Lopers Win 2
Ground game, improved defense leads football team to 2-0 start for first time in seven years

Chalk It Up
MONA hosts sidewalk chalk competition on the bricks

Red Sand Project
Guest lecture raises human trafficking awareness

With chance to set home win streak record, Loper volleyball is downed by rival Washburn
Sidewalk chalk decorates downtown Kearney
MONA hosts competition, artists sponsored by civic organizations

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In downtown Kearney, directly outside the front steps of the Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA) building, the sidewalk may start to feel as if Picasso or Bob Ross took a trip down memory lane. The usual, white, anatomically vague squares of concrete have been used as a canvas to post inspirational works from artists. Viewable for everyone to see until the inevitable rains this Fall in Nebraska, below the stops of the MONA are creative masterpieces made from something as simple as chalk.

On October 12, from 3-5 PM outside the front steps of the MONA and around downtown Kearney, the Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest was held. Artists were sponsored from organizations from the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce, the Nebraska Art Teachers Association, the University of Nebraska at Kearney Art & Design Department, the Merryman Performing Arts Center, the Kearney Cultural Partners, and more.

“The Merryman Performing Arts Center wanted us to create the ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’ from the children’s book,” said a sidewalk chalk competitor, Josh Arias. “They are doing a show and wanted a promotion for it, so we decided to draw the front cover of the book here on the concrete. I work for a nonprofit organization called Impact Art and we have done plenty of murals on the walls on many buildings here in downtown Kearney, so this isn’t anything too new for us.”

The first-place winner of the competition would win $300, followed by second place with $100. People of all ages and abilities were encouraged to enter to transform the usual eye sore concrete squares to a spirited work of art. The sponsors also paid a $20 fee for their artists’ entry into the competition.

“Since it’s October, we are doing a Halloween theme,” said Stephanie Brunts, alongside her teammate Samantha Miller. “Since our sponsor is the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce, we wanted to make our creation family-friendly but still have that spooky, Halloween theme to it. We are taking up about nine concrete squares to draw pumpkins, a witch...
Raybould, Fisher campaign for US Senate

Senate race heats up as Nov. 6 midterms rapidly approach

Braydon Conell
Antelope Staff

With the 2018 midterm elections coming up quickly, campaigns across the country are ramping up their efforts in an attempt to secure votes in local, state, and federal elections. For residents of this community, one such campaign that voters are being exposed to is for the United States Senate. Following the primaries back in May, the two main parties recognized by the State of Nebraska, Democrat and Republican, chose their candidates to send to the general election next month.

Jane Raybould
The Democratic candidate is Jane Raybould. Going off the slogan “Nebraska born. Nebraska raised. Nebraska Proud,” Raybould is a fourth generation Nebraskan who helps run the grocery business, B & R Stores, Inc, that her parents founded more than 53 years ago. Between the companies 19 employee-owned locations, the business employs over 2,000 Nebraskans. Raybould is also a life-long Catholic with devoted faith and a passion for volunteer service to our communities. Serving on many local nonprofits as a volunteer, and member of the Board of Directors of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, she has a long history of giving back.

Currently, Jane is serving on the Lincoln City Council and has previously served as Lancaster County Commissioner. Under these positions, she has cut waste to make government more efficient and has worked to reduce property taxes. She lives with her husband of 33 years, their two dogs, have two adult children, a son-in-law, and a daughter-in-law.

“Raybould is ready to lead starting on Day 1. As Nebraska’s next U.S. senator, she will bring independent-minded leadership and Nebraska common sense to Washington, finding compromise, building bridges, and solving problems just like she does in her family’s grocery business.” – Jane Raybould for U.S. Senate

Deb Fisher
Fischer is one of Nebraska’s current Senators and the Republican candidate for the US Senate. Elected in 2012, she is the State’s senior Congressional official and believes the first priority of a limited government is national defense. She is the chairman of the Armed Service Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, a member on the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, and chairs the Subcommittee on Livestock, Marketing, and Agriculture Security.

