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After more than 40 years unarmed, UNK police carrying guns again

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Starting with the fall semester, UNK police officers are now carrying handguns as they conduct their duties on campus.

The decision was made in an effort to align UNK police procedures with practices at national university campuses and the Kearney Police Department Buffalo County Sheriff’s Office.

It “makes sense” to have all the university law enforcement officers carrying similar weapons, using the same procedures and being similarly trained, said Kelly Bartling, UNK assistant vice chancellor of communications and community relations.

Bartling referred to a 2011-2012 Department of Justice study indicating 92 percent of public-university campuses in the U.S. are patrolled by armed officers.

“So we are in the minority,” she said.

UNK Police Chief Jim Davis said he doesn’t think the change will affect anything on campus. He said he has had multiple people ask why they weren’t armed before.

“I honestly think, and this is my opinion only, people already thought we were armed,” Davis said.

“First choice” or non-lethal methods of force carried by UNK officers include the baton, pepper spray and taser. Officers are trained to use these methods first and firearms only when other options aren’t sufficient. Access to a weapon and proper training is the best way for an officer to protect campus from an imminent physical threat, Bartling said.

To become a collegiate police officer, candidates in Nebraska have to go through a program at the Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island. During this 16-week program, the academy teaches potential officers how to drive, how to shoot, how to write reports, and what they need to know about the law, including domestic violence, to begin a career as an officer, Davis said.

Once they complete that program, the officers go on to finish training with the UNK police department and become collegiate law enforcement officers.

“They can spend two months or longer just getting to know our system,” Davis said. He added that it could take a non-collegiate police officer a year or longer because they are hitting the road on their own.

UNK police officers were allowed to carry handguns for a few years following a 1969 shooting incident on campus.

While first addressing that UNK is a secure campus, Davis added, “UNO is safe, UNL is safe, UNMC is safe, but people have to use their head.”

Contrary to the means of arming officers in 1969, Davis and Bartling said arming the officers now will help support Kearney Police Department and BFS, meaning better protection of neighborhood and community when called in emergencies.

Students, faculty members and community members are now offered another safety program. A new “See Something, Send Something” phone app allows anybody to submit a quick tip through his or her smartphone to a sheriff dispatcher. The office receives the tip the second it goes out. This nation-wide app has been introduced to the students of Kearney High School and 2,000 people have signed up so far.

“I think once we raise awareness of the protection officers are bringing to campus and increasing the protection, that means a safer campus, but with that awareness, it also brings opportunities for conversation,” Bartling said.

Communication allows UNK officers to be part of the campus community. When hiring an officer, Davis said he looks for someone who has had experience communicating one-on-one, whether it be sales or corrections. He said that he wants them to be out talking to students instead of sitting in their car the entire time.

“We work for the staff, we work for the faculty,” Davis said. “But mostly we work for the students. So we want these conversations. We want to have all kinds of dialogue.”
Increased focus on Latino recruitment leads to greater diversity at UNK

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Recent statistics indicate UNK’s Latino recruitment strategies are succeeding as more students are calling the campus home. These findings represent a major step in UNK’s goal of furthering diversity and enrollment.

This increase is attributed to ongoing efforts over the past 20 years.

“It wasn’t always like this,” said Dusty Newton, director of undergraduate recruitment and admissions. “I’ve been at UNK since 1998. I have seen the diversity of this campus change drastically.”

UNK statistics show Latino enrollment has increased from 221 students in 2006 to 627 students in 2018. Latino students now comprise nearly 10 percent of UNK’s student body of 6,327. University officials do not want to stop there, though. Administrators in the office of undergraduate recruitment and admissions are looking to implement several new strategies this academic year to further increase Latino enrollment.

Newton recently added a full-time bilingual employee, Cesar Duran, to his team and enlisted the help of a new Spanish-speaking student intern.

“They allow us to communicate with potential students and their families in their native language when they visit campus,” Newton said.

Starting this semester, UNK will host Latino visit days one Friday each month. These special visit days will be exclusively for potential Latino students and their families to learn about UNK. Bilingual employees will be present to bridge the communication gap and allow visitors to receive information about the importance of secondary education.

Marketing and promotional materials tailored to the Hispanic community and its needs have also bolstered the recruitment effort.

“As we understand the growth potential in that market as well as the specific needs of families who are Spanish speaking and come from Hispanic culture, we have taken numerous steps to give them access to essential information and marketing materials in their native language,” said Kelly Bartling, assistant vice chancellor of communications and community relations.

