Dexter' mastermind to visit campus

Hollywood executive producer, writer and three-time Emmy Award nominee Tim Schlattmann is giving a guest lecture at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He will speak at 7 p.m. Nov. 7 at UNK’s Copeland Hall, room 140. His talk is free and open to the public.

Schlattmann grew up in Kearney and graduated with a telecommunications degree in 1985 from Kearney State College, where he worked for the campus radio and TV stations.

Interested in a radio career, he worked for Kearney radio stations KGFW 1340 AM and KQKY 105.9 FM before returning to school and earning a master’s degree in speech communications from Colorado State University in 1988.

Schlattmann walked away from radio and taught at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan., for three years before moving to Los Angeles in 1991 in hopes of breaking into the television industry. He landed a job as a production assistant at NBC – which led to a writer’s assistant position – and earned his first writing credit on the popular ABC sitcom “Roseanne.”

His other series credits include Fox’s “Get Real,” WB’s “Smallville” and “XCU: Extreme Close-Up.”

In addition to three Emmy Award nominations, Schlattmann has garnered many Writers Guild of America and Golden Globe nominations for his work, including winning the prestigious Peabody Award.

Schlattmann’s visit is sponsored by the UNK Department of Communication, Department of English, Faculty Senate Artists and Lecturers Committee.

Krone offers different perspective on capital punishment

Imagine waking up every day for ten years, taking in your surroundings, staring at four three walls and a door showing you the freedom that you know you rightfully deserve. Freedom is just within your reach but out of your grasp.

Ray Krone, who spoke to UNK students in the Cedar Room of the Nebraskan right before break Oct. 13, described his experiences with the justice system after he was wrongfully convicted of murder in 1992. Lock and Key Club hosted the program.

Krone was dubbed the “Snaggletooth Killer” after he was accused and later convicted of murder of an Arizona bartender found dead in a Phoenix bar Krone often frequented.

With a slight crack in voice Krone told his story.

Ray’s conviction in 1992 was primarily based on “expert” testimony that his teeth matched bite marks on the victim’s breast and throat.

The reversal of his conviction was based on the prosecution’s delayed revelation of a videotape about the bite mark evidence until just before the trial began. Evidence also identified the real killer, Kenneth Phillips, a repeatedly violent sexual offender.

He spoke of maintaining his innocence throughout his whole ordeal. Krone also made note of how he had always felt badly for her family, but that he was not responsible for their pain.

Krone, who is now an activist working toward the abolition of the death penalty, spoke to the audience, largely students of the Criminal Justice Department at UNK, with passion and conviction telling the audience he still believed in the criminal justice system.

“…The death penalty system is broken. They would have executed me. Could I have any faith in it anymore? Absolutely not. I can’t be the only one. ... People need to address this issue,” Krone said.
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No vote, no moaning

Finally, the end of the circus is in sight. Nov. 8, 2016, is almost upon us. With the day over, we can settle in to the relative peace of the inter-election season, provided we turn off our TVs and stop reading newspapers.

However, in this article, I am not looking to the future after the election. I am looking at the day itself. You see, America does have a reputation (deserved or not) for low percentages of voter turnout. Exact quotes vary, but I think it is safe to say that just over half of possible voters do go out and vote. Why not the others? Well, keeping with a little routine I have been doing, let’s look at possible reasons and dismantle them.

Lazy Citizen: My vote won’t make the difference! The Electoral College decides it!

Perhaps that is a real point, but it isn’t even half of the picture. While it is true that your vote won’t directly determine the president, it gives an attitude of the nation towards that president. Not to mention that the Electoral College only decides the president; other federal positions for your state are decided directly by you, the voter.

Also, when it comes to state and local decisions on the ballot, a single vote can make a difference. The Nebraska voter initiative on the death penalty, it is something that will be determined by YOU! If you have even a remote opinion on the subject, you should cast your ballot and be counted. That nine dollar minimum wage you enjoy? It was passed by citizens who voted such as myself, and that has had a greater impact on my life than who was president.