Raybould Policy Positions

- Will fight for creating jobs and growing small business through tax reform that does not give hand outs to the huge corporation and biggest campaign donors
- Amend the Affordable Care Act that works for Nebraska families, farmers, and seniors so they do not have to chose between food on the table or paying for insurance.
- Support Nebraska’s economy by fighting for Nebraska agriculture and helping create more trading partners
- Advocate for increased broadband connectivity to help grow commerce and access to technology
- Fight for a public education system that prepares all children for 21st century jobs that does not cost Nebraskans more of the hard-earned money
- Fight for Social Security Reform to ensure people receive their benefits and will not slash funding of Medicare
- Support veterans and military families by modernizing GI benefits

Fisher Policy Positions

- Keep nation’s security as top priority
- Focused on providing regulatory relief and creating new markets for ag producers
- Take a lead on infrastructure
- Support legislation to lower the cost of healthcare for families
- Supported the confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh to the US Supreme Court

Deb graduated from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln where she met her husband, Bruce. While raising three sons, Deb also has owned a cattle ranching operation near Valentine. Deb was an active leader in her community on a range of issues prior to being elected and has also served in the Nebraska Unicameral.

“A lifelong Nebraskan, Deb Fischer is committed to hard work, commonsense solutions, and the Nebraska way of life.” – Deb Fischer for U.S. Senate
UN warns of catastrophic climate change

Intergovernmental Panel releases report detailing consequences if emissions not reduced by 2030

Braydon Conell
Antelope Staff

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a report on Oct. 8 outlining the world's current climate change status. The report was not optimistic in terms of the situation that our current reality has put us in.

The IPCC is the world's leading international body on assessing climate change. In 1988, the IPCC was created by the UN Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization to prevent a clear view on the current state of climate change and its impacts. The IPCC does not conduct research or monitoring of its own, but instead monitors and assesses the information available from around the world. Currently, 195 countries are member states of the IPCC and members can participate in the review process and the plenary sessions. However, thousands of scientists from around the world contribute to the IPCC. Additionally, this body stands as a neutral entity, providing a neutral stance on policy and status by not taking any partisan viewpoint.

Although the report was dire, it did say we still have a chance to fix it—12 years. The world has 12 years to draft and execute policy to drastically slash greenhouse gas emissions and other climate warming related phenomena. Overall, the world needs to cut emissions by 45 percent in the next 12 years to save the world from climate catastrophe. The IPCC found that if this does not happen, the atmosphere will reach 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit of warming. Past this temperature, ecosystems around the globe will fail, crop yields will dwindle, and the ice caps will dump massive amounts of ice and water into the ocean raising seas levels. Jim Skea, a professor at Imperial College London, said that the report unveiling event in South Korea that “limiting warming means deep emission reductions in all sectors, the use of a wide range of technologies, behavior changes and a significant increase of investment in low-carbon options.” Skea was also a leading author on the IPCC report.

“To limit warming... we would need to start taking carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere during the 21st century. The methods ... include planting trees, bioenergy combined with carbon capture and storage, changed land management, as well as some novel approaches,” Skea said.

By 2050, the world would need to be at “net zero” emissions to maintain the temperature. This is where the prior statement by Skea comes in. Net zero emissions means that for every greenhouse gas emission, there would be an offset by actions to remove those gases; these offset actions include things such as planting trees and using bioenergy. Although this is a tight time frame, the world still has a chance to get ahead of this, but the window is closing fast.

Despite the clear signs of climate change and global warming, our current administration and representatives are often heard as critics of progress. On multiple occasions, Donald Trump has denied the reality of climate change. In a Nov. 6, 2012 tweet, Trump stated that “the concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing competitive.” On the campaign trail in Sept. 2015, he said “so I am not a believer [of climate change], and I will, unless somebody can prove something to me, I believe there's weather. And it changes depending on years and centuries, but I am not a believer, and we have much bigger problems.” This is in utter contrast to the scientists, citizens and leaders across the world who do find climate change to be a very significant problem. Additionally, one of the first acts of Trump's term was to attempt to pull the United States from the Paris Climate Accords, an agreement that 194 states and the European Union have signed.

