



‘Make-a-Wish’ come true

Arthur, 12, surprised with his own movie premiere



Photo by Katee Daly
Arthur signed autographs for his many fans, who showed up for his film premiere at the World Theatre in Kearney on Friday, April 15.

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Arthur Zamudio-Ortiz, a 12-year-old from Lexington, knew only that he would be eating dinner with his family at Applebee's in Kearney this past Friday. He had no idea that nearly 500 people were waiting just for him to make it to the World Theatre, where his movie "UGS Arthur's Day Off" was featured.

Arthur was treated like a true movie star for the premiere of the short 5-minute animated film based on characters he drew.

As Arthur stepped out of the limo, the crowd cheered and began to chant his name. People asked for his autographs, and those who knew him gave him a hug. Arthur smiled the entire time.

Four men had volunteered to play paparazzi from Hollywood's golden era. They dressed in trench coats with fedoras and carried vintage cameras around with them. They asked Arthur questions about his movie and also got autographs from him.

The surprise premiere was put

together by the Make-A-Wish Foundation through local Red Orchid Productions. It was also made possible with help from many volunteers and sponsors.

Arthur was diagnosed with Kawasaki disease when he was extremely young, and it unfortunately caused severe health problems.

Arthur's parents, Dahicy and Jorge Zamudio, said they knew something was wrong just a few weeks after he was born. Arthur had trouble breathing, fevers and high blood pressure. These symptoms led to something they could not have predicted.

At just 4 months old, Arthur had four heart attacks that severely damaged his heart. Only 25 percent of his heart now works. Doctors believed he wouldn't even turn 1, but the boy with wide smiles continues to defy the odds set against him.

Make-A-Wish regional program and events coordinator Maria Muhlbach said she had never seen a community come together for a wish like Arthur's. Wish granters Lori Marshall and John Rickard worked for more than a year to bring the extravaganza together.

Parker Loghry (recent UNK grad) of Red Orchid Productions, spoke at the premiere for Arthur's movie and about the unique wish for a movie.

"Arthur did something most adults wouldn't choose, which is immediate gratification. He was patient," Loghry said.

Tory Hooton, who founded Red Orchid Productions, said he was also impressed with Arthur's decision for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. "His wish wasn't to consume, it was to create art, which you can share with other people," Hooton said.

Jeff Ensz, a lawyer who practices in Lexington, was contacted to play the part of one of the "press" and asked if he knew anyone else who could help out. "I knew just the three suckers to do the job," said Ensz as he gestured to the other three men. David Rozema, Grant Pyper and Kyle Mundil were those three "suckers."

Movie posters were made for the event, and free food and drinks were

Pregnant in college, facing new obstacles



ANDREA MARTIN
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College students in today's world face many challenges. Deciding which classes to take, completing homework on time, studying for exams, writing papers and deciding whether or not to work or take out those costly student loans.

These are the "regular" struggles, the things that nearly every college student in America is faced with; then suddenly life throws another obstacle in your path forcing you to rethink every decision you have made along the way. Two semesters left of school till graduation. You've already paid your tuition, and now, you're pregnant.

Sure there are other options available. You could always drop your classes, you consider adoption, and even well, other options. But in the end, the choice is made: keep the baby, power through school and make everyone, including your child proud of the wonderful things you've done with your life.

As the semester begins, things aren't so bad, most people can't even tell you're expecting. There is some nausea, some forgetfulness, but you hang in there. The drop/add period passes, and now as your second trimester begins, suddenly you are forgetting due dates, too tired to get out of bed to make it to class, and let's not forget the CONSTANT trips to the bathroom.

You miss one or two classes because of a doctor appointment that you're now going to once a month, and did I mention everyone is now staring at you? They're all wondering, "Is she just gaining winter weight or could she be expecting? Is she wearing a ring? I didn't know she was

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Crucifying Cruz



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For this election season, those who want pure entertainment need to look no further than the Republican National Convention (RNC). If there was ever an election that warranted popcorn munching material, this would be one.

At least it would be if it wasn't so painful/disgusting to watch.

While many have been focusing on a has-been real estate baron who tapped into the hateful side of the conservatives, I would argue that the true danger comes from a Cuban-Canadian American Senator: Ted Cruz, a man whose entire career I would argue has been nothing but an attempt at running for the presidency. Recently Cruz has been trying closing the gap between himself and Donald Trump.

Granted, Cruz is still very far behind not only in delegates and about 2 million in the popular vote and many are suspecting unless something dramatic happens he won't "Stump the Trump." But you won't hear that from Cruz or his supporters. In fact, if you listen to either of them, you would be told about how each is just one state away from claiming the nomination and saving America.

While I can probably still argue that Trump is running for publicity and has no real intention of being President, Cruz is a politician with sociopathic tendencies and the ego to match. He is a propagandist prodigy who rarely says ANYTHING that is true, and his followers devour every word as gospel. He says, among other things, that the federal government will shut down churches and charities if they don't cave to birth control, that Muslims are nailing innocent Christians to trees and that he has bipartisan support.

How can someone who is repulsive to even die-hard members of his party be appealing to the other side for support when he continually attacks them? I understand in a fight an enemy of my enemy is a friend, but Cruz is the one guy whom neither

side wants to be associated with, save the fringe of the fringe. Cruz lacks many easily relatable supporters. Even his most powerful lawmaking supporter, Lindsey Graham, said he would rather back Kasich if Kasich wasn't so far behind.