Lazy Citizen: But the election is already rigged! My vote won’t matter!

Really? Who said that, a washed up misogynistic con man? Wouldn’t surprise me if that is where you heard the thing, but if the elections were truly rigged against you and your party, trust me when I say the rest of the world would see it.

If the election was rigged, why do we have changing power in elections? Why is it that we always have a vocal minority possessing a decent amount of power? Why do we allow both parties and the thousands of third parties to voice their opinions?

Where is the massive amount of voter fraud? Where are the secret police putting weapons to citizens’ heads, telling them to vote one way or another?

Nowhere you say? Well, there is your answer for your question about its existence.

Lazy Citizen: I don’t have the time to vote!

This excuse does not fly with me at all. While I think we should have Election Day be a federal holiday, there are still plenty of ways to fill out your ballot. It took me five minutes to do my absentee ballot for my home county and place all of the needed information on the back of the envelope. I imagine it would take the same amount of time to drive, vote and return to your daily activities.

You have plenty of time to go and vote, especially if you can find hours after the election to complain about the results. I know this is an outdated thing to say, but if you don’t vote, you don’t have a right to complain. It is asking for only a fraction of an hour in your life to decide the next 2 to four years of our government both nationally, statewide and locally.

Go out and vote!

Newt Gingrich, a former has-been politician who is as comforting as the animal after which he is named, went on a little tirade calling Megyn Kelly of Fox News (as well as the rest of the media) for being obsessed about sex and focusing on Trump over other, more legitimate stories.

This is especially hypocritical of the man to say, considering he has been divorced twice, had at least two affairs (one of which was while his first wife was fighting cancer and the other with a staffer while his second wife was diagnosed with Multiple Scoliosis) and married his second and third wife mere months after divorcing the previous one.

All of this behavior occurred while attacking other politicians for having affairs, confirmed or not.

Way to ride the moral high horse, you hypocritical scumbag.
Teaching in America

Dr. Ye Su was determined to come to America for a better education and to be immersed in a different way of thinking. Still, the transition was not easy.

“Both of my parents were teachers. Influenced by them, I wanted to be a professor. I am always interested in business management and have a background in agriculture and food production, so I decided to get my PhD in agriculture economics and specialized in agribusiness management,” Su said.

Su admits the most intimidating part of teaching in the U.S. was the language barrier. “I started learning English when I was in middle school. We put more emphasis on reading and writing and less attention on speaking and listening. So I had some issues [communicating] when I first came to the U.S.,” she explained.

After her time at Arkansas, Su accepted a teaching job at UNK and has been teaching here for one and a half months. Su is an assistant professor of economics and is involved with the UNK Agribusiness Association. “My career goal is to be a teaching professor. This is the major responsibility of my current position. In addition, these people in my department are all very nice and helpful. I like the place I am now,” Su said.

Su enjoys how kind and friendly people are in the U.S. “My favorite part of Kearney is most of my students [and their] hard work, and my coworkers are all very nice and helpful,” she said. “In China, teachers put more attention on the theories and definitions and ask students to memorize these concepts. Here, teachers put more weight on application of the theories and concepts, and less on memorization.”
Lori Skarka, the Assistant Director of Military and Veteran Services for UNK, says that this is her dream job; she loves what she does.

“Primarily my job is just to make sure that our military students are being served, and that they get what they need and they get their questions answered,” she said, “basically just to be here if they need me.”

Skarka’s favorite part of the job is getting to know the students. She likes finding out where they’ve been, what they’ve seen and why they joined the service in the first place.

Skarka has had grandfathers, aunts, uncles and her father serve in for the U.S. as members of the Armed Forces. The most recent family member to serve is her son, who is an officer in the Marine Corps.

“Being a military mom I think I take a very special attachment to those folks. I mean to all of our military” Skarka expressed. “There are just so many things I want to do for our veterans and our military students.”

