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Ready, set, go to stoplight dance
Students enjoy a night of dancing, free food and meeting new people

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The stoplight dance is a UNK tradition put on by Community Assembly Night for as long as students can remember. Randall hall hosted this campus-wide dance that took place behind Men’s Hall.

Cory Moen, first time residence hall coordinator, said the stoplight dance helps students meet other people and it’s a popular event among the students.

“We tell people to invite their friends, invite other people to try to get as many people here as we can,” Moen said. “The purpose of the dance is just to get people together and get people from across campus to hang out and dance.”

The dance has brought numerous students, both enjoying and working the dance. Teressa Wiles, a senior psychology major from Liberty, volunteered to work the dance because she is a part of CAN and has experience with this event.

“It's a really good social atmosphere,” Wiles said. “The freshmen don't go out and meet people and this is a good way to get them out talking to people.”

Compared to last year’s dance, Moen stated that the number of students showing up is about the same as last year with being around 300-400 students coming and going throughout the night.

“I’m excited to see future years to see how it grows and expands,” Moen said. “I’m excited to see the event continue to grow.”

To put on a campus-wide event like the stoplight dance there has to be some planning. Moen and Wiles had to find a DJ, coordinate food, drinks, find people to work the sign in table and a variety of other things to make sure everything was ready when the students showed up.

Photos by Alana Kellen
Far Left: Students participate in a line dance to Cotton Eye Joe by Rednex between Men’s Hall and Mantor/Randall hall.
Left: Students socialize at the stoplight dance.

One student who appreciated the free food was Ethan Keilig, a Spanish and interpretation major from Ravenna. Keilig went to the dance with his friends from his fraternity.

“The pizza sounded pretty appealing so that's why I wanted to come,” Keilig said. “My favorite part about the dance is the pizza honestly.”

To get the students to keep coming back, posters that advertise the dance are posted across all across campus. Returning students and RA’s tell new students about the dance.

“I've heard of the dance from my friend that was here last year,” Keilig said. “It's an interesting concept, I like it.”

Since the dance was one of Moen’s first dances as being the residence hall coordinator, Wiles stated that things were scattered and disorganized. With this year’s dance finished, Wiles only sees improvement happening in the future.

“Definitely the best thing that will happen next year is more experience,” Wiles said. “Not just among him, but among the students and CAN representatives.”
Sorority relocates after pipe bursts

Over 30 Alpha Xi Delta members forced to move into other fraternity, sorority life residence halls

University Residence North Pod B’s plumbing issues have forced more than 30 sorority members of Alpha Xi Delta to relocate into other rooms in University Residence South and Centennial Towers East residence halls. On Sept. 24 a pipe broke in the building, causing the sorority to live separately in other residence halls for possibly the rest of the academic year.

“Our goal remains to remedy this situation and to bring our students the least disruptions to their study, social and personal lives, while maintaining the integrity and cohesiveness of their communities,” George Holman, director of the news and internal communications department of UNK, said in an interview with UNK Director of Communications Todd Gottula.

URN housed over 120 students combined among two sororities and two fraternities, until now. Much information is still to come over the assessment of the building’s plumbing damage. The only information from the pipe break damage was that it was connected to the URN chilling system.

Down the hallway of the chapter house, pieces of carpet have been torn up as well and pipes have been taped to prevent more damage. UNK is ensuring that the remaining floors do not get damaged and has already begun repairs.

The house repairs couldn’t have come at a more inconvenient time with all the construction and repairs that UNK is enduring this year the repairs are already underway for URN Pod B and the Alpha Xi Delta sisters. The house opened in 1992.
UNK professor Bryce Abbey wins $100,000 in TKO finale

All-American former wrestler talks about experiences in athletics, winning the show

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In a daunting four-stage obstacle course, Bryce Abbey beat four other competitors in front of thousands of people, including TV host Kevin Hart, to win $100,000 on the CBS finale of TKO: Total Knock Out.

His strategy?
“There was none,” said the Goodland, Kansas, native. “There was no time to practice or plan or anything.”

Instead, he said, it was “go as hard as you can and try to avoid any of the things being thrown at you.”

The TKO battle station included four zones: a plexi-walled platform with wobbly ledges, a balance beam with an unstable bridge in the middle, a leap challenge with disoriented saucers and an intense series of rotating grinders. As if navigating through these stations wasn’t challenging enough, the contestants fought off over-the-top projectiles thrown by other competitors in an effort to knock them off and slow them down.

