as a white, Hispanic, 22-year-old, liberal, gay male I have shouldered, along with many other of my peer queers, a lot of unnecessary blame for this situation. My conservative peers have suffered the same. This is something that is abysmally below the standard that UNK has for its students."

He also said that "chicken is chicken," and he will patronize any business that serves quality chicken.

Sandie Tappan, a UNK employee at Java Notes coffee shop on campus who considers herself a mom to students, concluded the comments from the public.

"UNK is a family. Just like every family, we're gonna fight. We're gonna argue … When it comes down to it and the world comes against us, we stand up," Tappan said.

Student body president Evan Calhoun made a remark near the end of the forum, apologizing for offending anyone in the process.

"What's done is done," he said. "Let's continue to support the Lopers, continue to support the community and move forward from all this mess."

Watts has said the feedback from the forum will be considered as business services continues making preliminary negotiations with Chick-fil-A, Raising Canes, Panda Express, A&W, IHOP, Sbarro and Johnny Rockets.

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Looking up. Cranes regularly blot the skies in the evenings and mornings.

If you really want to have the full experience, participating in a guided tour may be your best bet. Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary offers guided tours March 18 through April 9 to view Sandhill Cranes from observation blinds on the banks of the Platte River as well as conducting blind tours twice daily during the migration. This would give you a very close and personal view of the cranes that allows you to witness the full extent of this migration.

This year, Rowe Sanctuary is also offering the opportunity to witness the migration from a computer via the "Cran Cam." They have set up a camera along the Platte River that captures all the action of the cranes and is on a live stream that can be found at http://www.ustream.tv/channel/rowe-sanctuary-s-cran-cam.

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Ideally? Let's see...HOLLYWOOD. I'm just kidding! I'm pre-chiropractic; so, owning my own practice or getting to practice with friends who are chiropractors. The chiropractor I had before he retired helped me get through wrestling and all of my high school sports. I've never walked in and seen him having a bad day. That's what I hope to have!

What do you like to do in your free time?

I like sports of all sorts, hunting (mostly deer), hiking, just being outdoors in general, drawing – everything except abstract. I like to invent. It doesn't always work out, but I enjoy it. I like to build stuff. My dad is a carpenter so I kind of grew up around that.

Do you have any fun facts about yourself?

Let's see. I can make my voice go really, really high. I can sound like Gollum from "Lord of the Rings." I've probably helped build roughly 24 houses with family.

If you had to choose, who would you say is your celebrity look alike?

Let's get into this one! The most recent is Flynn Rider. Back in high school it was Zac Efron. After state wrestling we went to Golden Corral, and since we hadn't eaten a whole lot in the last three months some little girl was like, "There's Zac Efron!" So the entire group moved closer. It was fun.

Who's your biggest role model?

I don't want it to sound corny or anything, and I don't care if it sounds corny, actually. Jesus, obviously. Because you can't get much more perfect than perfect. Why? Because He is literally everything that is good and awesome.

What's your guilty pleasure?

Oh my goodness. Cookies. Because I eat way too many of them. It's like oh, one…thirteen. My favorite kind is chocolate chip. Homemade for sure.

If you could be anyone in the world, who would you be?

I know who, I need to come up with a good reason why. Me, because you should always be thankful for what you have. I mean, if you want to be someone else, go out and make yourself like them.

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Symphony Orchestra "Lots of Jazz" featured UNK grad, woodwind artist Chris Vadala

1) Deborah Freedman, director of Kearney Symphony Orchestra, conducts the orchestra members. Kearney Symphony Orchestra Concert, "Lots of Jazz," took place on Feb. 23 in the Fine Arts Building Recital Hall.

2) The concert had two parts. During the second part, Chris Vadala, an international saxophonist, plays with the orchestra. Vadala is the director of jazz studies and a saxophone professor at the University of Maryland.

3) Megan Decker sings “Song to the Moon” along with Kearney Symphony Orchestra. Decker is a Concerto/Aria Competition winner and recent UNK graduate from Beatrice.

4) The orchestra members play cellos with director’s conduct. Other pieces included in the concert were "Take Five, Take the A Train" and other Big Band tunes.