During its latest redesign, Bartling and her team made sure a majority of UNK’s website and online content was accessible in Spanish. UNK has also released several radio and TV advertisements in Spanish on dedicated Hispanic stations, in addition to publishing Spanish print materials and online advertisements.

Analysis of media consumed by Hispanic families also influenced marketing strategies.

“We are advertising during livestreams of Latino sports and on other streamed content that have high Latino viewership,” Bartling said. “We have also purchased Hispanic mailing lists that allow us to send potential students information directly.”

UNK’s increased Latino enrollment represents a piece of a larger trend across the United States. According to a United States Department of Education report titled “The Condition of Education 2017,” Latino enrollment has doubled from 1.5 million in 2000, to 3 million in the United States today.

Campus officials said they are proud to see UNK be a part of the movement. Diversity is welcome at UNK and the institution continues to work to ensure both potential and current students alike have access to campus resources that can assist them in their pursuit of higher education.

“You can go to college,” Newton said. “UNK welcomes everyone and has the resources to help you succeed.”

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Study abroad fair brings life changing experiences

Fischer allowed himself to be immersed into new country, whole new culture this summer

Alana Kellen
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UNK is filled with many opportunities for students to branch out. One example is the study abroad program and every year, program organizers host a fair to inform students of why and where they could study abroad.

Matt Fischer, a senior elementary education major from Hickman, took his opportunity to study abroad last summer in Finland.

“I've always wanted to study abroad,” Fischer said. “I didn't do it earlier because of money, but then I got some and just decided that I was going to go.”

Once students return from studying abroad, Anne Marie Park, UNK assistant director of International Partnerships and Study Abroad, asks if they would help with the study abroad fair.

At the fair, students talk about their experiences and answer questions for others considering or are planning on studying abroad.

“Anne Marie emailed me and asked if I would be interested in being involved with the fair and I thought, ‘Oh I’d love to talk to people about this,’” Fischer said. “I had such good experiences with this program that I wanted to share it with others.”

Fischer’s undergraduate adviser is from Finland and was going to teach a class and asked if he wanted to go. That’s when Fischer took his chance to finally leave the United States.

“I want to be an elementary education teacher and their education is so good over there and so I wanted to go and learn from them,” Fischer said.

When Fischer studied abroad, he was immersed into a new culture that’s unlike the

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Campus welcomes Nebraskans for Peace
Climate change and more statewide issues are addressed at first time conference

**Brett Westfall**
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On Saturday “Nebraskans for Peace” held its first-ever Peace Conference at UNK. Group organizers intend to make this an annual event.

Throughout the day speakers and panels explored a wide range of topics, including the crisis of refugees seeking shelter in Nebraska due to a lack of water in their home countries as a result of climate change to the power of conflict among immigration under the Trump administration.

Held in the Ponderosa Room in the Student Union, the day kicked off with introductory speeches. Will Avilés, UNK political science chair represented UNK at the event. Around 100 members in the Nebraskans for Peace attended, as well as others from the UNK community who filtered in and out.

Eric Aspengren, Field Director for the Nebraskans for Peace, has been involved in Nebraska politics since 1990, working with groups such as the Nebraskans Against the Death Penalty as well as a member of the Nebraska Democratic Party, spoke for the Medicaid Expansion Ballot Initiative. “I’m working for an organization that is trying to expand Medicaid out to 90,000 Nebraskans who still don’t have insurance,” Aspengren said.

Aspengren said healthcare may be a key issue in the November midterm elections.

“The galling thing about how 90,000 Nebraskans don’t have Medicaid is that people in the legislature and governor have complained that it would cost the state big money.”

Eric Aspengren

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Top: The large Nebraskans for Peace banner is proudly displayed for all who entered the Ponderosa room could see.

Middle: Attendees at the luncheon are addressed over the Medicaid expansion issue in an adjacent room.

Left: Political cartoon t-shirts are for sale among the many booths in the back of the Ponderosa room in the Student Union.

by Arianne Goode
60th Band Day brings music downtown

Kearney area high school and middle school bands compete for ears of crowd, judges

Kearney community members and supporters of the local bands gather throughout downtown Kearney to watch the Band Day parade. Band Day featured 18 middle and high school bands from the larger Kearney area along with UNK’s Pride of the Plains Marching Band.