Abbey, an associate exercise science professor at UNK, said his focus was beating the giant foam hammers at the end. If he was struck by them, he could fall off the obstacle course and end up in water, potentially setting him back.

“Staying dry was going to be the difference in losing or winning the competition,” Abbey said.

Finishing with a speedy time of 2:08, Abbey set the bar high for his four competitors. The closest time was 2:19, by Brandon Beem, an obscure sports champion from Iowa. Abbey said he has remained in contact with his fellow competitors since the show.

Though Abbey won the fierce competition and towerling cash prize, he is no stranger to success.

A four time All-American wrestler, Abbey holds UNK’s record for most career wins with 134. In addition, Abbey became the first Loper wrestler to be awarded an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship in 2005. He received his bachelor’s and master’s degree at UNK, then earned his Ph.D. in Human Services from UNL.

TKO offered Abbey the type of competitive challenge, like those he faced while wrestling, in which he has long thrived. In fact, he said that the “competitiveness was the most fun part.”

This was a different kind of accomplishment, however.

“To have the opportunity to be on TV, to meet Kevin Hart, to compete for $100,000 was just an absolutely amazing experience,” Abbey said. “But then to win it—it was awesome. But I wouldn’t compare it to my athletic accomplishments because it’s a different experience for me.”

Wrestling since he was five years old, Abbey was recruited by UNK wrestling coach Marc Bauer and found a “perfect fit” at UNK. He has been officiating high school wrestling since 2005 and has officiated the state tournament for a few years. He has also officiated for the NCAA wrestling tournament.

“For me, athletics was different because I prepared and a part of it was so much of my life,” Abbey said. “Wrestling and my experiences were bigger than TKO.”

Despite the differences in Abbey’s experiences, he will always remember the “high-adrenaline” obstacle course.

Abbey used the $100,000 to pay off his student loans and plans on taking his family of four on a nice vacation.

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In a play that unfortunately summarized Northeastern football, the RiverHawks forced a fumble around the four-minute mark of the fourth quarter. When Northeastern St. was returning said fumble however, the Lopers returned the favor and forced a fumble themselves. Goodwin scooped up that ball and casually coasted 30 yards take the game to it’s final score of 49-7.

“IT all starts up front with our experienced o-line,” said Alex Harms, a senior tight end. “Overall as an offense, we focused on getting back to playing Loper Football and getting our run game going.”

“When we open up our run game, that opens up things for McGinnis to make throws,” Harms added. “And that takes some weight off of his shoulders and makes him play more confidently.”

On the ground, the Lopers had quite the democracy, as nine Lopers had attempts in the game. Darrius Webb led the way with 107 yards and a touchdown on just 10 carries. Dayton Sealy took his 11 attempts for 79 yards while Mr. Efficiency, David Goodwin added 72 yards and a score on 10 attempts. Luke Quinn and Garrett Meyer combined for 94 yards and a score on their 17 attempts.

The Lopers will be back home Oct. 6 when they face the Lindenwood Lions. The Lopers look to get to four wins on the season for the first time since becoming a member of the MIAA conference. Lindenwood is 2-3 on the season and recently suffered a close 24-27 loss against Pittsburg St.

The Lions won last year’s contest 35-31. UNK will look to change that this Saturday morning.

The Thompson Scholars Learning Community program wishes to recognize the following Thompson Scholar students for outstanding academic achievement at UNK during the Spring 2018 term. These Thompson Scholars earned at least a 3.5 GPA while completing full-time enrollment and were recognized on the UNK Dean’s List.
Trump fumbles chance to demonstrate leadership

There is no inside joke, Trump is the joke

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A week ago, the United Nations met in New York City for the annual gathering of world leaders. Sufice to say, the focus was on Trump rather than any agenda to be passed, which is unfair; many national leaders to be in the same room at once offers the chance for monumental work to be done. That should have been the focus.

However, in a way, it was all about Trump, but perhaps not in the way he wanted.

The most obvious of which is during his address to the general assembly; Trump bragged about how much his administration had done in comparison to his predecessors. The response from several world leaders was what mine probably would have been: laughter. In his sideline press conference on Wednesday, Trump brushed off the laughter saying that it was an inside joke and that the other leaders were laughing with him.

I consider myself fluent in schadenfreude, and that was not laughing with someone else. That was laughter in disbelief and mockery. It is the only laughter Trump deserves from anyone, foreign and domestic.

