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Destructive cuts far-reaching, will likely also raise tuition

Difficult decisions across the board include whole athletic programs, Chancellor says

BRAYDON CONELL
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Chancellor Doug Kristensen opened a budget forum meeting Monday, Feb. 12 to a solemn crowd of UNK faculty, staff and community members saying “Today is a difficult day.” This forum came in response to the State of Nebraska’s budget shortfall for the 2017-2019 biennium budget. Back on Jan. 10, Gov. Pete Ricketts hosted an executive budget presentation to outline mid-biennium adjustments. During the presentation, Gov. Ricketts outlined that the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board (NEFAB) reduced revenue forecasts for the 2017-2019 biennium by a combined \$223.9 million:



reduction in UNK’s operating budget and employee workforce.”

— Doug Kristensen

\$100.4 million for fiscal year 2017-2018 and \$123.5 million for fiscal year 2018-2019. Overall, this would result in a \$173 million projected budget gap. The effects of the state budget shortfalls are far-reaching but greatly affect the Nebraska University System (NU). UNK alone is facing a \$3.4 million budget gap as a result of decreased state appropriations, declining credit hour production and scheduled salary and benefit increases. The governor’s budget proposal, known in the Legislature as Agency 51, calls for a massive cut across the whole university system. Kristensen said “It will be a two percent reduction in the third quarter (the current quarter) and another

four percent base cut if the governor’s proposal passes.” A base cut means that the University will need to cut an additional four percent every year under the proposal. These percentage cuts for UNK would result in roughly \$11 million and an additional \$23 million starting in summer 2018. Kristensen further emphasized that the system is roughly 13 percent of the state budget but is taking a third of the cut, and the cuts are disproportionate and, frankly, they are not fair. Kristensen announced during the forum on Monday what he referred to as “strategic cutting.” Not all groups will be taking the same proportion of the cut; however, this is needed to maintain the academic quality and affordability at UNK. Yet, these cuts are unprecedented and carry a negative impact on faculty, staff and students despite the cut recommendations being a collaborative effort across campus. The recommendations presented by Kristensen total \$3.67 million and affect administration and support staff, faculty, operations personnel and athletics. The biggest impact from these cuts

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What can you do?

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Students, advocates challenge Legislature

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The biggest direct impact to UNK students is the athletics reductions. Prior to the budget forum, Chancellor Kristensen met with 56 UNK students to inform them that they will no longer be competing for UNK. The men’s tennis, men’s golf and baseball teams will cease to exist at UNK following the conclusion of the spring 2018 season. In addition to the 56 students affected, 10 incoming freshmen now have been informed that their plans to attend college and participate in sports are no longer an option in Kearney. However, UNK has pledged to honor the scholarships for these students as long as they remain attending school in Kearney. Despite UNK preparing for the budget cuts, Agency 51 still must make its way through the Nebraska Legislature. On Feb. 14, the budget was heard in the Appropriations Committee at the Nebraska State Capitol. For many students, the concern of rising tuition with a budget cut was enough to draw them to testify.

For example, Carlo Eby, the student body president at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, told senators on the Appropriations Committee that he was among UNO’s 44 percent of students that are first-generation college students. He made the case that tuition increases would threaten the affordability of the NU system and would place a burden on the first-generation students and other students alike. Eby later said, “Send a message to future students – the future leaders of this state – that you care.” Eby’s statement could not have been truer. Denying affordable college education because the state budget is being sliced is not a way for the State of Nebraska to move forward in the future, and it could hurt the universities as students look for options outside of Nebraska. For others testifying against the measure, the decision of the governor to cut the NU budget reaches outside the classroom and touches extension, research and health care. For example, Ashli Brehm of Elkhorn spoke of her time spent at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Throughout her cancer treatment, Brehm watched as the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center was built. As

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Stay home with your flu

Personal responsibility saves lives during high-risk flu season

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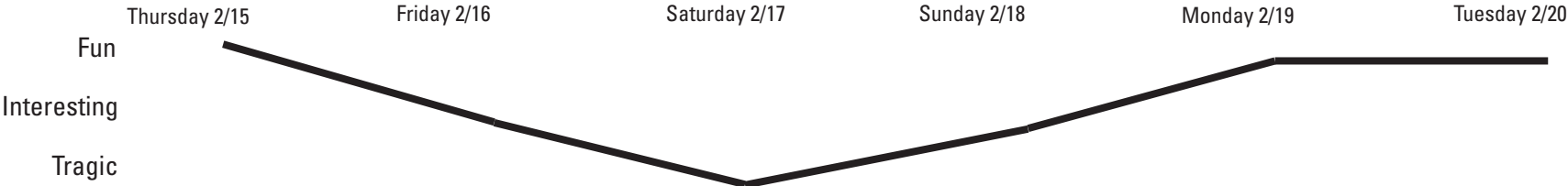
Nurse practitioner Cindy Hayes from Student Health says people who are sick need to stay home. “In addition to doing the patient care as a nurse practitioner, I also look at this from a public health standpoint,” Hayes said. “So, somebody who is running high fevers, who is coughing or blowing their nose. If they’re going to class, they are going to infect so many other students.” Hayes always encourages students to email their instructors, tell them you have a temperature, that you think you may have the flu and that you don’t think you should be in class. Stay home and isolate yourself when sick, so you don’t spread it. “People forget that influenza kills people. Tens of thousands of people die from influenza every year and not just little babies or old people. We’ve seen young, healthy adults with no prior medical history that have died from this