His selling point is that he is the only "constitutional conservative," though I have yet to see any of his policies that actually align with the Constitution. Out of the many, I think the most accurate one of his madness is his view of the First Amendment. He taps into the rabid evangelical traditionalist side of the right and has all but said America should be a Christian theocracy. His belief is that when our Constitution granted the freedom of religion it was meant for only Christians.

“Incompetence wrapped in ideology.”

I made this point back in December, but America never has been nor was intended to be a theocracy. The Holy Roman Empire, the Ottoman Empire and England during the Protestant reformation showed the dangers and factional instability of a theocratic government to the founders. Some of them may have been believers in one form of Christendom, but many were also Agnostics or those who kept their faith alone in their hearts.

The founders wisely chose to offer a haven from state-run religion rather than trying the exact same thing and expecting a different result.

I can't help but think there is a word for that phrase. Trying the same thing again and expecting a different result — oh yeah, "insanity."

Unfortunately I don't think this will change his supporters' opinions of the incompetent senator. I wonder how the future will look back on this election cycle. 2016: the year conservative front runners were two xenophobic fear-mongers clad in ego and draped in false patriotism.

The tide of trade has turned



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The Republicans and Democrats began losing their parties to Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders on the Senate

floor on Nov. 20, 1993.

The vote in question? On a bill that would have the United States join the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) a free trade bloc between the United States, Canada and Mexico that would eliminate tariffs (taxes on foreign imports) and other trade barriers between the three countries. The vote was a rare instance of bipartisanship with 61 “Yes” votes split among Democrats and Republicans, allowing President Bill Clinton to sign the legislation into action.

Now, it’s no secret that fumes erupted from the collective ears of American blue-collar workers. Between 1993 and 2002, NAFTA has caused the U.S. to lose an estimated 979,000 jobs (EPI) southward to Mexico, where the labor costs are considerably cheaper than their northern neighbors.

Fast forward from 1993 to 2000, and you find a similar story with the permanent normalization of trade relations (PNTR) with China. With the urging of both the Republican Congressional leadership and President Bill Clinton, this particular piece of legislation would grant China the same

leveled playing field as the rest of U.S. trade partners. The trade barriers between the U.S. and China would be reduced significantly, and Congress would no longer have to review the China-U.S. trade relationship each year. The Senate passed it with heavy bipartisan support.

The PNTR with China also unleashed a new wave of outsourcing, this time to China where the costs of hiring workers are dramatically lower than in the United States. The PNTR with China has been a major contributing factor to the 4 million manufacturing jobs that were lost between 2001 and 2007.

The negative effects of free trade have fed into the political rhetoric of both Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders and Republican front-runner Donald Trump, who cite the large job losses. Sanders has made his opposition to free trade agreements an integral part of his campaign.

Trump has also been extremely vocal on the issue, saying that “the great American middle class is disappearing. One of the factors driving this economic devastation is America’s disastrous trade policies.” He even goes as far as to propose a comically high 45 percent tariff on Chinese and Mexican goods, which many economists agree is total overkill.

Both Sanders and Trump are appealing to similar working class groups that oppose free trade agreements. According to a recent Pew Research Poll, 36 percent of Americans

view free trade agreements as mostly harmful compared to 43 percent that do not. For a long time, blue-collar voters believed that free trade destroys American jobs. The rhetoric of Trump and Sanders may seem like a breath of fresh air to them.

Sanders, a long-time advocate of “fair trade,” has gone against the pro-free trade stances of the Democratic establishment. Opposition to free trade has been a traditionally progressive stance. However, Sanders’ surge in popularity is the first time in decades that an anti-free trade Democratic candidate has had a decent shot at the party nomination.

Trump is deviating from a traditional

“The danger is that Trump will absorb some anti-free trade blue collar workers that support Sanders.”

and orthodox Republican stance — that free trade agreements are good things. To conservatives, free trade has usually been seen necessary for free-market capitalism to function.

In contrast to Sanders and Trump, candidates such as John Kasich, Hillary Clinton and Ted Cruz have historically supported free trade deals. So have the

current leaderships of both Democratic and Republican parties and virtually all Presidents for the past few decades. This includes Bill Clinton, Obama, Reagan, both Bushes and Nixon.

The idea of free trade as a positive force for good is now being associated with status quo establishment figures. This is forcing candidates like Cruz and Clinton toward opposing free trade agreements like NAFTA and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (another free trade deal passed by President Obama last year), in attempts to siphon off supporters from Trump and Sanders.

Given the increasing likeliness of his nomination, Trump may very well shift a larger chunk of the Republican Party against free trade and toward his vision of economic nationalism. He is already doing that with Cruz, as the Texas Senator competes with Trump for primary voters.

There could be certain implications if Sanders does not get the Democratic nomination. The danger is that Trump will absorb some anti-free trade blue collar workers that support Sanders. If Hillary Clinton does get the nomination, she may have to further shift her stances to compete with Trump. If this happens, the narrative that free trade is detrimental to American workers will be significantly more accepted in American politics.

Regardless of what your views are, the dialogue on trade is starting to change.