The Elm Creek band marches through downtown as part of UNK’s 60th annual Band Day parade. Kearney High, Grand Island Northwest, Holdrege, Kearney Catholic, and Ravenna took home first place in each of their respective classes. Lexington won the middle school division.
1 in 5K run/walk raises awareness

Women’s Center, SAFE Center collaborate to show community can make difference

Sydnee Bartruff
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Words of chatter, inspiration and encouragement filled the chilly air Saturday morning as 53 community members, college students and 60 volunteers participated in the 1 in 5K Neon Fun Walk/Run at Yanney Park.

The race was sponsored by the UNK Women’s Center and Verify Youth Group, a community organization at the SAFE Center. This first potentially annual event was created in an effort to spread the word to the community about domestic and sexual violence.

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One in five women will experience attempted or completed rape in her lifetime, according to a National Sexual Violence Resource Center report. In addition, one in five men will experience sexual violence other than rape in his lifetime.

Nikki Gausman, executive director at the SAFE Center in Kearney said that is “unacceptable,” which is why bringing awareness to the community is crucial.

“Part of (the youth group’s) mission is really to raise awareness about issues of violence that have affected their peers and affected their community,” Gausman said. “A big part of that is addressing day-to-day violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and helping people recognize that they’re part of the prevention.”

Originally the 1 in 5K Walk/Run was scheduled for April during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, but due to bad weather the SAFE Center rescheduled for September which worked out because October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

“We are just trying to put out some awareness for both of those issues,” Gausman said.

One participant in Saturday’s event showed her support by running and getting involved in the non-profit organization itself.

“Last semester I interned at the SAFE center and I actually got to see the hard work that the youth group and SAFE Center staff put in for the event,” said Savannah High, of Bertrand. “So I really wanted to support them today.

FACTS ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT

- One in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college.
- More than 90 percent of sexual assault victims on college campuses do not report the assault.
- 63.3 percent of men at one university who self-reported acts qualifying as rape or attempted rape omitted to committing repeat rapes.
- On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men.
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Hurricane Florence is gone, but continual floods and chemical spills from the damaged coal mines and pig farms are expected to compound any damages to infrastructure as well as human life. And no, CNN did not have their golden son Anderson Cooper kneel in the water to exaggerate the flooding. It is bad, and it is going to get worse.

The expected bill to bring some measure of repairs has been estimated to be around $50 billion dollars, while the damage to the economy as guessed by the Secretary of Commerce would be $180 billion or about 1 percent of the U.S. economy. Needless to say, a long and hard cleanup awaits the Carolinas.

The response from the tenant of the White House has been boastful, claiming this to be a victory. I wouldn't expect anything less from Trump; take any advantage to present himself in the spotlight as a good leader. While the fallout from Florence still arrives as I write, I think it would be best to look back to another hurricane that happened 367 days ago: Maria.

Hurricane Maria was a disaster in every sense of the word. FEMA, an overtaxed department as it is, did not succeed in bringing adequate relief and thousands died in the storm's aftermath due to inadequate relief. There is a tarmac full of water bottles that sit around one year later because they took too long to get there and are not fit for human consumption. Power is sporadic and transportation is a nightmare. Puerto Rico, while recovering, has a long way to go if it is going to return to some semblance of normality.

Trump's statements, as well as those from his sycophants since then, have only compounded the neglect and animosity. Playing basketball with paper towels did not help his already damaged image.

Trump denied the adjusted death toll that jumped from 64 to 2,975 because it was an attack by liberals to smear him. Ignoring the fact that it came from an independent study not commissioned by a political organization but the government, it is a grievous oversight to suggest that people who die after the event is over shouldn't be included. People are charged with homicide when they run over someone and they die a few weeks later due to the injuries, battle casualties often include those who died of their wounds off the battlefield. Why should disasters that only happen under Trump's watch not include deaths caused by disease, malnutrition, lack of medication like insulin, or floods that were caused by the hurricane?

Trump also claimed that the power supply on the island was already shut down, so that the blackouts were not his fault or issue to fix. While it is true that some generators were down and the infrastructure was not comparable to many on the mainland, most were still operational and served all customers at the time of Maria. This was not a circumstance where Trump could claim it was broken when he got there.

Finally, Trump feels like once things are being repaired and the economy works, he can brag about how nothing like this will happen again under his watchful eye. But he is very wrong.