illness. So, it is something that we need to take seriously,” Hayes said. The Center for Disease Control’s (CDC) website says influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that can cause mild to severe illness stressing possible complications that can result in hospitalization and death. Flu symptoms can include fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, fatigue, vomiting and diarrhea. “The most important thing people can do to prevent the flu is to get the flu shot. Even the CDC says to get your flu shot,” Hayes said. “I know there has been a lot of media out this year about how it wasn’t a great match, or you don’t have great coverage, but the flu shot covers four different strains. Even if it’s not a great fit, having the flu shot can decrease the severity of those symptoms and can protect you from other strains. I’ve seen and heard of people getting exposed to more than one strain and having different types of influenza at different points.”

“People forget that the flu kills tens of thousands of people every year.” / Cindy Hayes

Other ways to prevent the flu: good hand washing and covering your cough or sneeze. Wiping things down with bleach wipes and Lysol and keeping your hands away from your face also prevent flu. “If people aren’t sure what they have, come in and get it checked out. If students are taking seven or more credits on campus, they pay the student health fee. There’s no charge to come in and get evaluated.” The CDC recommends checking with your doctor promptly after developing symptoms, especially those at high risk for flu complications. Those who are at high risk are young children, adults over 65, pregnant women and those with prior medical conditions. Antiviral drugs can lessen symptoms and prevent serious flu complications like pneumonia. The CDC also recommends staying home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone, except for getting medical care or other necessities. While the University of Nebraska at Kearney has been lucky, other schools in the area have been closed due to the high number of students with flu-like symptoms this flu season, including Bright Futures Preschool in January.

THIS WEEK IN REVIEW



Marvel’s “Black Panther” opens in theaters. The film smashed Marvel’s box office expectations



Special council Robert Mueller releases the indictment of 13 Russians for information attacks in the 2016 presidential election.



Students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas speak out after a school shooting killed 17 classmates.



Oprah Winfrey hosts a panel of Trump voters on “60 Minutes.” After the broadcast, Trump tweeted Winfrey is “insecure.”



An apparent chicken shortage in the UK forced several KFCs in the region to temporarily close their doors.



Canadians Tess Virtue and Scott Moir take gold in PyeongChang, making them the most decorated ice dancers in history

Trump’s infrastructure plan raises red flags

Plan recently put forward is seriously concerning to environmentalists



ANDREA STACHURA
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Last week, President Trump unveiled his long-awaited infrastructure plan alongside his fiscal year 2019 budget requests.

The environmental agencies are unhappy with both.

The 53-page document lays out his vision: major cutbacks in the areas of regulation by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The proposed cut didn’t come as much of a surprise, given that last year the president recommended cutting the Environmental Protection Agency by 30 percent, from \$8.2 billion to \$5.7 billion, as part of his 2018 budget proposal.

Fred Krupp, president of the Environmental Defense Fund, said in a statement, “The Trump administration

budget released today is a blueprint for a less healthy, more polluted America. A budget shows your values, and this budget shows the administration doesn’t value clean air, clean water or protecting Americans from toxic pollution.”

The Trump budget would also significantly reduce the Environmental Protection Agencies’ programs related to climate change. With the new budget, funding for the agency’s Office of Science

and hand the work of regulating and controlling environmental protection activities to individual states.

Those defending the infrastructure plan explain that the current process allows multiple agencies to conduct time-consuming reviews to check for permits and environmental compliance. They claim that this process slows the approval process and delays economic activity. Under Trump’s proposal,

along with curbs on federal agencies’ ability to raise objections to new construction.

The infrastructure plan would enact significant changes to at least nine major environmental laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act.

Although the infrastructure plan hands some of the power to individual states, it undermines the states’ abilities to object to projects that would pollute waterways or drain water resources within their borders, like pipelines.

This is done by limiting the options available to lawyers and environmental groups, who are opposed to fossil fuel projects, as well as limiting the ability of courts to halt work on projects while lawsuits proceed.

Right now, only an act of Congress can permit the construction of pipelines through National Parks.

To further lessen the legal opposition to oil and gas companies, this infrastructure plan seeks to allow the head of the Interior Department, Ryan Zinke, to grant permission to construct pipelines through the parks.