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10 Cloverfield Lane: more thrills with less nausea

Trapped underground, Michelle questions if a catastrophe has actually befallen the world



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If any of you are familiar with the 2008 monster flick, “Cloverfield,” then you should already be acquainted with the wild world of “10 Cloverfield Lane,” which serves as a spin-off of the prior positively reviewed movie.

If you haven’t, then you should know that the previous movie followed a group of New Yorkers through a war-torn city as they try to escape from an alien invasion. The other major characteristic of this movie was that it contained “found footage,” camera work depicting one of the characters actually filming. What resulted

in “Cloverfield” was a thrilling feature that unfortunately left me a little nauseous.

Fast forward to “10 Cloverfield Lane” and you have quite a different scenario. Not only does this movie film in traditional style (less nauseating than the previous), but the majority of the story is far from the city and actually takes place in a small bomb shelter. This results in you feeling somewhat trapped. Given the premise, I think the closeness of the movie adds greatly to the thrill that it seeks.

In this small bunker, we find three characters who have a very interesting dynamic: Howard (John Goodman), Michelle (Mary Elizabeth Winstead) and Emmett (John Gallagher Jr.). Matt Reeves, who directed the predecessor “Cloverfield,” is back at the helm in this movie as well.

In the movie, Michelle is involved in a



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car accident and wakes up underground in a strange bunker. Enter Howard, who tells her that some catastrophe has befallen the world, and the air outside is contaminated. Even though Emmett, another resident of the bunker, agrees with Howard’s story, Michelle begins to question what is true and what isn’t.

Although I thought all three of the

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Michelle, Howard and Emmett are interrupted during their family dinner in “10 Cloverfield Lane.”



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provided for everyone in attendance.

Before the movie began, a couple of short messages from Darrin Butters, a Walt Disney animator, and Jon Bokenkamp, creator of “The Black List,” served as previews. Both congratulated Arthur for his hard work on “UGS” and hoped that he continued to make movies.

Arthur’s short film stars himself and his family as the main characters. In the film, Arthur and his brother are members of a top-secret group of spies.

For this particular mission Arthur is supposed to be on a day off, but he ends up called to help save people captured by ninjas. They save the people and get to go home.

As a thank you, he’s given a vacation, and his family goes to Brazil, where he gets called to do another mission when the movie ends.

Arthur was very pleased with how the movie turned out. “It was very fun making this movie, and I do want to make more.”



Photo by Katee Daly

Maria Muhlbach, the regional program and events coordinator for Make a Wish, said she has never seen a community come together for a wish like Arthur's.

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leads did a wonderful job in their portrayal of their characters, John Goodman stole the show as Howard and can be attributed with this film’s success with a risky storyline. Having the majority of the movie take place in a confined space could very easily turn to a bore, but John Goodman makes sure that through his character, you are always on the edge of your seat because Howard is the kind of man that you expect to explode any second. He has an unease about him that places you on a rollercoaster of what you think about him and what you think about the story.

I may sound like a broken record, but if there is one thing to take away from this film, it is that you can create an enthralling thriller without sprawling sets and vast visual effects. “10 Cloverfield Lane” does just that and although the finale (don’t worry I won’t give it away) is a little detached and slightly disappointing, the ride is worth your time.

“10 Cloverfield Lane” will soon be available for rent on iTunes and at Redbox.

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Beck inspires others by living with joy

Strong Christian background compels senior to bring happiness into the lives of those she meets



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Beck participated in the International Justice Mission's (IJM) 24-hour stand despite wind and chilly overnight hours. Beck is also involved in the Christian Student Fellowship (CSF) as well as a variety of other student organizations on campus.

MOLLY ANSON
Antelope Staff

Hannah Beck, a senior elementary education major from Central City, is one of those people who lights up the room when she walks in. Beck is known by almost everyone she meets as funny, joyful, caring and kind. She brings a sense of love and kindness to everyone whether she knows them or not. Beck and I had met once before and by the end of our interview, she treated me as her best friend.

At first, Beck said that she didn't know which college she wanted to "make her mark on." With various family members attending different colleges, there wasn't one she was particularly set on. However, once she visited UNK, she instantly loved it. She attributes this to the amazing sense of community that she experiences here at UNK. Beck said that another reason she chose UNK was "our great education department that offers classroom teaching as well as field experience."

Beck is currently student teaching as a first grade teacher in Grand Island, and she brings her joy and love to the classroom. Beck says that she really



loves working in the Grand Island school district "because of the rich diversity." She said that it can be challenging working with such a diverse group of students, but at the same time, Beck really enjoys it.

After college, Beck plans to teach somewhere in the Tri-City area. She loves the diversity of schools in that area and enjoys the size. Beck said it's larger than where she came from but smaller than a large city.

Beck is also involved in several campus organizations including Christian Student Fellowship (CSF) and International Justice Mission (IJM), as well as a worship singer at Kearney E-Free Church. She holds a position

on the leadership team at CSF and participates in IJM activities throughout the semester.

At CSF, part of her job is to welcome new students and meet with them one on one during the week. At IJM, she helps bring awareness to the issue of human trafficking across the world and in the Tri-City area. She also participated in the IJM 24-hour stand, where students stand outside by the fountain for 24 hours to bring awareness to human trafficking by standing "one day for their every day."