He continued that press conference with himself as the focus. When asked about North Korea he said, without any evidence, that if it were not for him that the US and North Korea would be at war.

When the discussion turned to the Kavanaugh hearings that were happening the next day, Trump talked about how in his mind women were being paid money to make up stories about him and how Kavanaugh was going through the same thing. Even when promoting a baseless conspiracy, Trump cannot help but make it about himself.

“It was an 81-minute running riff on a) all the things HE has done and b) all the things HE doesn't get credit for,” said Chris Cillizza, CNN's editor-at-large.

Throughout all of the unintentional comedy and insults thrown around those two days, Trump’s message to the U.N. is clear: the U.S. is above you, and I will make it so. His actions show that Trump is willing to disregard the opinions of allied nations to promote the will of his advisors and loyal followers.

He has put unneeded pressure on the Israel–Palestine debacle by moving America's embassy to Jerusalem, which earned the ire of just about every credible nation. He withdrew from the Paris Agreement in an appeal to his base, abandoning international commitments as well as potentially millions of jobs with the shift from carbon emitting power sources to renewable energy. Even when it comes to peacekeeping, Trump’s talk is focused around how the U.S. should be the one to right the wrongs against his enemies or those who disagree with him.

Not one nation should be the police force of the world, be it America, Russia, China, France, or even Luxemburg. We are part of an international community that has to work together to solve problems in the present, or in the far future.

The U.N. is a bureaucratic masterpiece, so much information and tools that can be used for almost any circumstances from a viral outbreak, insurgency, to international wars. It offers the platform for many problems to be resolved, and has more respect than Trump ever will have.

Trump will never command the same respect Obama did in his tenure. His address to the assembly and the laughter it elicited should be proof that unless he becomes the adult who deserves sits in the Oval Office, it is all he will ever be.

A joke.

#BelieveWomen

#WhyIDidntReport must come with policy, cultural change, #MeToo didn’t

Editorial

In the wake of #MeToo, the American people were confronted with the stark realities of being a woman, and to a lesser-reported extent, being an LGBTQ+ person, in the workplace. Survivors of sexual assault, sexual harassment and other gender biased crimes were empowered, if only for a moment, to tell their stories, and in general, to be believed.

Since #MeToo, survivors learned they weren’t alone. Families wept at the realization that their own had been abused. Congress revamped its sexual assault policies, as did several state legislatures. Vermont passed what may have been the strongest legislative response to #MeToo aimed at preventing workplace harassment.

Yet at the same time, Brock Turner sought a retrial. Betsy DeVos and the Department of Education rolled back protections for survivors. Bill Cosby was sentenced to as little as three years in prison. Urban Meyer continues to coach the Ohio State Buckeyes. The Senate stands all but ready to confirm an accused perpetrator to the Supreme Court.

#MeToo helped survivors find their voice, but as #WhyIDidntReport is demonstrating, the culture has changed far too little.

Survivors have shared their experiences, but many perpetrators haven’t answered for their crimes. Punishments are lenient. The phrase “boys will be boys” is tossed around in internet circles. In Nebraska, a first-degree sexual-assault conviction for a crime against a minor is necessary to terminate parental rights in the event a child is born as a result of sexual assault.

It’s time to believe survivors. It’s time to recognize the institutions and microaggressions that have relegated women to second class citizens. It’s time to reject these forces – not incrementally, but revolutionarily. A woman’s safety is worth much more than the false sense of security clinging to the past may afford us.

#WhyIDidntReport must come with policy and cultural change.

The statutes of limitations on sex and gender biased crimes must be extended. Stricter punishments and stricter minimum sentences must be enacted.

The impact of the crime against the survivor must be more important than the impact of the punishment against the criminal.

Boys must be taught to respect girls.

Girls must be taught they are strong, not belligerent, for demanding such respect.

Men, women, politicians and citizens must be allies, not skeptics, of survivors.

We must #BelieveWomen.
Double overtime goal gives Lopers life

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A cold weekend had everyone bundled up to watch the Lopers take on the Northeastern State RiverHawks. The first of the two weekend games, ended up being the better game for the Lopers. Taking on the RiverHawks Friday night at Foster Field, the Lopers went the distance and won the game in double overtime.