Stephanie Gidigbi, a policy director at the Natural Resources Defense Council, in a statement, called the plan “misguided.”

“Environmental groups were also quick to criticize the infrastructure plan, calling it a thinly veiled attempt to gut federal environmental safeguards.”

and Technology would drop by more than a third. In addition, funding for prosecuting environmental crimes and programs advocating for clean air and water would drop significantly.

Environmental groups were also quick to criticize the infrastructure plan, calling it a thinly veiled attempt to gut federal environmental safeguards.

The infrastructure plan would shrink the Environmental Protection Agency

agencies would be required to complete environmental reviews in no more than 21 months.

The 21-month limit would also be applied to environmental reviews of projects that potentially threaten endangered species or fragile habitats.

The Trump infrastructure plan would reduce the amount of regulation and scrutiny of projects that have the potential to pollute the environment,

You reduce, then reuse before recycling

Sunday school environmentalism never fails to worm underneath Gonnella’s skin



ELLIOT GONNELLA
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I have often been called an environmentalist for some of my political beliefs, such as a focus away from fossil fuels into

nuclear, wind and solar energy. I also believe in some sort of tax on plastic bags to encourage shoppers to bring their own reusable ones, and that people who don’t think climate change is caused by humans by at least some significant degree should be kept out of positions of education. Yet, I don’t consider myself an environmentalist. I am just someone who knows the planet has finite resources and space; I am just taking a little bit better care of the place I am going to live for the rest of my life.

It was the coming of Recyclemania 2018 on campus that got me thinking more about my beliefs and the one thing that always irritates me about people who say they are “hard green”: Sunday School Environmentalism (SSE).

It is a term I heard describing

the promotion of messages that are minimalist at best, useless most often or damaging at worst. Like Sunday school, you look at a hard problem and are given an easy answer that has no depth. It also tends to view environmentalism as a religion, rather than the science it should be.

One of the key tenants of SSE is a practical worship of recycling. I won’t deny the psychological effect of recycling. You can see the results in front of you and it looks like making a contribution. You often hear how recycling product X will save Y energy that could power appliance Z for hours.

However, in some cases recycling is not cost effective or environmentally friendly. Perhaps not as much as using raw materials, but not by much.

Let’s use this newspaper for example: the one you should toss into the recycling bin when you are finished reading. It has to be picked up and transported to its destination-- often to a sorting area, then to the place that will separate the types of paper, then to a recycling facility where it will be washed in a chemical bath before being re-pulped, re-painted and re-cut for use elsewhere. However, since recycling takes all types of paper, you often get a subpar material, which is called down cycling. The newspaper you recycle may not become newspaper-quality stock. It, more often than not, becomes something made to be disposed like toilet paper or paper towels. Paper can also be recycled a limited number of times before it becomes too brittle to serve any purpose besides fire fuel.

The same can be said for plastic bottles. While it can be recycled an infinite number of times, they hardly ever stay plastic bottles to continue that cycle. Often they are mulched down to be sold as polyester, which, while it becomes stuffing, clothes and other fibrous products often cannot be recycled again and end up in a landfill. Some, like paper, are made into disposable products such as shopping and trash bags that are designed to be tossed into a landfill.

So, while I endorse recycling, I hate when it is placed at the top of the waste hierarchy, when in truth it is closer to the bottom. There is a reason the old adage goes “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle,” not just because it flows off the tongue easily but because it shows the path one should take before recycling something.

Reduce: Pretty self-explanatory, no? Reduce the amount of waste or energy spent on doing an activity. This applies more to the industrial perspective than our domestic lives, but you can still make an impact that can be seen in the environment and your bank account. Don’t buy more food than you need to, eat what you take, and only drive when you must. I walk across campus even when the temperatures make me curse under my breath as it freezes to my beard, and so far this year I only had to fill up the car twice. I certainly have a lot more money in hand now, and the environment is a bit better off.

Reuse: Use the same product over and over if you can. I don’t buy disposable plastic forks or plates unless I have to. I don’t throw away the big plastic cups I get from drive-thrus, I save

them because they are a lot easier to use next to a computer. Another thing I have seen people do is take old items and make new useful items out of them. Etsy, Tumblr and hipsters eat these things up like candy. So, to those of you who know a few things about arts and crafts, I’m giving you an idea to help pay your student loans.

You can see why recycling is at the bottom of the list. There is the chance that the new product created from recycling will end up in a landfill on the next cycle. While campaigns and competitions like UNK’s Recyclemania are beneficial, they should not be treated as the only way students can save the environment.

Then again, it is a lot harder to prove who won a reduction or a reusing competition for a free fast food feast.