Beck says that her favorite part of working with these organizations is "being able to advocate for students." She

life. She attributes this attitude to her family, her Christian background and other people. She believes one reason she has so much joy is "because it comes from God and she should share this joy with others so that they can share it with others." Beck says she is a people person and gets her energy from people. She surrounds herself with positive people and steps away from negative people.

You can probably guess what Beck's answer when asked what her passion is. "People!" She loves to share her joy with those around her. Rachel Sanderson, women's ministry leader says of Beck, "She has a great attitude. She looks for

 **She has a great attitude.** She looks for the good in everyone and always has something kind to say. 

— Rachel Sanderson

loves the leadership experience she gets from being part of these organizations and believes these experiences will help her in her career.

I asked Beck why she seems to really love people and has so much joy in her

the good in everyone and always has something kind to say."

At the end of our interview she said "I'm not some kind of tree-hugger, but I am a people-lover." This is truly the core of Hannah Beck.

De Filippis puts energy in ‘Synergy’

Spring dance concert gives students, faculty alike the chance to dance

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Synergy, an exciting dance concert, will open at UNK on Thursday, April 21. The production is directed by Dayna De Filippis, director of dance at UNK. In that position De Filippis is responsible for administering curriculum for the dance minors as well as advising minors and teaching all of the dance courses offered at UNK, just to name a few.

Currently De Filippis is completing her third year as the director of dance. She said it has been a wonderful experience and each year she learns more and more about the UNK campus and local communities.

“One of the most exciting aspects about my time spent in Kearney so far has been the level of reception the community has had toward dance. I’ve found that students, faculty and community members alike are truly supportive of UNK Dance and that they are willing to experience a wide range of movement presentations and events. This

‘Synergy’

What: Synergy dance concert

When: April 21-23

Where: Miriam Drake Theatre, Fine Arts building

Tickets: Free for UNK students with ID, \$10 general admission

fact keeps pushing me to find creativity in new places and conceptualize concert dance in a new light,” De Filippis said.

Synergy is De Filippis’ fifth UNK production as a director. When asked what the audience should expect from the dance concert, De Filippis said, “Synergy is a collaborative concert showcasing the talents of both the UNK Dance Ensemble and the UNK Wind Ensemble. This year’s concert concept is to showcase the innate, human connection between music and movement. I don’t think there is a better way to demonstrate this correlation than with live music and dance performing side by side. Audience members should look forward to an exciting production where dancers and musicians share the stage equally, bringing



Photos by Ellen Laird

Senior Music Education Major Toni Birch plays the euphonium in dress rehearsal Monday night with the UNK Wind Ensemble. Many students playing in the Wind Ensemble accompanying the dancers will perform under the direction of Duane Bierman.

the music to life in the physical form.”

De Filippis said Synergy is different from past productions because it is the first dance concert to include live musicians playing on stage the entire time. The concert is also unique as it is the first collaboration between the UNK Dance and Wind Ensembles.

“Synergy is different from previous dance concerts because the music was chosen first and the dances were made in response to the music rather than the other way around, which is traditional in concert dance. The result is that each dance piece has been developed in direct response to the musical stimuli and carefully highlights certain aspects of each score while bringing it to life in an abstracted, physical way,” De Filippis said.

Student involvement tends to be heavy for UNK Dance productions. The performers, both dance and music, are all students. Three of the four choreographers on the program are students, in addition to two student light designers and four student costume designers are working on Synergy. The technical production staff for the concert is also comprised of students.

“Students should be involved in dance at UNK because it is a growing program, and this is an exciting time to move and experience new class and concert formats. The human body is designed to move, and

dancing is an innate form of movement expression that gives everyone involved a great sense of self and community,” De Filippis said.

Students who wish to get involved in UNK Dance productions should look for audition announcements at the beginning of each academic year or consider enrolling in dance courses open to all UNK students each semester. Announcements for auditions are posted throughout the Fine Arts building each August.

“In the end, I hope Synergy is an exciting production for all those involved whether it’s on stage, behind the scenes or in the audience. It is my goal to generate discussion about dance as a performing art and vital part of our humanity both on campus and throughout the community,” De Filippis said. “If at least one person walks away from a performance of Synergy and tells one other person something interesting or worthwhile about it, then I feel like I have done my due diligence as a dance educator and artist in higher education.”

Synergy will be performed in the Miriam Drake Theatre in the Fine Arts building on campus on April 21-23, beginning at 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets are free for UNK students with proper ID and \$10 for general admission. Call the UNK Box Office at 308-865-8417 to reserve tickets.



Dance instructor Dayna De Filippis moves elegantly to Eric Whitacre’s Lux Aurumque. Dayna and her students will be performing to various other songs played by the UNK Wind Ensemble April 21, 22 & 23, at 7:30 in the Drake Theatre.

Singing to the end of the semester

Music majors prepare for their junior recitals

ANNALESE BARNES

Antelope Staff



MORGAN WIPPERLING

The end of the semester can be a scary time for all students, and music majors definitely are not an exception. Just ask Morgan Wippering, a senior music major who will be giving her junior recital on April 23.

The junior recital is a half-hour concert given after music students pass “advance standing” and have taken their upper division private lessons.

Wippering said students have to sing all kinds of repertoire, from Mozart to musical theatre, so it’s a good blend of styles. “We also have to learn repertoire in

Italian, German and French, which can be a little intimidating. Some of the pieces last several minutes and have a lot of different text, and some of the pieces last only a minute or two,” Wippering said.