Other blows to environmental protection in the United States include the appointment of Scott Pruitt, a climate change denier, to the Environmental Protection Agency, who had previously sued the EPA 13 times as Oklahoma's attorney general. Just

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Help Fight Climate Change

What you can do to make an impact and work to reduce emissions in your area:

- Call your state and local representatives
- Contact the Office of the President
- Insulate homes or apartments and be mindful of air conditioning/heating use
- Install or advocate for solar panels or wind turbines
- Walk or bike instead of drive
- Turn off lights when you do not need them (use natural light sources)
- Recycle whenever possible (check with the City of Kearney Sanitation Division for list of recyclable items)
- Vote in the midterm election on Nov. 6 to make sure your voice is heard

To find more helpful information, read the entire UN IPCC report at http://report.ipcc.ch/sr15/pdf/sr15_spm_final.pdf.
Alive with sounds of music

For its size, Kearney puts on good show, music at night

Cy Cannon
Antelope Contributor

Kearney is a place where not only UNK students feel at home, but also performers. Local business owners and the community have created an entertainment atmosphere that keeps bands coming back.

It’s safe to say the Kearney charm and warm environment has won musicians and performers over.

“We absolutely love Kearney,” said Danny Garcia, owner and lead singer of Lemon Fresh Day. “The response from students and the community has been tremendous, hence our desire to return as often as we do.”

Local businesses and the Kearney community have a very beneficial relationship with each other. This lends itself to providing local and big name acts a variety of different times and places to perform.

“I think being a college town and being a close-knit community blends nicely, making the city unique,” Garcia said. “The community supports the businesses, the businesses treat the community well and the diversity of options for a smaller town form a perfect union of entertainment, entertainers and eager patrons.”

For a town of over 33,000 people, Kearney offers more entertainment and culture than is to be expected. On any given day of the week, venues across the city offer live entertainment—including UNK’s campus.

“The Nebraskan Student Union hosts live music performances during the lunch hour on most Wednesdays for students eating on the lower level,” said Tim Danube, associate director for the student union. “We like to bring in up-and-coming local bands, professors and even students and give them an opportunity to perform.”

To pertain to the 21 and older crowd, local bars bring in bands several times per week. “If you’re looking for live entertainment, come to The Bricks,” said Tina Arguello, manager of Cunningham’s Journal. “Over the years, we have really built up a music culture, and now we bring in nationally touring entertainment every weekend and on most weekdays.” UNK students find the amount of music and culture a welcome surprise.

“When I first came to UNK, I wasn’t expecting the amount of entertainment that Kearney had to offer,” said Natasha Anderson, a second-year nursing student at UNMC. “Whenever I go out with my friends, I always enjoy that places bring in bands to perform for us.”

In addition to acts hosted by businesses, Kearney also offers concerts from professional performers throughout the year. UNK hosts a concert every spring open to students and public. The Viaero Event Center also brings in several big name country concerts and musicals.

Whether it be live music on UNK’s campus, performances at local businesses or top-ten artists at a Kearney concert, students and members of the community have ample access to music and culture.

“Kearney is truly special when you think about the amount of entertainment that is hosted every week, every month, and every year,” Anderson said. “I haven’t seen many communities this size that can offer as much as Kearney does.”
Students protest human trafficking
Bonifas teaches students warning signs

Alana Kellen
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Human trafficking has become a big issue, especially within the state of Nebraska. Leticia Bonifas, founder of the Central Nebraska Human Trafficking and Immigration Outreach, spoke about the signs of human trafficking Wednesday at the UNK Health and Sports Center.

One of Bonifas’ main points was the importance of fact-checking sources when it comes to dealing with sex trafficking. Bonifas’ brother shared a post in which he thought contained helpful information about a source to which one can report suspected sex trafficking activity in the area. After looking it over and realizing something didn’t seem right, she called him about his post and to her surprise, the number was disconnected.

“When you’re out there researching for signs of human trafficking in your area, make sure you’re looking at facts,” Bonifas said. “I talk facts and sharing something like that causes huge panic among colleges, high schools, and parents.”