Charity of the Week: World Wildlife Fund

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Find out more at <https://www.world-wildlife.org/>

CAMPUS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY 2/21
All Day Apply for Continuing Student Scholarships

THURSDAY 2/22
7 to 9 p.m. Caffeine Cram at the Learning Commons

FRIDAY 2/23
5:30 p.m. Women’s Basketball vs. SW Baptist
7:30 p.m. Men’s Basketball vs. SW Baptist

SATURDAY 2/24
All Day Apply for Continuing Student Scholarships

SUNDAY 2/25
3 p.m. Enactus Cupcake Extravaganza

MONDAY 2/26
9 a.m. Greek Preview Day

TUESDAY 2/27
8 p.m. Not Your Mom’s Bingo - Campus CAN



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This week's Twitter poll: Do you think the U.S.A. will finish the 2018 Winter Olympics with the lowest medal count since 1998?

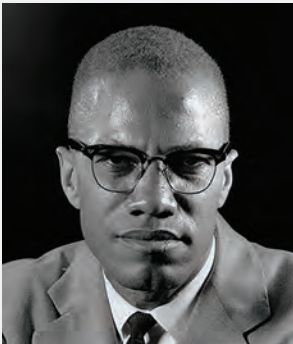


This Day in History

In New York City, Malcolm X, an African American nationalist and religious leader, is assassinated by rival Black Muslims while addressing his Organization of Afro-American Unity at the Audubon Ballroom in Washington Heights.

The assassination occurred on Feb. 21, 1965, just one week after his home was firebombed. Malcolm X was shot by Nation of Islam members while speaking at the rally.

Read more at www.history.com/this-day-in-history/malcolm-x-assassinated.



Ode to Super Seniors

MEG HOUSHOLDER <i>Antelope Staff</i>	Dean's list
Thank you for sticking around this long Maybe you didn't have a choice, or spent too much time playing beer pong Still, you're here, now let's rejoice	Finally a junior, no longer a squirt You realize your true passion is in fine arts Maybe an injury happens, and you have to redshirt You feel like your life is falling apart Take a deep breath, everything will be OK An extra year of college isn't the end of the world That's what moms always say
The first year everything is fresh and new On your own, figuring out school You've even found a new love for cold brew And still get stumped about the protein molecule The dorm life rules, staying up late with your suitemates Or spending nights listening to your roommate on the phone Trust me, you'll regret those Tinder dates And every other weekend, you miss mom and dad at home	So close but so far However, you can finally make it into the bar Empowered, confident and feeling like an adult You're on track to get your results In class, friendly faces greet you every day You're excited for some friends to graduate in May You can almost taste the freedom, although the aftertaste is bittersweet
Come sophomore year, think you've got this college thing in the bag? You're only 19! How can you decide a major? It doesn't help that your academic advisor is being a nag You're looking forward to a random house party 'rager' It's time to choose, oh what will you do? A major in business administration with a minor in psychology too So long general studies courses, you will not be missed Fingers crossed this year you'll make the	Let's call this year a victory lap Just before you go out in the world to put your name on the map The five years here have done you well Let's wrap this up in a nutshell 1825 days as a Loper, oh you'll never forget The best days of your life are over, now on to paying back all your debt

If your major had a slogan
Have you heard these popular slogans around your department lately? Someone certainly has...

LINSEY RUIZ <i>Antelope Staff</i>	ber to select a major that makes you happy; don't settle for what makes you the most money or gives you the best benefits. You can make as much money as you want, as long as you apply yourself.
Disclaimer: These are meant to be funny. All majors are valued and essential in their own way! Remember to select a major that makes you happy; don't settle for what makes you the most money or gives you the best benefits. You can make as much money as you want, as long as you apply yourself.	
1. Pre-Med: I've watched all 13 seasons of "Grey's"; I can do anything. 2. Political Science: Your opinion is wrong! 3. Communications: Learning how to convince people my degree matters. 4. Chemistry: The only place alcohol IS the solution. 5. Math: I just want to be a math teacher, OK? 6. Art History: It's story time for adults. 7. Physics: You obviously hate yourself. 8. Civil Engineering: I am not an architect!!!! :/ 9. Psychology: If you aren't planning on getting a PhD, enjoy your HR job. 10. Statistics: A ton of numbers nobody understands because it's all made up. 11. Music: We go from bar to bar. 12. Social Work: We're not in it for the income, we're in it for the outcome. 13. Nursing: Every answer is right, but you're always wrong. 14. Criminal Justice: We're here because of "Law and Order" reruns. 15. History: \$45,000 later and you're qualified to play Jeopardy. 16. Finance: Accounting was too hard. 17. Education: It's not about being write; it's about being right. 18. Sports Management: When you were an athlete, physical education was too predictable. 19. Information Technology: You like working with computers, not the people that use them. 20. Engineering: Whatever, it's good enough! That will be \$50,000, please! 21. Graphic Design: No, I'm not an artist; I'm a designer. There's a difference. 22. Radiology: I just want to take pictures of your bones. 23. Physiology: Why not? 24. Accounting: Selling your soul to make a profit. 25. Counseling: Hiding your own feelings to listen to others. 26. Dance: Looks like you're retiring before 30. 27. Environmental Scientist: It's called SOIL not dirt. 28. Art: You complete it, we critique it. No refunds. 29. English: Are you going to teach? 'Cause if not, good luck. 30. Industrial Distribution: The day after graduation and you already make six figures? 31. Photography: No, it's OK I'm taking a photo. 32. Sociology: We have ways of making you talk. 33. Gender Studies: says something..... *I'm offended 34. Cinema Studies: A really expensive Netflix account. 35. Business: My dad told me to major in business, and he's paying for it, so I just kind of went with it. 36. Linguistics: Studied 16 languages, am fluent in none of them due to Google Translate. 37. Biology: Most of you will not get into Med-School... 38. Marketing: Persuading people to buy things they don't need, so you can buy things you don't need. 39. Exercise Science: What exactly are you doing? 40. Undecided: Who are we? Undecided! What do we want? We have no freaking idea!	