Others realize Skarka’s dedication to her students across campus. Brenda Rodehorst, an office assistant in the UNK Student Health and Counseling division of Student Affairs, voiced, “She knows UNK and the resources available to the students and works hard to help them with whatever is needed. They know they can depend on her to be there, should they need help.”

Skarka sees a bright future for veterans on this campus, with hopes that UNK will have its own student veteran center, student veteran organization and will become more involved with the community. Skarka exclaimed, “We’re going to have so many possibilities to work with veterans. I just can’t wait.”

Skarka was proud of her son for joining the military. Military moms carry the weight of the whole family’s worries. Initially, she experienced pride and misunderstanding, as well as courage. Despite that, she said, “It becomes real, when he puts on that uniform and you watch him walk away for the first time to load the bus to fly over seas. And you’re scared to death.”

Skarka’s son has deployed three times. During the first deployment his base was hit by the Taliban. She often says, “My son was commissioned, I was drafted.”

Skarka is a UNK graduate, enjoys school and is trying to decide whether to obtain her Ph.D. “That was the only thing I said I wanted from my kids, their degrees. So when they graduated from UNK they both walked off the ramp and handed me their degrees,” Skarka stated.

When she’s not helping out the military and veteran community at UNK, Skarka loves doing anything outside. Skarka emphasized, “I love to camp. I love to hike. I love road trips and I like taking trips to places in Nebraska I’ve never been to.” Skarka enjoys thrift stores, having once spent $20 on a signed Peter Lik painting of the American flag worth $6,500.

Skarka also loves to cook and collects cookbooks. Her plan, if she ever retires, is to get a degree in the culinary arts at Central Community College.

Skarka has another goal after she retires. She expressed, “When I retire my goal is to visit all the National Parks in the United States. So I’m going to get an RV and just drive.”

She would also like to visit Switzerland because she was a huge “Heidi” fan as a kid.

In the MSA building, Lori Skarka proudly shows off a picture of her son, who is a Captain in the Marine Corps.

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Caring for our veterans

“There are just so many things I want to do for our veterans and our military students,” says Lori Skarka, Assistant Director of Military and Veteran Services of her dream job here at UNK.
In baseball people around the game like to say, “Live life like a 3-1 count.” This means when you are up to bat and the count is three balls, one strike, get ready to go because here comes your pitch and don’t miss it.

This translates off the field into a way of living life to the fullest each and every day; living a life where you aren’t afraid to swing for the fences and take risks. With great risks come great rewards.

That also means “don’t just sit back and hope things happen.” If you watch a 3-1 fastball go over the heart of the plate, you aren’t looking to get a hit, you’re looking for a walk — the easy way out. Always “live life like a 3-1 count,” because you never know when life is going to be taken away from you.

Two great men were taken from this life far too soon this year. Two men who loved the game of baseball and found baseball loved them right back. Two men who never took anything for granted; they lived life like a 3-1 count.

For Fernandez, sky was the limit

The first man is Jose Fernandez, an All-Star pitcher for the Miami Marlins whose sky was the limit for him in what he could have done throughout his career. Fernandez was a Cuban pitcher with devastating stuff on the mound, but more importantly greatly admired off the mound.

You could argue that throughout the hundreds of players in the Major Leagues, Fernandez had the most fun on the field because he knew that it was a game, a game that was meant to be fun.

The 24-year-old was killed in the early hours of Sept. 25 when his boat crashed and was flipped upside down. He was a man who the baseball world will miss for a long time.

The second man gone too soon wasn’t an All-Star or a National League Rookie of the Year, but he was a man that made everyone around him a better person.

Hodges remembered in tribute

Chris Hodges came to the University of Nebraska Kearney in 2014 as the new assistant coach. He was a coach who players felt at ease approaching, and he felt comfortable being not only a coach and a mentor to his players, but a friend.