Another goal of central Nebraska Human Trafficking and Immigration Outreach is to make sure that victims of human trafficking are treated like victims and not as offenders. There is also a law that expunges a person’s record if it was during the time that they were being trafficked.

They also work to inform people on how to identify victims. Common signs include suddenly having expensive items, tired during the day, older boyfriend, new tattoo or branding of initials, sometimes carries multiple cellphones, and keeps eyes down while in public.

Bonifas knew of a social media site called Backpage, a site where people post pictures of girls and boys to advertise them and sell them to other people. It is mostly Caucasian middle-aged business males who are buying and selling girls and boys. In Nebraska, there were at least 900 people every month sold on Backpage with hotspots including Lincoln, Omaha and the biggest being Grand Island, who alone had over 200 cases of trafficking.

People are warned to not approach a victim trafficker. It is easy to become seriously injured or killed and could even put the victim in danger. Gathering as much information as possible from a distance, such as height, weight, hair color, tattoos, car description and license plate numbers are all helpful in finding the victims.

“We’re doing a human trafficking task force where we train the trainers,” Bonifas said. “You go to your clubs or whatever you are involved in and tell them this is what it is and this is what it looks like type of thing.”

There have been recent reports where parents are selling their kids to pay rent and slumlords force their tenants who can’t pay rent to have sex with them.

“What we do on social media even as adults is stupid,” Bonifas said. “Young people say, ‘oh my God my mom took my phone away’ and that’s when a trafficker comes in and says, ‘I’m sorry I have a cell phone for you if you meet me at a park,’ and that’s when that vulnerability is there.”

After the meeting students were asked to join in the Red Sand Project. This is a project that has taken place in all 50 states and in more than 70 countries around the world. Students pour red sand into cracks on the sidewalk to symbolize creating opportunities and take action against vulnerabilities that can lead to human trafficking.

Human Trafficking Resources

If you need help, see or suspect a human trafficking situation, reach out!

Contact emergency services.
• Human Trafficking National Hotline: 1-(888)-373-7888.
• Text “BeFree” to 233733

For more information, visit https://www.humantraffickinghotline.org.
Bookstore finds temporary home

With union renovations, bookstore relocates

Sydnee Bartruff
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The Antelope Bookstore will close its doors temporarily and move its location to The College Bookstore across 25th St. from Cushing as the Student Union undergoes renovations.

The bookstore at the Union will close for a week later this month while inventory, furniture and other items are being moved to the temporary location.

The announcement was made in a UNK press release a week prior to starting renovation work. Bookstore improvements include LED lighting and paint, new flooring and work on the store's plumbing issues.

While some view the project as much needed, others haven't enjoyed the transition quite the same.

“It has been a difficult process boxing everything up,” said Tiffany Conrad, an employee at The Antelope Bookstore. Despite the space being significantly smaller in The College Bookstore, all textbooks, UNK apparel and office supplies will be available for purchase at the new location. In the meantime, Conrad said the store is storing the rest of their inventory in the building previously called Luke's and Jake's.

UNK bought this property as it will become a part of east entrance project for university in the future.

“We are informing students that they will have to return all book rentals there at The College Store at the end of semester,” said Conrad. “We also want all students to know that they will be able to check out books for the second semester through the College Bookstore.”

The newly remodeled bookstore is tentatively scheduled to open in the middle to the end of January 2019. The short-term location, located south of the Health & Sports Center at 1420 W. 24th St, will open Monday with regular operating hours; 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

Due to extensive renovation, The Antelope Bookstore is moving its location to The College Bookstore. Improvements include LED lighting and paint, new flooring and plumbing work. All the textbooks, supplies and items are moved out of the Student Union Bookstore as the business is relocating to The College Bookstore across 25th St. from Cushing.
Ichabods invade Buckle Court
Tigers pounce on Loper mistakes

1. The Loper starters gather in their pre-set ritual, as they begin the match against Washburn last Saturday night. UNK aimed to continue their success at home and set a new school record of 67 consecutive home wins, breaking the record set between 2002-2005.