Lady Lopers clinch 20-win season

First home loss fuels fire for win against Northeastern State

RYAN BOYD
Antelope Staff

Tournament time is approaching fast for division-II basketball, and all conferences are ramping up the pressure to make their own case as the top team across the nation.

UNK is no different: blazing their own trail to ensure that no opponent forgets the day they played the lady Lopers.

After two top-ten matchups on Feb. 15 and 17 against the University of Central Oklahoma Bronchos and the Northeastern State Riverhawks, respectively, the Lopers now only have two more games remaining on the schedule before the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics tournament begins on Feb. 26.

LOPERS FALL, 1ST HOME LOSS

On Feb. 15, UNK sought their revenge against the Bronchos after dropping a tough game on the road in a 59-67 loss to the Bronchos on Feb. 8 in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Gritty defense and determination from UCO, as well as a stall in the fourth quarter from UNK, saw the Bronchos handing the Lopers their first home loss of the season on Thursday in a close 53-59 defeat.

McKenzie Brown led all scorers for the night by dropping 14 points and nabbing 10 rebounds, recording a double-double for herself. Brown, a senior business administration major from Grand Island, has been no stranger to carrying the workload for the Lopers this season and proved that yet again. She was on the floor for an entire 39 minutes against the Bronchos.

The Bronchos now have a 20-6 record and could potentially meet UNK again in the MIAA tournament.

ALL CYLINDERS CLICK VS. RIVERHAWKS

On Saturday in a matchup against the



Photo by Devon Andre

Above: Going 7 for 7 on the court, Alyssa Frauendorfer, graduate student from Humphrey studying Business Administration/Generalist, finished with 17 points to help the Lopers secure their 20th win of the season.

Right: McKenzie Brown, senior from Grand Island studying Business Administration/Management, qualified herself from breaking the ninth position for the most career made three pointers in UNK history. Brown finished with 11 points.

Riverhawks, UNK looked to be almost unstoppable in every facet of their game. The Lopers never gave up the lead and were tied at only one point during all four quarters.

Northeastern State struggled to build momentum the entire afternoon and the Lopers could do no wrong as they easily went on to win 79-63.

Four UNK starters scored in double figures and showed how strong the entire team can be when all the cylinders are clicking. Senior guard Michaela Barry had a game high 19 points, shooting an efficient 58 percent from the field. Barry, an elementary education/special education K-6, has been inching her way to UNK record books in the all-time scoring list and has the potential to be the all-time leading scorer before the season is up. Barry currently has 958 points.

Right behind Barry was Alyssa Frauendorfer, a graduate student



majoring in business administration from Humphrey, who scored 17 points for the Lopers. Frauendorfer didn't miss a single shot, shooting 100 percent on the floor.

Scoring 12 points for UNK and having a game high 35 minutes played was freshman guard Kelsey Sanger. Sanger, an exercise science/physical therapy major from Crofton, has quickly earned herself consistent minutes every night on the floor for the Lopers as she continues to give her all for the team.

Once again scoring in double digits was Brown. Brown tallied up 11 points and made three of her four free throw attempts.

UNK has built quite a dominant season for themselves, sitting at 20-5 on the year. This is the lady Lopers' first 20-win season in nine years. The final

Men net three straight



Photos by Devon Andre

Trey Lansman, senior studying Health & P.E. K-12 from Harlan, IA, helps the Lopers with 32 total points and 12 rebounds for the Lopers. This helped get the second win over Northeastern State in the week.

two games of the regular season will be a challenge, but it will be from the comfort of their own home court, where they currently hold a 12-1 record.

The Lopers face off against the 21-5 Fort Hays State Tigers on Feb. 20 and then their season finale will be against the Southwest Baptist Bearcats on Feb. 23. The Bearcats are currently 15-11 on the season.