Hodges was a coach at UNK for a year and a half; last December he left Kearney for Iowa Western Community College where he coached last spring. This past July, Hodges was killed in an automobile accident near Colona, Colorado.

On Sept. 23-25 the UNK baseball program hosted a high school tournament in memory of Coach Hodges.

“The goal is to get teams to come in and play. All of the proceeds that are made on the weekend will go to a scholarship under Chris’ name. We are trying to find a way to honor Chris and keep his name going and help the players understand how important he was to our family,” said assistant head coach Marcus Clapp.

Each player who participated in the tournament received a shirt that said Coach Hodges’ favorite quote on the back: “Live Life Like a 3-1 count.”

Hodges and Fernandez may never pick up a baseball again in this world, but ball players will continue to honor them and remember all of the good memories that they brought to the people around them.

MOOREHOUSE HONORED WITH JOAN BAILEY AWARD

Moorehouse, who came to Kearney State College in 1970 as a Health and PE faculty member, created the women’s track team with the men’s track coach Charlie Foster. Four years later KSC President Brendan McDonald called on Moorehouse to start a women’s tennis program.

Plinske said "Jane is a pioneer in women’s athletics and played an instrumental role in bolstering female sports in Kearney. She has an endearing personality and is able to make people feel her energy and spirit."

Moorehouse retired from teaching in the early 2000’s. The award’s namesake was the swimming coach at KSC/UNK from 1964-1998. Joan Bailey was also the softball coach in the late 1960’s and early 1970’s and was inducted into the UNK Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003.
Look into the Lopers

VB team continues to dominate with 27-1 record

FB starts game strong but falls to Lions; while senior Kozeal on track to finish final season on high note

1. Junior middle blocker Tara Ziegelbein, reacts after scoring a point during Friday night’s match against Southern Baptist. Ziegelbein, a biology major, recorded six kills and one block for the night.

2. Freshman middle blocker Mackenzie Puckett spikes the ball during the third set. Puckett had eight kills and two ace serves.

3. Redshirt freshman quarterback Justin Roberts attempts to complete a pass against the Lindenwood Lions’ strong defense.

4. Freshman wide receiver Kentrez Bell avoids two defenders as he advances the ball up the field. Bell is averaging 14 yards per catch this season.

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by Dylan Munson
You wouldn’t drink, drive; so why would you text, drive?

Proposal before the Legislature may make texting, driving primary offense in Nebraska

After having a few drinks you’re about to get into your car and drive home. Your friends see this and stop you before you get behind the wheel.

Drinking and driving has always been an obvious no, so why is texting while driving any different?

According to the Omaha World Herald, “the number of deaths and injuries on Nebraska roads last year is giving new life to proposals aimed at making driving safer.”

One proposal would make texting while driving a primary offense in the state of Nebraska.

Currently, use of electronic devices is a secondary offense in Nebraska. This means you only get ticketed if you are stopped for a different traffic offense.

By making this a primary offense, lawmakers hope to create a safer environment while driving.

I have almost been forced off the road a number of times by someone paying more attention to their cell phone than the road.

People consider drinking and driving a horrid action that can lead to serious charges, so why doesn’t texting while driving have similar penalties?

You are equally as distracted when you are juggling a cell phone, trying to read a text and reply as you are drunk driving, so why aren’t people more strict with this action?

Not everyone sees texting while driving as dangerous.

Sophomore pre-pharmacy student Alex Kaup says, “I don’t think the law should have control on whether a person uses an electronic device while driving. Some people can text, while still having their hand on the wheel, and still drive safe.”

Disagreeing with this stance on distracted driving, it should be a no-brainer for people to put their phones away until they arrive at their destination.

If something is important, pull the vehicle over and take care of the situation; then, get back on the road.

People don’t take into consideration the fact that it isn’t merely their life at risk. It’s the family of four you just collided with because you needed to text and drive down the highway, causing you to veer into the other lane.