“I am really excited to perform. I have improved a lot since the last time my friends and family have seen me sing, so I’m excited to see what they have to say. I’m also excited to share the experience with my friend Morgan Tracy who is giving her recital with me. We have been friends since our first freshman theory class, which was almost four years ago. So, it’s nice to finish our college careers together too,” she said.

It’s clear that giving a junior recital is not an easy task, which raises the question, how does one prepare for such an event?

“The better question here is how haven’t I prepared. For a junior recital, you

have to perform about 25 minutes of music. That doesn’t sound like a lot, but having to memorize eight or nine different songs in four different languages is difficult,” Wippering said.

“I know when I perform it’ll all be worth it.”

— Morgan Wippering

“Most music students, myself included, meet weekly for an hour-long private lesson with our private professor. Then we usually meet once a week with our accompanist. The rest of our practicing has to be done on our own time, it’s highly suggested that we practice for an hour every day, and most people practice a lot more than that. It’s really time-consuming,” Wippering said. “I’ve practiced my music in the car, at work, in the shower, basically anywhere I can hum a tune to see how well I know my music. I know when I perform it’ll all be worth it.”

The pressure is definitely on.

Wippering said you have to be self-sufficient. No one is going to learn the

music for you.

“Your professors can guide you, but ultimately, you have to do it yourself. Not only that, but you have to learn about yourself and the best way that you learn as a musician. It’s a lot of pressure to put on a recital, so you want to be as prepared as you can. You learn tips and tricks about yourself, as well as how to do well under that pressure.”

This won’t be her first time on the stage.

She is involved in both Choraleers and Collegium (UNK’s concert and chamber choirs) and has performed in UNK theatre productions before.

“I’m used to being on stage. It’ll be a little scarier being out there alone, but I am excited for the challenge,” Wippering said.

“After you pass your recital hearing, which is like a test-out for putting on a recital, it’s about being a musician. I obviously want to put on a flawless recital, but I want to have a good time and enjoy performing and seeing four years of hard work pay off. I’m also going to enjoy the rest of the semester knowing that my biggest test, the recital, is finished.”

Wippering’s recital is April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building recital hall.



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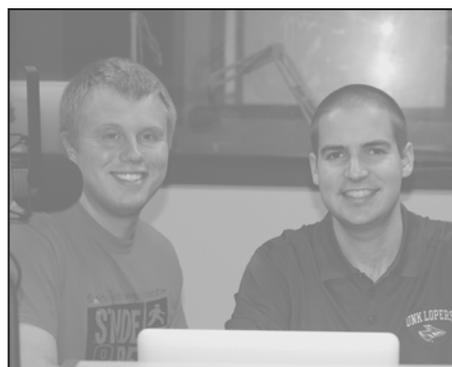


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A word from the coaches | *Loper athletes shine*

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Thursday, April 14, was the last Loper Luncheon for the 2015-16 school year, with many coaches providing some exciting news for the future of Loper athletics.

Softball



CARNES

First to speak was head softball coach Holly Carnes, who briefed the community with the season so far, mentioning which players have been stepping up to the plate.

The softball team, on a four-game win streak after sweeping Washburn and Emporia state, hopes to stay in their position and clinch the seventh or eighth spot in the conference, Carnes said.

She reiterated team goals before the post season, which included staying sharp and competitive. Carnes complimented

Katie Ruwe, a senior elementary education major from Blair, who has been coming up strong at the plate, as she tied UNK's homerun record, also being honored as athlete of the week. To conclude, Carnes explained how emotional it will be to lose this year's seniors, with seven graduating this spring.

Track & field



BONSALL

Next up Brady Bonsall, head track and field coach, began by speaking about the transition between the indoor and outdoor season. At their first outdoor meet of the

season, the teams competed really well against the 25-team field, Coach Bonsall said.

Bonsall added that many of the teams that beat them were Division 1 schools. At another outdoor meet, the Loper men won, beating nationally-ranked Lincoln

University. The women finished the meet six out of 11. He said that he was happy with how he saw the team bonding going to these meets.

Coach Bonsall spoke specifically about some individuals on the team, giving props to Emily Everett (sophomore, undecided from O'Neill), Andrew Fields (sophomore, exercise science/criminal justice major from Ord) and Jacob Bartling (exercise science major from Elm Creek) for really stepping up and competing well. At their home meet, Coach Bonsall reiterated that he was hoping that the team could post some good marks. Additionally, he mentioned that he is very excited for these next few weeks, as the team is already about to head into their post season. To conclude, Bonsall was happy to tell the community about 24 individuals who will be joining the squad and making the team even better.

Tennis

Next up to the podium was head tennis coach, Jake Saulsbury. To begin



SAULSBURY

Coach Saulsbury discussed the road schedule that the team had competed with for the last couple of weeks, emphasizing how tough of a road team the Lopers are. This will be very

beneficial to them come post season. To start with the women, who are currently at 14-3 and sitting third in the conference, the coach said he believes that the ranking should hold in to conference tournament. Saulsbury expressed how impressed he is with the doubles pairings on the team. He also mentioned how a few ladies, Paula Jimenez (senior, business administration major from Barcelona, Spain) Camryn Parnell (freshman, chemistry major, from Lee's Summit Missouri) and Emma Neil (sophomore, history major, from Papillion) continue to win tough matches and really rise to the challenge when the team needs it.