New voice brings life to sport broadcasts

Jorgensen given chance to start new career path with Loper athletics

EVAN JONES
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When you hear University of Nebraska Kearney athletics on the radio, you're tuned into KRVN's major FM station 93.1 The River. UNK and the Rural Radio Network will be broadcast partners for five years. KRVN and the Rural Radio Network are known for their ag coverage across Nebraska and a variety of Midwest states, but agriculture isn't their only category of coverage. They are the longest running affiliate for the Nebraska Cornhuskers. Additionally, for 67 years, they have been



JAYSON JORGENSEN

covering high school sports. So, it made sense for KRVN and 93.1 The River to become the station for the Lopers.

KRVN Sports Director Jayson Jorgensen is the new voice of the Lopers. KRVN announced they would be taking over Loper athletics on the radio in July 2017. Jorgensen has been broadcasting sports for 25 years and has been working for KRVN for 20.

When Jorgensen heard the news, he was ready for the task. "I was pretty excited. I grew up listening to Loper games. I had thought about doing those games for a long time, but the job was never open. I also knew they had been negotiating for a while, and I didn't know

if they'd give us a shot, so when they said they were, it was a pretty big day."

A major key for a successful broadcaster is the prep that goes into it. Jorgensen says prep is one of the aspects he enjoys prior to doing a Loper broadcast. "I look forward to the game notes I receive from each school. I like to have all of the information, so I can begin to put my boards together and be fully ready for the broadcast," Jorgensen said.

Jorgensen has done many high school games throughout his career, so mostly his travel was across the state of Nebraska. Since beginning this journey as the voice of the Lopers, he has been travelling to several venues across the MIAA. "It's been interesting to travel because I've travelled some but not a lot, so it's been neat to be in St. Charles, Missouri, and Lindenwood. It was cool the first time we went to Edmond, Oklahoma, to see their football field. They have this huge field and a working

oil well which sits in the corner there, so you're not use to seeing things like that. I haven't been to every place yet, but I look forward to it," Jorgensen said.

Loper athletics has been trending up in the success category, and Jorgensen says it will be fun to follow UNK. "It will be fun to document the success of the football team. You know they were 3-8 last year but they pretty close to winning five games. I think they will get better. I really enjoyed calling the volleyball, especially getting to do the NCAA tournament up in Marshall, Minnesota. Even though they lost, that was pretty cool," Jorgensen said.

Jorgensen says he has also built some relationships so far while doing the UNK broadcasts. "Getting to know the kids on the bus has been great. When you first start, they really don't know who you are, and then you kind of see it throughout the year and now when I get on the bus I'm not a stranger anymore."


Through the eyes with Machol Chol

MACHOL CHOL
Antelope Staff

In this week's segment of "Through the Eyes" with your host Machol Chol, guest Reed Bellamy stops by to help explain the changes that are associated with shifting from a student athlete into a graduate assistant/coaching assistant.

Bellamy is a GA at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He attended UNK as an undergraduate and competed for the track and field team. He majored in business administration while running the 400, 600, 400-meter relay and the 400-meter hurdles.

Reed Bellamy returns to alma mater to help coach



To catch the full story and audio for "Through the Eyes" with Machol Chol, a weekly talk show that gives a more intimate look at lives of the people we interact with daily.

This week we get a closer look at Reed Bellamy, a former UNK

track and field runner, turned coaching assistant for UNK.

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Bellamy's, track and field career began in junior high in Goodland, Kansas, where he also went to high school.

During his high school career, Reed found early success when he won state

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QSA provides love and respect

Queer Straight Alliance offers safe space for members and supporters of LGBTQIA+ community

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Queer Straight Alliance is a safe environment on campus for students in the LGBTQIA+ community and their supporters. QSA has meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Student Union in Room 310.

Dylan Landanger, a sophomore social work major from Kearney, started attending QSA last fall. Landanger feels that it's a place he can go to be himself and not worry about negative judgment from others.

"QSA, to me, is a safe place. QSA is a place where people, not always accepted by society, are accepted and welcomed. It is a place of love and respect, happiness and laughter, and a place to let off stress and worry, and be yourself," said Landanger.

Landanger was elected as QSA's programmer at the beginning of this semester. He was previously a freshman representative and was excited to move up on the executive board and continue to work with other members.

Landanger's favorite part about QSA is the mutual respect and support from other members. If he has problems, the people of QSA are the ones he goes to first.

When asked how QSA has positively affected his life, Landanger said, "QSA is

a real example that you are not alone." He said members have often gone through their own similar things in life: mental illness, abuse, bullying, family issues, being pushed away or not accepted simply because you are not straight or cisgender.

Landanger wants students to know that QSA isn't just for members of the LGBTQIA+ community and welcomes everyone to attend. "Anyone is welcome to come. We only ask that everyone who attends to keep the confidentiality statement and is respectful."