2. Reserve players Madison Stearnes, Madison Squiers and Lindsay Nottlemann, cheer on their teammates.

3. Senior libero Ellie McDonnell gets set as she looks to dig a serve. McDonnell finished the match with 38 digs.

4. Sophomore outside Anna Squiers aims for a kill to help put the Lopers ahead of the Ichabods. Squiers provided her best on the front line with nine kills and three blocks.

5. The Loper offensive line gets set against the Tigers defense on a drive early in the third quarter.

6. Dallas Vaughn, a junior defensive back, tries to pump up his teammates on the sideline. Vaughn ended the game with nine tackles, pushing his career total to 163 total tackles.

7. Freshman kicker Brian Covarrubias, looks down in disappointment after missing a field goal in double overtime to tie the game. Covarrubias, did however, make a huge impact at the end of regulation by drilling a 39-yard field goal to send the game to overtime. The freshman kicker played well between the uprights going 4-5 on field goals for the day.
Earth continues to bake

Climate change will affect everything, from coral to cans of beer

Elliot Gonnella
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The average temperature of the Earth could rise passed the threshold of 2.7 degrees by 2030 given the current output of greenhouse gases according to a report released by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on Oct. 8. To avert such a rise, the total carbon emission would need to drop by 45 percent by 2030 and reach a 'net zero' output by 2050.

The result of such a rise in global temperature would result in severe weather occurring with more frequency and intensity. Droughts such as those in South Africa that drained local water reserves would be more commonplace and the downpour from hurricanes will increase. This will result in damage to agriculture that will lead to food shortages, infrastructure destruction that will cost many resources to repair, and a rising cost of human life to match. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration the costs of Hurricanes Harvey, Maria and Irma of last year totaled $265 billion. If climate change continues to occur at this pace, that price will only rise.

Climate change will also have an adverse effect on plant and animal life. For example, if this trend were to continue, coral population would decrease by 70 to 90 percent. Coral is an invertebrate responsible for coastal protection from hurricanes, the habitat to millions of species and a source of medicine. It will be decimated seven or ninefold in little more than a decade.

Amidst the destruction resulting from human activity and politicians’ inability to take action, we will not even have a beer to cry in for comfort. Actually we would, but it is going to be significantly more expensive. Barley, the cereal grain that is synonymous with good beer, is one of the plants that will be severely affected by climate change.

In a report published by the journal Nature Plants on Oct. 15, due to climate change the expected barley crop yield is to drop anywhere from 3 to 17 percent depending on the severity of climate change. Without this critical ingredient, beer consumption could drop by 4 percent globally and the price could be expected to jump 15 percent in the best case scenario. If it is worse, the United States could see a 20 percent decrease in consumption with a 50 percent rise in price by the bottle.

No sector of our life is going to be untouched by climate change, and unless the governments and their citizens take action against this very real threat, dire consequences will follow. To that end, I have made a list of policy suggestions that, if implemented properly, can help in curbing climate change.

Resign the Paris Agreement. It is a legally non-binding agreement that has a goal in mind and each nation sets its own standards. This is a problem the world needs to face together if it is to succeed.

Transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources such as solar, hydroelectric and geothermal. Fund training and education programs to transition workers from those fields into the new industries.

Nuclear power has its faults, but causing greenhouse gases is not one of them. Improve the plants we have, decide on a secure containment site for hazardous byproducts, and expand their reach on the power grid as we move away from coal, oil, and natural gas.

Fund research and development of agriculture improvements. Livestock consume a significant amount of resources and produce greenhouse gases.

Unless we each take action and encourage our leaders to do the same, life on this rock will be harder and shorter.

NU funding on midterm ballot

State legislative elections important for students

Editorial

Tuition hikes, access to resources and favorite professors are on the ballot these midterms. Voting on Nov. 6 with determine the UNK student experience.

College students are likely already aware of the gubernatorial and senatorial elections, but away from home and away from local news sources, students may be unaware of the most important election to them these midterms – the unicameral election in their home district.