It’s the elderly couple you hit after running a red light because your eyes were on your phone instead of the road.

Texting while driving is just as dangerous as drinking while driving and should be handled the same way.

Nothing is as important as someone’s safety and when you decide to drive distracted, you’re putting people’s safety at risk.

Other states have already made texting while driving a primary offense and it’s time for Nebraska to do the same.

Put your phone away when you get behind the wheel; it’s as simple as that.

International spotlight

Ting Ding loves her rescue 'Cake'

International student Ting Ding has a passion for animals. Therefore, when she came to Kearney three years ago to study at UNK, she decided to adopt a homeless dog from a animal shelter. She named it Cake due to the love she has for the pet.

Ever since she adopted Cake, Ding says she has always been one of the happiest people in town since Cake brings much joy in her life.

However, her previous apartment did not allow tenants to have pets.

“I will have to find a new place now that I have Cake,” Ding said. This is a hard decision for her because she has lived in that apartment for two years.

Ding hopes to find a nice and clean apartment for her and Cake.

“I have two dogs in my home of Beijing. I love them so much and they are both important family members,” said Ding.

Ting Ding

Year: Junior
Hometown: Beijing of China
Major: Chemistry

If you’re looking to adopt a pet, visit Kearney Animal Center today.

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Samek steps up to the plate for pediatric cancer research

“My favorite part of being in this organization is definitely going to events and seeing how happy the kids are to be there, it is truly inspiring.”

MEGHAN WIEDEBURG
JMC 215

About to celebrate one year at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Love Your Melon has a new president with high hopes for her term.

With an already packed schedule, Kaela Samek is excited to add being the president of Love Your Melon to her plate.

She is a UNK softball player, Gamma Phi Beta member, student diplomat and full-time student. Being involved is nothing new to Samek, as she participated in a lot of extracurricular activities in high school.

Samek, a junior, said her interest in Love Your Melon was peaked when a friend told her it was for childhood cancer.

Love Your Melon was founded by two college students in 2012 and has become a nationwide effort. After developing the Campus Crew Program, more than 740 colleges have joined the story, with UNK proudly one of them.

The organization is dedicated to giving a hat to every child battling cancer in America, as well as supporting non-profit organizations that lead the fight against pediatric cancer.

“After knowing people who’ve gone through that, I was eager to get involved and have an impact,” she said. “My favorite part of being in this organization is definitely going to events and seeing how happy the kids are to be there, it is truly inspiring.”

One of Samek's favorite events are the Superhero Visits. During Love Your Melon visits, the local campus crews personally deliver a hat to cancer patients and support the child battling cancer and their family.

“The Superhero Visits provide the family with a positive experience and a big smile on their faces,” Samek says.

Members of the organization sell hats to fund cancer research. When products are sold, 50 percent goes back to the company for marketing, employee salaries, growth and distribution. The other half goes to Love Your Melon’s non-profit partners. Their partners work in the field of pediatric oncology, fund cancer research initiatives and provide immediate support for families of children battling cancer.

After starting as a non-profit and now moving to a for-profit organization, Love Your Melon is a complete apparel brand and sells beanies, ball caps, sweatshirts, scarves, headbands and more. It first started off as just hats, but this year expanded to full apparel.

Originally from Lincoln, Samek said, “I was drawn to UNK’s campus for softball and also because of the size. I like the fact that I can have one-on-one conversations with my professors and have them know my name. I didn’t find that on other campuses.”

While at UNK, Samek is pursuing a career in family studies with a minor in early childhood education and with...
Students score 99th percentile on Major Field Test

The program consists of brilliant, caring and genuine students and professors,” said recent graduate and Renaissance Financial of Omaha employee Bryan Luna. “The professors gave me the confidence, work ethic and knowledge to excel in my post-graduate career, and I could not be happier with the connections I have made and the knowledge I have gained.”

The Major Field Test does more than measure students’ factual knowledge. The test also helps faculty evaluate students’ ability to analyze and solve problems, understand relationships and interpret material from their major or field of study.