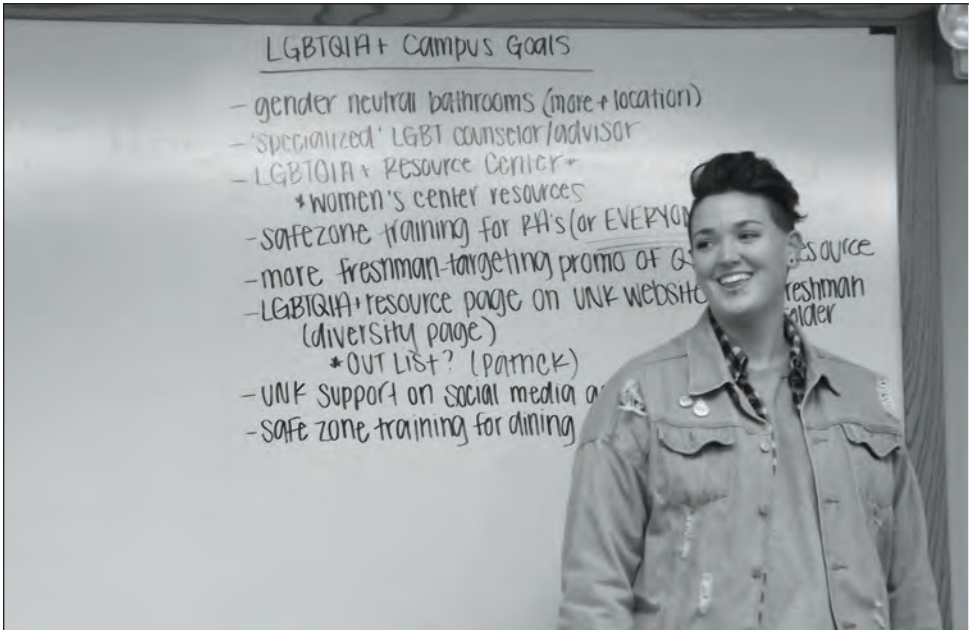
According to Landanger, QSA is a community for everyone, but an open mind is necessary to attend.

Syd Horken, a sophomore social science and 7-12 education major from Lincoln, is QSA's current vice president. "I ran for vice president, because after being secretary, I wanted to devote more time and be more active in the group."

Over Horken's time at UNK, QSA has been a really important safe space. "QSA has always been my refuge. It's one of the only places I can go and be myself, entirely without judgment. The friendships and relationships I have made thanks to QSA are priceless. We really are like family."

Horken says they are always looking for new members. "QSA welcomes everyone with open arms. It's also a great way to get connected with the community and be active on campus."

Last fall, a new learning community in campus housing opened, aiming to



Photos by Shelby Larsen

Syd Horken, a sophomore social science and 7-12 education major from Lincoln, is the current RA of UNK's gender-inclusive campus housing that provides resources and educational opportunities for members and supporters of the LGBTQIA+ community.

meet the needs of transgender and other LGBTQIA+ individuals. Gender-inclusive housing is now available at UNK, and Horken wants more students to know about it.

Housing arrangements in gender-inclusive housing are made by preferred gender identity, rather than the gender assigned at birth or legal gender. Students are also given the option to choose what gender identity they prefer to room with.

Horken is the current resident advisor for UNK's gender-inclusive housing.

"Students are usually interested in the community because of the leniency of the 'gender rule' in campus housing. They also like that the community is a safe and welcoming space to not only people with differing gender identities but also sexual identities."

If students are interested in gender-inclusive housing, they can go to the Office of Residence Life page on the UNK website for more information, or they can reach out to Horken personally.

Caffeine Cram shows new students around Kearney

Kitt's Coffee Bar & Calico Coffee Co. hosted Caffeine Cram Thursday, Feb. 15. Caffeine Cram is put on by the UNK Learning Commons and the First Year Program, giving students a chance to

explore great new study spots around the Kearney area. Each week it is at a different location and UNK students receive free coffee.



Photos by Molly Stern

Above: Baristas, Aaron Lawson (left) and Ty Carter (right) work to make drinks for the many UNK students who passed through the coffee shop Thursday night.

Right: Kristen Wullschleger, a senior elementary education and early childhood education major from North Platte, and Sarah Laden, a sophomore elementary education grades 5-9 major from Colorado Springs, Colorado, study while enjoying the free coffee provided to UNK students by Kitt's Coffee Bar.

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part of the NU system, UNMC is also affected by these cuts, and Agency 51 can threaten the access Nebraskans have to the Medical Center.

Finally, Senator Anna Wishart, representative of District 27, which encompasses western Lincoln, voiced her opinion on Agency 51 in an email on the morning before the hearing. Wishart said, "As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I am not in favor of destructive cuts to our post-secondary institutes that have the potential of gutting critical educational programs, raising student tuition and hindering our ability to attract people to our state."