UNK took the lead early in the first half and held it for the majority of the game. Unlike the previous weekend, set pieces were crucial in the Lopers win against Northeastern State. A corner fired in by Alex Dayton, a sophomore midfielder, found Micheala Hoffman, a senior midfielder, who shot the ball into the box. After the ball ricocheted around a few times, Emily Kosch, a senior defender ended up scoring her first career goal in minute 26 to give the Lopers a 1-0 lead.

The RiverHawks' offense tried to create more opportunities in the second half, but came out unlucky as not one, but two shots bounced off the crossbar. However, the third time was the charm for NSU, as a shot fired in by Megan Chase, bounced off the crossbar and took the ball just over the line, where the officials declared it a goal.

Allie Prososki, a senior goalkeeper, was a key component for the Lopers throughout the game, recording five saves in the contest, as well as always making sure that the UNK defense was on its toes.

After being knotted up 1-1, regulation time ticked to an end, and the game headed to overtime. Both teams tried to create opportunities in the box, but the attacks were quickly squandered by great defense on both sides. The match continued and headed to a second overtime period, and the Lopers were sure to make this the last period. Putting more players forward the Lopers were eager to get in behind the RiverHawks’ defense.

Then the opportunity came and a great run on the outside forced a foul from NSU in its own territory. With everyone on the edge of their seat, Kaitlyn Pawloski, a senior midfielder, stepped up for the free kick. The crowd collectively held their breath, as Pawloski finessed a cross into the box where it found Ciera Clark, a senior forward, who slotted the goal past diving NSU goalkeeper, Brennan Hockett.

At the end of the match it was the RiverHawks who out-shot the Lopers, 10-8. Corner kicks were a big part of UNK’s success tallying a total of five, as opposed to NSU’s one corner kick.

After a disappointing 5-0 loss to Central Oklahoma on Sunday, the Lopers look to get back on track this weekend with two home games, first against Northwest Missouri State, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct 5. The second match will be against Missouri Western State, 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct 7.
Run game takes flight against ‘Hawks

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Nine different Lopers recorded rushing attempts in Tahlequah, Oklahoma on Saturday as UNK (3-2) defeated the winless Northeastern State RiverHawks 49-7.

“We came out and took care of business and our assignments,” said senior defensive end, Tye Spies. “We played a good game overall.”

Northeastern came into the game having struggled in MIAA play thus far, as the RiverHawks had lost each of their contests by at least four touchdowns. The Lopers were coming off a loss to MIAA leader Pittsburg St. after suffering a heartbreaking 3-point loss the week prior to Emporia State.

“We were just going to come out and play them like any other team,” said Blake Bubak a sophomore safety. “We had been told all week that this was the game that was going to test us. This was going to be the game that would get us back on track.”

UNK didn’t give the RiverHawks much hope. On the second play of UNK’s first drive, Darrius Webb barreled into the end zone with a 20-yard rush to put the Lopers up 7-0. It was Webb’s seventh rushing touchdown this season.

The scoring didn’t stop there, Luke Quinn strolled into the endzone for a 9-yard score later in the first quarter to push the Loper lead to 14. After trading possessions with the RiverHawks three times, Alex McGinnis capped a seven-play, 54-yard drive with a 3-yard rushing score to give the Lopers a 21-0 lead.

The RiverHawks had their one shining moment when Craig Davis took the ensuing Loper kick off 94 yards to get Northeastern on the board and provide a glimmer of hope heading into halftime down only a couple of touchdowns.

UNK opened the third quarter with a back-breaking 10-play drive that accounted for 64 yards. That ended when Mr. Efficiency, David Goodwin (8.4 yards per carry on the season) corralled the pigskin and 20 yards later had his third rushing score of the season.

Down 21, the RiverHawks took over and had a promising 11-play drive end at the UNK 16-yard line after the Loper pass defense forced three consecutive incompletions from Northeastern quarterback Jake Pruitt. Overall, the RiverHawks gained just 190 yards and were sacked five times by the Loper defense. Tye Spies accounted for two of those, while returning third team all-MIAA defensive end Hinwa Allieu took two for himself.

“We were able to get pressure upfront and kept them from gaining any momentum,” Spies said. “A lot of the pressure was attained because of our coverage’s ability to lock-down their receivers.”

While there is no official stat that credits defensive backs with “coverage sacks.” It can subjectively be confirmed that Malik Webb, Famous McKinnon, and Blake Bubak, among others, helped terminate the RiverHawks passing attack.

The Lopers weren’t done on offense though, as Montrez Jackson capped off multiple 70-yard drives in the second half with short scores of 1 and 3 yards respectively.