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“I am proud of our finance faculty and students. The faculty create high expectation, and the finance students rise to meet them. People who employ CBT Finance graduates know they have something special,” said Department Chair Steven Hall.

According to the CBT Career Center, finance graduates have been hired by the following organizations in the past year: Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., Nebraska Safety Center, Nebraska Land National Bank, Young Financial, Merchant Metals, Union Pacific, Wells Fargo, Town & Country Bank, Aspen Contracting Inc., Buckle, Constructors Inc. and Renaissance Financial.

“Experience in the finance program at UNK has been challenging, but certainly rewarding,” said recent UNK graduate Abbey Rhodes, FDIC financial institutions specialist in Appleton, Wis. “Each of our respectable professors emphasizes the benefit of experiential learning through numerous opportunities such as managing the Bauhard investment fund in Investments, consulting with local businesses to improve their business and finances in case studies and conducting relevant research projects in Financial Institutions.

“These experiences and more equip UNK students with the knowledge and tools necessary to compete in the modern business world.”

The faculty create high expectation, and the finance students rise to meet them. People who employ CBT Finance graduates know they have something special.

/Steven Hall, Department Chair
Since the death penalty was reinstated in the United States in 1976, over 100 people have since been released after DNA evidence proved them innocent of crimes many had spent years they can never get back behind bars.

Krone spent 10 years behind bars for a crime he didn’t commit. Two of those years were spent on death row.

Krone’s cousin, Jim Rix, stood behind him. Rix was instrumental in aiding in Krone’s release. The Innocence Project also had a hand in his release.

Krone is now known as the 100th former death row inmate to be freed due to DNA evidence since 1976.

Krone ended his speech on a lighter note describing some of his work and how proud he was that he was able to have a chance at helping other wrongfully convicted people.

“It doesn’t help anyone for these innocent people to be incarcerated. The real criminals are out there, still committing crimes thinking they got away with something,” Krone said about why he chooses to continue looking into others’ cases.

That, she hopes to be involved in abuse protective services.

Samek plans to put her creative juices to use and tap into her deep network on campus to help the organization grow.

Love Your Melon has 20 crew members, which can expand or contract based on the number of hats that are sold on the UNK campus.

The current group is full of enthusiasm to educate about the organization and people affected by cancer.

Samek's campaign idea for the upcoming year is to make a collage of all the crew members depicted in black and white, with their Love Your Melon hats presented in color. Their hands will be held out in front of their faces with a name of someone who is battling, has battled or is a cancer survivor on each hand.

Love Your Melon crew member Morgan Benesch said, “Kaela's positive spirit and creativity are going to be a great asset to the organization. I’m excited to see the impact she has during her presidency.”

After her presidency is over and graduation, Samek would still like to stay involved in Love Your Melon. For more information about Love Your Melon, check out their website at https://www.loveyourmelon.com/.
Sigma Lambda Beta puts on Day of the Dead celebration

1. Jose Ceballos, a senior from Grand Island majoring in Spanish education with an ESL endorsement, dances in a circle with his friends. This is Ceballos’ first year of folkloric traditional dancing.

2. The girls prepare for a dance and show off their fancy make-up, portraying that of a sugar skull. This event was set up to celebrate the Day of the Dead, a traditional Mexican holiday.

3. Ana Vargas, a freshman from Lexington and majoring in pre-physical therapy, dances with her boyfriend, Pedro Gonzalez to one of the folkloric traditional Mexican songs. Gonzalez smiles as he sees Vargas dance across the floor straight to him for the partner dance.

4. Madai Salina, a junior from Lexington majoring in pre-nursing, helps apply make-up to make sugar skulls. Salinas is in charge of the hair and make-up but also dances as well. Salinas has helped Becerra create this traditional dancing group called Danza. Salinas started dancing with Becerra’s mom when she was a sophomore in high school.