Also interviewed was Senator John Lowe of District 37. District 37 encompasses the city of Kearney and UNK campus. Despite this, Senator Lowe did not choose to comment his opinion or plan of action. Student body president Austin Partridge and the Student Senate have a petition to collect signatures to send to Senator Lowe in the coming days. It can be accessed online or through students' Loper email accounts.

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titles in two relay events: both the 4 by 400-meter relay and the 4 by 800-meter relay. Both titles that he won were before his senior year.

"Coach just kind of threw us in the events," Bellamy said, reflecting on his state championship experience. While winning two state titles felt great and is the dream of many high school athletes, Bellamy still feels strongly about not making the state championships as a senior. Bellamy said the qualifying system may have had some flaws.

"I unfortunately didn't make it that year. Kansas has a weird qualifying system. I had a top time in the state, but they only take the top four from each region."

After his high school career, Bellamy moved to Kearney to attend the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

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When asked about his most memorable track experience as a Loper, Bellamy recalled the 2016 Pitt MIAA championships. "It was the last race of the day, the 400-meter relay," he said as he sets the scene. "The day was just wrapping up with the 400-meter relay, and, being the last race of the day, it received a lot of attention from spectators and athletes alike."

Reed ran all four of his years of track and field at UNK without burning his redshirt.

After his college track career, Reed stayed close to the track program. "After I

graduated, I wanted to get into a GA program. I talked to coach Bonsall, the UNK men's and women's track and field coach."

During his first two years after completing his undergraduate program, Reed has been working as a graduate assistant. Reed says that the biggest difference is not competing week in and out and not seeing the friends he made during the last four years. Reed said as soon as the last meet was completed, "We all just kind of went our separate ways."

Reed offers these words of wisdom: "Just enjoy yourself; it's a great chance to network and meet new people."

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comes from the athletics and faculty cuts. The faculty budget will be reduced by \$1,551,872, eliminating 16 faculty positions. All four colleges are facing lost positions, as follows:

Business and Technology: one associate professor and one assistant professor.

Education: one senior lecturer. Fine Arts and Humanities: three professors, one associate professor, and one lecturer.

Natural and Social Sciences: three professors and four assistant professors.

Although all positions are not currently linked with an individual, as they have been identified as vacant positions, these losses will affect students through lost class opportunity and a potentially lower student-faculty ratio.

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CSSA puts on 11th annual Chinese Spring Festival

Chinese Scholars and Students Association hosts popular cultural event. Highly polished performances accompanied a wide variety of Chinese food.



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1. Sitong Liu, a senior biology major from China, sings a Chinese song “Dream” on the stage.
2. Ting Ding, a junior chemistry major from Beijing, China, performs Butterfly LED Dance at the beginning of the Chinese Spring Festival.
3. Ting Ding, a junior chemistry major from Beijing, China, performs Sichuan opera face changing on the stage. It was one of the warmest performance at the Festival.
4. Caitong Ni, a psychology major from China, plays song named “The Myth” by erhu, a two-stringed bowed musical instrument. It was the ensemble with cucurbit flute.

UNK, community celebrates Valentine’s Day



From residence halls to community libraries, Kearney shares the love

The Kearney Public Library currently has a bookshelf near the front desk full of wrapped books. “Blind Date with a Book” is an event going on through the month of February, encouraging people to not judge a book by its cover. People ages 16 and up can check

one out based solely on the clues written on the wrapping, such as fiction or biography. Each book comes with a “Rate your date” card, and if returned before March 4, patrons are entered in to win one of four prizes that include gift cards and other prizes.



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Shelby Nethercot (left), third year organizational and relational communications major from Greenwood, and Libby Allan (right), first year multimedia major from Gibbon, stopped by OMA Wednesday to make Valentine’s Day cards. The Office of Multicultural

Affairs, located in the Nebraskan Student Union, is a place where students with diverse backgrounds can gather together in a welcoming environment. Every Wednesday is Worry Free Wednesday in OMA. Stop by during the day for fun activities, and students who attend eight will receive a free T-shirt.

LPAC’s FAME Talent Show rocks



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1. Shota Suzuki from Tokyo, Japan demonstrates his martial arts skills. Suzuki can break a board of wood with his bare hands.
2. Awadia Kuku, a freshman hoping to major in law from Seattle, Washington sings “When I Was Your Man” by Bruno Mars. Kuku has an upcoming audition for America’s Got Talent and has auditioned for American Idol in the past.
3. Nathan Strasser from Omaha and Rachael Nordhues, a sophomore health and physical education major from Syracuse sang and played guitar. Strasser and Nordhues won first place for group performance.
4. Kewen Shen, an early childhood education junior from Hangzhou, China, plays the guzheng, an ancient Chinese stringed instrument. Shen won first place for solo performance.
5. Anfernee Covarrubias, a senior psychology major from Lexington performs a hip-hop dance. Covarrubias won second place for individual performances.