Twenty-four of the state’s 49 unicameral seats are open for election this year. The unicameral, Nebraska’s legislative body, is responsible for approval of the state’s budget – a budget that determines funding for the University of Nebraska system, including UNK. The individuals who fill these 24 legislative seats will play an important role in determining NU’s operating budget.

Twice in the last two years, the legislature has approved a budget that cut NU funding. The first cut was about $13 million. The second was closer to $11 million.

This school year’s budget of $574.7 million is also significantly less than the 2016-17 starting budget of $583.1 million, and for next year, the Board of Regents has approved requesting only a 3 percent increase – also significantly less than the typical 6 percent.

In response to these budget cuts, UNK has been forced to raise tuition, cut athletics teams and cut faculty positions. Such budget cuts do have an impact on the experience of university students, so it is important that students understand that the midterm elections will affect university funding in the future.

Of the legislative districts up for election, only five have candidates running unopposed, and several of the districts have been highly competitive. The Nebraska Unicameral is nonpartisan, so voters will not have the information shortcut of “Democrat” or “Republican” next to the candidate’s name when they receive the ballot. Instead, voters should be considering the issues facing the state and which ones are most important to them.

That’s why we encourage students to research the candidates and to understand their positions on education, spending, and funding for the university system.

Funding for the University of Nebraska is on the ballot this November. It won’t take the form of a direct question, “Should funding for NU be increased?” but it will be seen in the elections of each state senator to the unicameral.

UNK students would be wise to vote in favor of the university’s financial and educational interests (and their own).
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push to be the best I can be in life.
Q: What is your favorite comfort food?
A: Mac and cheese!
Q: What is your favorite hobby?
A: I really enjoy running because it helps me relieve stress and keeps me in shape.
Q: What is your favorite party music?
A: Definitely pump up music, like hip hop and rap.

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in the second overtime and the field goal attempt was no good. The Tigers took the ball back and conservatively handed the ball to Hickman five times before setting up the game's final theatrics.

Brown's final kick soared through the uprights and right through the hearts of UNK.

"Fort Hays was a team that was well coached," said Blake Bubak, a sophomore defensive back. "They are a fast group of guys who utilize their speed to their advantage. They really help their running game to their advantage. They really

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in the middle and in big letters as a heading on top, 'Happy Halloween,'" Brunts said.

Each individual artist or teams of artists created family friendly creations that were straight to the point to promote something for a business or something more abstract, that would be on a modern canvas.

"Hopefully it doesn't rain later tonight," Brunts said. "My kids are coming down as well as plenty of family's and kids to see these creations that everyone has worked on because they are all for a great cause."

The winners of first and second place were both unavailable that Friday night to receive the cash prize award but the beautiful creations lined the downtown sidewalks in blocks for days.

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recently, EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler has now completely replaced an independent committee on national air quality standards by appointing five new people. Doing so has reduced the amount of support it receives from scientists and many are worried that the committee will no longer be able to properly advise the EPA on national air quality standards and policies.
Lopers in the Spotlight

Interview by Arianne Goode
Q: Why did you choose UNK?
A: I chose UNK because my older siblings came here. I’ve heard really great stories about their experiences here. And the professors seem like they genuinely care about students, so that really caught my attention.

Q: What is your personal mission statement?
A: As an aspiring lawyer, or someone wanting to go into law enforcement, I hope to help make a difference, whether it be through justice in the legal courtroom or helping people make good choices in life.

Q: What inspires you?
A: I would say Maya Angelou inspires me most. She was a civil rights and human rights activist, and she did a lot not only through actions but also through literature. She’s why I want to make a difference in society.

Q: How do you deal with failure?
A: I’m very critical of my own self, so I do...
Cross country teams race forward

Men’s, women’s teams of UNK look to improve, grow over 2018 season

UNK men’s and women’s cross-country teams are now in full swing of the 2018 season. This is after a summer of countless early morning runs before the rooster crows.