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Warriors win 73; Kobe plays final game

Two completely different NBA games make history one of the greatest days in basketball

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April 13, 2016, was a normal day for most. For the National Basketball Association and fans, it became anything but.

Not only was it the last day of the regular season, but two very important games would be played that day.

The Golden State Warriors, led by Stephen Curry, were one win away from breaking the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls record for the best season with 72-10.

The Warriors were at 72-9, and if they won their last game against the Memphis

Grizzlies, they would solidify themselves in history.

On the other side, the Los Angeles Lakers were ready to face off against the Utah Jazz.

Normally, this would not be newsworthy, as the Lakers were sitting at the bottom of the standings.

However, this was a huge event, as Laker legend Kobe Bryant was to play the final game of his illustrious career that day.

What happened that Wednesday was something nobody could have predicted.

Stephen Curry could not have predicted it, nor could Kobe Bryant.

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Courtesy

Kobe Bryant

- Five-time NBA Champion
- Two-time NBA Finals MVP
- 2008 NBA Most Valuable Player
- 18-time NBA All-Star
- 11-time NBA First Team
- Los Angeles Lakers all-time leading scorer

Leininger researches motivation, impact of injuries

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Every person has his or her own reason for being physically active. But, what is it that triggers peoples' diverse levels of activity?



ELENNAL
LEININGER

Sophomore Elenna Leininger, an exercise science major from Aurora, is set to explore that question through data research.

"The purpose of this project is to determine the effects that past

injuries, secondary physical education and motivation have on the level of physical activity college and intramural participants have," Leininger said.

She was introduced to the idea in her second semester on campus when Dr. Matthew Bice asked her to join the research team, in collaboration with associate professors Medan Adkins-Bollwit, Kazuma Akehi, and other students in the kinesiology and sport science department.

Bice said accountability plays a large

role in peoples' physical activity levels.

"In individual sports, people are more intrinsically motivated. Why? Because they don't have 10 other people to depend on," he said. "...The problem is a lot of people don't know how to implement those skills they took from the team component and sport component. So, once they move on from high school and those sports are removed, then the whole responsibility comes on the individual."

The project tracks UNK students involved in intramural activities, analyzing 14 different constructs that determine students' reasoning for participation.

The factors include: stress management, revitalization, enjoyment, challenge, social recognition, affiliation, competition, health pressures, ill health avoidance, positive health, weight management, appearance, strength and endurance and nimbleness.

Along with that information, Leininger and her affiliates are examining the role past injuries play in peoples' physical activity levels.

Leininger and Bice believe the information they are researching will be relevant on campus, especially in terms

of increasing the number of students that participate in intramurals.

"The whole idea is to collect this data from the students, and then organize the information, and give it back to the recreation center to use as a way to create their programs for intramurals," Bice said.

Leininger said she sees the information beneficial for the intramural department and useful for future participants — seeing whom they want to attract, and figuring out what is motivating participants to be physically active.

"Let's say they are all doing it for competition. That's one of our constructs. So then they would know they want to win. Then there are people who just want to do it for fun, or social affiliation. Some people want to do it for appearance — they want to look better," she said.

The first stages of the project have been a lengthy process according to Leininger.

The process included: (1) The gathering of research literature, (2) Putting together many drafts of the survey, (3) Obtaining approval from the IRB (Institutional Review Board).

Her group recently put the final

touches on the online survey, which has recently been sent to UNK students. They also have been attending one-day intramural events where they have students fill out paper surveys.

However, she estimates the project will not be completed until the end of next fall's semester.

"We would like to get it published, and hopefully go to the SHAPE America Conference in Boston," Leininger said. "We would love to go to that and present there. We have some big goals for it."

SHAPE America is the society of health and physical educators. The conference itself is held annually in different locations around the country and focuses on promoting good health and exercise.

"It's been a little bit of an experience to work with new people. Dr. Bice was the only one I knew. Working in groups can be a challenge, but I think we've done a really good job. It's new to all of us — none of us have done it before," Leininger said.

In the project's young existence, Bice said, "The biggest thing is that college students are different."

Lopers ready to fight to the end

Baseball and softball work to earn spots in MIAA

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The Mid-America Intercollegiate Association (MIAA) conference is one of the nation's elite conferences in all sports, and that does not differ on the diamond. The baseball and softball standings are filled with national contenders along with many other battle-tested teams.

Loper baseball and softball teams as of right now will not qualify for the eight-team conference tournament, but both still have time to crack into the field. Both, Coach Day's baseball team and Coach Carnes' softball team have had up and down seasons, but are playing better ball at the right time.

The baseball team is currently 9th in the conference standings with 11 games left to fight to punch their ticket to St. Charles, Missouri, for this year's conference tournament. They are 13-15 in conference

and in the final four teams they play, except for Missouri Western, are fighting to get into the tournament.

Last week, UNK played game one at Fort Hays and a three-game series against Pittsburg State. Going 3-1 on the week was a must for Day's squad. They were led by sophomore Dallas Schramm from Omaha, Nebraska. The cleanup hitter for the Lopers has homered seven times in the last eight games.