As the climate changes, we are going to be facing both more frequent and powerful storms. Our infrastructure is woefully behind and unprepared for such storms time and again. Preventing another Katrina, Sandy, Maria or Florence requires a tremendous amount of time, thought and money. These actions do not generate great fanfare, immediate results or blame throwing behind them.

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Community shares Orphan Train memories

UNK, Kearney community musical brings classic stories to forefront

Katherine Coker
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Beginning in 1852 and continuing until the 1920s, homeless, abandoned and orphaned children were taken from the streets of crowded eastern cities and moved to the Midwest where families waited to take care of them. Next week the Kearney community and UNK will collaborate in a musical production to tell the stories of six of these children.

Dr. Anne Foradori, a professor of music at UNK, spent five years researching the stories of those who made the journey to create “Orphan Train: The Musical.” Foradori also partnered with her colleagues in UNK’s College of Arts and Sciences to organize the Orphan Train Colloquium, a two-day conference scheduled for Oct. 2-3 that will explore the social welfare program through multiple disciplines and perspectives.

The musical’s first showing will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3. There will also be 7:30 p.m. performances Thursday-Saturday. The musical’s final performance will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7.

The event, which is supported by UNK and grant funding from Humanities Nebraska, will bring educators, researchers, speakers and performing arts professionals together to discuss the Orphan Train Movement and its impact on America’s past and present.

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The Children’s Aid Society took on the responsibility of finding homes for thousands of children who were left homeless during the crisis. It was called the Orphan Train movement, named for the trains that carried the children to their new lives. It is estimated that over 200,000 children made the journey with 3,500 of the children finding new lives with Nebraskan families.

The story of the Orphan Train is a reminder that poverty and homelessness still plague modern society.

“Something I hope people take away from the musical is that these harsh things still exist,” said Trisha Miller, a theatre major from Lincoln who plays Harriet Pemberton in the musical.

“Poverty still exists. Children are still suffering. The things we cover in the production are still relevant today. I hope people leave talking about it and it encourages them to work towards changing things and helping others more.”

The musical is guest directed by Patricia Birch, a Tony Award winning director and choreographer. Birch has been directing on and off Broadway for many years and will work with the UNK Theatre program as well as the Kearney community to bring these stories to life.
United States, which can be terrifying. The experiences of learning about another country make it worth it.

“People say this all the time, but it is a super life changing experience to study abroad,” Fischer said. “Even the couple of weeks I was in Finland I see things differently and my perspective is different.”

Fischer enjoyed going to Finland because of his experiences with traveling around and making connections with people that he will talk to for a while.

“We got to do a weekend cruise to Stockholm, Sweden, and that was incredible,” Fischer said. “We got to see the Royal Palace, changing of the guard, we shopped around, and saw a lot of historical sites and architecture.”

Money is a concern for most students when considering studying abroad, just like it was for Fischer. Students can talk to financial aid and the office of study abroad about help with payments and scholarships to allow them to study abroad.

“The whole money thing is what held me back from studying abroad sooner and I think that’s what holds most people back,” Fischer said. “There’s help people can get, and I would tell people to just go for it, so you can do it again before you graduate. Just do it.”


UNK’s 60-match home win streak was in jeopardy after losing two of the first three sets, but a 7-0 run in the fourth set allowed the Lopers to comeback for the win and even things up. Sophomore middle Anna Squiers and sophomore outside hitter Mary Katherine Wolfe combined for eight kills in the decisive fifth set.

Senior libero Ellie McDonnell had a match-high 37 digs, one off her career record. Sophomore outside Julianne Jackson had 33 digs and Wolfe added 18.

**Pittsburg State**

UNK ended its home stand where it started, with another sweep, this time over Pittsburg State 25-9, 25-12, 25-21. The win pushed UNK’s home win streak to 62, four off the school record of 66 set from 2002-05.

Ellie McDonnell, senior defensive specialist, had 16 digs. Her career total is now 1,985 and she needs 115 more to set a new UNK career mark.

The loss in Topeka fueled UNK’s desire to get back on track.

“You could just say that after our loss we decided we didn’t wanna have that feeling again,” said Maddie Squiers, a junior setter. “So we have just been working really hard in practice and staying very positive to get back on a winning streak.”

UNK sports information contributed to this report.

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Lopers struggle to find groove vs. Gorillas

More than 10,000 packed the stands of Carnie Smith Stadium to watch the No. 15 Pittsburg State Gorillas defeat the UNK Lopers 30-17 Saturday night.