This week, Fort Hays now travels to Kearney for game two of the series. After that, the team will head to St. Joseph, Missouri, to take on Missouri Western, currently second in the conference. Then, trips to Fort Hays and Southwest Baptist in the following week before UNK is back at Memorial Field the weekend of May 6, against Central Oklahoma on senior weekend to wrap up the season.

Now on the smaller diamond, softball



Courtesy

Sophomore Dallas Schramm prepares for the pitch. The criminal justice major from Omaha has 10 home runs on the season including seven in his last eight games.

is currently in 10th place in the conference with four conference games left on the schedule. The Lady Lopers are 9-15 in conference play, but surging after winning their last four against Washburn University and Emporia State.

To lock into a spot in the conference tournament in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, UNK will need a big two days on April 23 and 24 when they play two double-headers against current seventh placed team in Fort Hays.

Carnes' team will also play a non-conference game against instate rival Wayne State on April 21. In the next five games, senior Kate Ruwe will be chasing history as she is currently tied for most home runs in a Loper season.

There is plenty of time for both teams to find a way into the tournament, but they're going to need to finish strong to do so.

Best of luck to both teams in their final weeks of the season.

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married?” These are the questions, and the stares you now have to live down at every turn of the hallway.

You manage to make through midterms, you’re even doing quite well considering you can’t remember if class starts at 12:30 or 12:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Now the end is near! As the semester begins to wrap up, new terrors are setting in: finals.

Final exams, papers and projects are piling up in every class. You go home every afternoon intending to study and work on your speech or your paper, but when you get there you’re so drained from the three block walk to campus for your 50-minute class that all you can think about is putting your now very

swollen feet up and taking just a little cat nap that will inadvertently take up three hours of your day.

Did I mention, you have a baby shower to help plan, a nursery to put together and every time you go to the store you think to yourself, “How do I decide which brand of diapers REALLY is the best?”

Now that your pants don’t fit, your shoes don’t fit and boy do you feel like you just don’t fit in anywhere, you’re down to the last three weeks of school, you made it.

I used to be one of the students that scoffed when pregnancy was added to the Americans with Disabilities Act. Now, being in this situation myself, I will never take the resources that UNK has to offer

for granted again.

College is hard. Life is hard and yes, pregnancy is very hard. My mother used to always tell me, “If it’s easy, it wouldn’t be worth it.”

“**Now, being in this situation myself, I will never take the resources that UNK has to offer for granted again.**”

I am here to tell you folks, this is defiantly worth it. At the end of this journey, this little guy who makes me eat like crazy, then throw it right back

up, the one who ruined my chances at spring break in Florida and who blew any opportunities of a “beach body” for 2016 will be worth it.

And in December when I’m holding my diploma in my cap and gown, and I look to the section where my mom and dad are sitting holding this little hell-raiser, the struggles of being un-married and pregnant in college will seem like a lifetime ago.

The point I’m really trying to make is that you should never question your strength or your judgment. Yes, life is hard and it won’t get any easier after graduation, after I land a good job (hopefully), or after this baby is born, but it will very much be worth it.

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However, something magical did happen.

The Warriors played the way they usually did, as they were routing the Grizzlies the entire game.

Stephen Curry was lights out the entire game, during which he ended up surpassing 400 made threes in a season.

No man has ever passed 300 made threes in a season, and Curry himself previously held the record that he broke.

The Warriors won 125-104 and obtained 73 wins in a season, making their mark on history.

On the other side of the spectrum, at the same time the Warriors were playing their game Kobe Bryant was playing his last.

His former teammate Shaquille O’Neal had previously told him to score 50 points.

Not an easy thing to accomplish, as the 37-year-old was up in his years, and the

highest-scoring game was previously held by John Havlicek, who scored 29 points for the Boston Celtics in the 1977-78 season.

However, this was Kobe Bryant, and he was not one to back down from a challenge.

He took on Shaq’s challenge.

By the end of the first quarter, he was already at 15 points. As the fourth quarter was drawing to a close, he surpassed 50 points.

By the end of the game, in which the

Lakers were losing almost throughout, Bryant scored 10 more points to finish off the game with 60, all the while leading the Lakers to a 101-96 victory.

It was truly a legendary finish for one of the greatest players in NBA history, and now he has another record under his name.

His final words to the screaming fans at the Staples Center said it all.

“What else can I say?” he said. “Mamba out.”

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Discussing the men, who are currently 15-2, coming in 3rd in the conference and region, Saulsbury detailed how the team “stubbed their toes” against Southwest Baptist but came out stronger. Although he was disappointed with the loss, ultimately Saulsbury said that the team, and most specifically Georges Wakim came out of it stronger. Following, the coach credited Wakim (sophomore, business administration major from Cairo, Egypt) with defeating a very tough player. He said that after seeing both victory and defeat the team is more “match tough,” developing some aggressiveness in the players.

Overall, Saulsbury expressed his desire for the team to play without fear of making mistakes and step up on the court embracing fear. To conclude, coach Saulsbury said that he hopes they continue to play well, continue to improve and continue to grow

as players.

Baseball



DAY

Coach Damon Day spoke next, discussing the year for the baseball team thus far in the season. He started by comparing this baseball season to life. “There are good days and bad days,

and you hope for more good days when it’s over.”