“The crowd and the energy around the stadium before and during the game was electrifying,” said Alex Achtermann, former UNK baseball star and now Pittsburg State baseball player. “Since it was family weekend, there had to have been twice the amount of people than there was our first weekend against Central Oklahoma.”

The Lopers (2-2) got off to a quick start when they intercepted D-1 Sam Houston State transfer John Roderique on the game's first possession. After a three-play drive that accounted for minus 7 yards, the Lopers punted the ball back to the Gorillas and they responded with a six-play scoring drive that ended with a 2-yard Roderique rushing score.

The Gorillas, who came into the game allowing less than eight points a game defensively, stuffed the Lopers again on their next drive which started at their own five-yard line. This time, they not only forced the Lopers to punt the ball back to them but secured two points with a safety.

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Trailing 16-0, the Lopers finally found a spark in the second quarter when their defense forced a punt that gave the offense field position at Pittsburg State's 36-yard line. A quick four-play drive was capped off by a 21-yard strike from the right arm of quarterback Alex McGinnis, who connected with wide receiver Trey Lansman and his 6-foot-6 frame to cut the score to 16-7.

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After a season of success and heartbreak a year ago, UNK volleyball players say they want to break through in 2018.

“One of our motivations was our success in getting to regionals, but also our defeat in not getting past the first round,” said Ellie McDonnell, a senior libero on the UNK volleyball team. “The last three years that I have been here we haven’t got past the first round.”

UNK finished 2017 as both the MIAA regular season and conference champions, but lost in the round of 64 in the NCAA tournament to Missouri Western. The Lopers want to break this recent trend.

“I can tell you from our player’s perspective they want to get into the NCAA tournament and get past the first round,” said Rick Squiers, UNK volleyball coach. “If we can get to the tournament again, I think we have a group of people who are no longer satisfied with being there, but want to move on.”

During the offseason the team prepared extensively to make this goal a reality. This included a good set of spring practices and a high participation rate in summer conditioning.

“Every year we come in with a new roster and people looking to play in new positions,” said Lindsey Smith, a senior setter on the team. “We definitely take our time in the offseason and summer to get people involved in their new roles.”

UNK came into this season with an experienced roster. There are four starters on the team who are seniors with a lot of playing time under their belts.

“This group’s been through a lot together,” Squiers said. “We’ve got players who have played a whole lot of volleyball in a Lopers uniform, who are out there every night. They’re not going to see things that surprise them or scare them.”

So far on the season UNK is 13-1 and reached No. 1 in the Division II national rankings. The Lopers did this by winning the Cougar Classic at Cal State San Marcos, their home UNK Fall Classic, and the California Vulcans Invitational. The team attributes this success to experience and camaraderie within the group.

“I think we are more of a unit because we’ve played with each other for so long and we’ve gotten in the gym all summer to get to know each other,” McDonnell said. “We’re all best friends. There’s no drama.”

UNK was knocked off it’s perch atop the national rankings when the Lopers lost at No. 13 Washburn two weeks ago. UNK rebounded with three straight wins and is now ranked No. 4.

The Lopers will try to continue their success as they go on the road this week. It won’t be easy with games at No. 24 Regis University, Missouri Western State and Northwest Missouri State, which is undefeated in conference play.

“These next three weeks, are going to be tough for us, we have some tough road games,” Smith said. “Overall as a group, we need to continue to strive for that greatness mentality.”

As the players consider their lofty expectations, the one thing they don’t want to lose is hindsight of the little things.

“The No. 1 goal is to have fun and enjoy the game, never let the game get away from you,” McDonnell said.

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Left: Mackenzie Puckett and the Lopers shake hands with the Gorillas after their win against Pittsburg State. Puckett has recorded 101 kills this season.

Above: Lindsey Smith sets the ball up for a spike by Anna Squiers. Smith leads the Lopers this season with 658 set assists, and Squiers has 107 kills on the season.

The road ahead

Loper volleyball headed toward school record

Justin James
Antelope Staff

After its first lost to Washburn in Topeka, Kansas, the UNK volleyball team bounced back, going 3-0 during it’s most recent home stand.

Fort Hays

Senior outside hitter Kendall Schroer had 14 kills and senior libero Ellie McDonnell had 20 digs. Mackenzie Puckett added 11 kills for UNK.

Central Oklahoma
The Lopers ground out a tough, five-set win against then No. 16 Central