Day discussed a change in line-up that lead to an 11-3 win over Fort Hays State. Moreover, Day said he is pleased with the young players stepping up. He described Dallas Schramm, the athlete of the week (sophomore, criminal justice major, from Omaha), as an absolute terror. Although

Day expressed the disappointment in the year not going the way that they had expected, he assured the community that the men are playing as hard as they can, and they are still representing UNK in a first class manner. To conclude, Day expressed his excitement for the future, saying that they had the top recruiting class in the last five years, and the team is getting better for the future.

Football

Last but definitely not least, Coach Josh Lamberson was up to the podium to talk about football. To start his speech, Lamberson said that he is very honored to be associated with such great people in the coaches and athletic family he has joined since coming to UNK.

Discussing the spring season,



LAMBERSON

Lamberson said that the team has had nine practices, and he is very excited with the work that has been put in during those practices. He said that he is very pleased with the energy, enthusiasm and competitive nature the men are exhibiting, expressing his gratitude to the young players for pushing the older guys on every play.

Lamberson added that the team currently has six quarterbacks from last season returning with four years of eligibility. He concluded by encouraging all fans to attend the spring game April 23.

Visit unk.edu/athletics to learn more about Loper athletic competitions occurring. Loper Luncheons will resume during the fall semester.



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ABOUT MCKENNA:

Class: Junior
Major: Exercise science
Hometown: Lincoln

McKenna Leitschuck's platform for the Miss International Pageant was about body peace and confidence for young girls. She said, "My favorite part was getting to speak about things that I'm passionate about, which deals with confidence and young girls and those with eating disorders."

She used her gofundme blog to raise money and spread her platform. Her blog reads: "I am beyond excited for this great opportunity to reach out to the community and raise awareness for a 'Positive Body Image.' It is something I am extremely passionate about."

"My goal is to reach out to as many young girls as possible in order to teach and inspire safe ways to attain a healthy body image. I have decided to name my campaign HAPPi which stands for 'Healthy and Positive, Powerful Individuals.'

"I hope to be able to reach out to as many young girls as possible over the next year. I will do this by teaming up with different schools as well as Girls on the Run, a non-profit organization that trains girls for a 5K while teaching lessons such as confidence and self-esteem."

[LOPER OF THE WEEK]

RA becomes pageant queen

RACHEL AREHART AND KATTIE SADD

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It was a night just like any other, said sophomore McKenna Leitschuck. "I was doing homework one night and got distracted by an ad I saw online."

Little did she know this ad would be life altering, Leitschuck said.

Leitschuck refers to the ad as a "spur of the moment deal." An ad for the Miss Nebraska International Pageant caught her eye. Leitschuck recalls humorously how much more interesting signing up for pageant was compared to the homework she was working on.

Leitschuck said a beauty pageant wasn't something she saw herself doing growing up because she was always extremely busy with sports.

She said pageantry was a ton of work, a lot more than she thought. "My mom helped me way more than she should have," Leitschuck said, "It was a lot of work, getting sponsors, raising money, finding the outfits, the list went on and on."

It turns out being an RA (Residential Assistant) takes more time than she guessed it would. Everyone can agree that being an RA is definitely not an easy task, it takes a lot of time out of a student's day.

“My goal was to be as real and down to earth as possible.”
— McKenna Leitschuck

"It takes a lot more time than I expected. I can't give an exact amount because it depends on each day what issues arise, like if someone gets locked out or someone is having a conflict, but usually I would say a good four hours each day.

Crazy enough after taking a "shot in the dark," Leitschuck actually won the Miss Nebraska International Pageant and was on her way to nationals for Miss International in Jacksonville, Florida.

"At first, I honestly didn't think I'd win the pageant" Leitschuck said. Feeling



Photo by Rachel Arehart

Leitschuck proudly wears her pageant crown along with her RA name tag, proving that hard work pays off.

as if she had no idea what she was doing, she knew she could use some of her stage experience from theatre and choir.

"My goal was to be as real and down to earth as possible. I never wanted to sound or look rehearsed, and I guess that got me to where I wanted," Leitschuck said.

Leitschuck decided she wanted become an RA last spring and thinks that job has helped her people skills. "I really like working with people and getting to hear their stories."

Tad Fuchs, Men's Hall Director, praised her for doing well as an RA, "McKenna is doing an awesome job taking charge of a community in Men's Hall. She does programs and activities to help her residents interact with other on their floor to have a successful and more impactful experience doing their time here at UNK."

Though she didn't end up winning the Miss International 2015 contest in Jacksonville, this opportunity was one of many in her future, Leitschuck said.

Leitschuck is an exercise science major, but she says her major is kind of her "back up plan."

The exposure from the Miss International Pageant led to numerous modeling agencies and photographers contacting her for information and wanting to book her for future shoots.

"It is definitely crazy! It is so me though," Leitschuck said thinking back to how her modeling career took flight, "I always through myself into situations way over my head."

Leitschuck isn't slowing down anytime soon. With several shoots coming up all over the states, Leitschuck is ready to travel and to chase her dreams she said.

"My biggest goal for modeling is to be on Sports Illustrated someday," Leitschuck said. "It is pretty far out there, but everything about me is pretty much 'go big or go home.'"

She says she knows great success may take awhile. "It won't happen right away but the chase is the best part."