“The training in summer was very difficult,” said Corbin Hansen, a junior on the men’s team. “It is higher mileage training wise. I had to wake up at 4 a.m. to run 10 miles, and then go to work from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.”

The men’s team has reaped the benefits of the hard work runners put in during the summer, turning in a respectable fourth-place finish at the Missouri Southern Stampede.

Highlights from the first two weeks included beating Division II No.17 West Texas A&M and Division I competitor Kansas State.

“I think overall we did pretty good as a team,” Hansen said. “We beat one of the top teams in the country in West Texas A&M.”

For the women, things have been tougher with injuries plaguing the team. The Lopers have relied on underclassman to step up and fill the void.

“We don’t have a lot of margin for error from an injury standpoint,” said Brady Bonsall, UNK cross country coach. “There (are) going to be times I hold people out of meets and our result may not be that good. It’s to have everybody healthy and ready to go at the regional meet.”

The Lopers finished 19th out of 37 teams at the Missouri Southern Stampede, a performance they hope to improve upon when everyone is healthy.

“For what we had it was good, but we want to have more depth when everyone comes back,” said Elizabeth Cramer, a senior on the woman’s team.

Two individual bright spots, Hansen and Cramer have been leading by experience. Hansen finished the 8,000-meter course in ninth with a time of 25:22. Cramer crossed the line 69th in a time of 19:16 on the 5,000-meter course.

“Fear of failure is the biggest inhibitor in athletics. Let the training you’ve done lead to success when you go out and compete.”

Brady Bonsall

UNK then traveled to Victoria, Kansas, for the FHSU Tiger Open, on Saturday, Oct. 13. Hansen, just as he did in his previous race, kept his consistency and finished third overall with a time of 25:01. Two other runners finished not far behind. Sophomore Nate Pierce ended the race with a time of 26:06 while his teammate junior Shane Burkey finished at 26:15.

Sophomore, Destiny Reinke, fresh off the disabled list, ran 19:42 on the 5k course. Juniors Lacie Lindner and Elizabeth Cramer finished with times of 19:51 and 19:56, respectively.

This Saturday, the Lopers head to Emporia, Kansas, for the MIAA Championships. Emporia State, Central Oklahoma and Northwest Missouri State, are some of the competition that UNK will be running alongside.

UNK junior Corbin Hansen takes the lead at the Rim Rock Classic held in Lawrence, Kansas on September 29. Hansen was able to finish third overall in the competition, and he has high hopes to make it to nationals this year.
Playoff hopes shattered

Webb, who also ran for 149 yards, ended his day with 261 all-purpose yards. He currently leads the MIAA with 742 rushing yards on the season.

Both teams managed touchdowns early in the game as the Tigers took their opening drive 75 yards and scored on a 2-yard run from D.J. Hickman. Webb answered for UNK immediately with his return to even the score at 7-7.

After 20 minutes of scoreless football, the Lopers pulled off a 12-play 80-yard drive that was capped by a 2-yard rushing score from Luke Quinn. Fort Hays was able convert a 22-yard field goal right before halftime to make the game 14-10 in favor of UNK at the break.

UNK opened the third quarter with another long drive, but the Tiger defense managed to hold the Lopers to just a field goal and kept the game within one possession.

The rest of the third quarter would remain scoreless. Fort Hays did manage to tie the game early in the fourth quarter on a touchdown run from Harley Hazlett.

The Lopers and Tigers then exchanged field goals to make it 20-20. Fort Hays then lined up for a 46-yard field goal, a kick that is no sure thing in the NFL, much less Division II college football, and Brown nailed it with just 42 seconds left to put Fort Hays in the driver's seat with a 23-20 lead.

UNK wasn't finished. Led by the arm and feet of quarterback Alex McGinnis, the Lopers were able to get the ball to the Fort Hays 22-yard line with just enough time left to give freshman kicker Brian Covarrubias a chance to tie it.

Despite the potential nerves, Covarrubias nailed the kick and sent the game to overtime, giving the fans added value for their tickets.

“Brian is really relaxed,” said Alex Harms, a senior tight end. “He does his job really well and by the time he's done he'll be very good.”

After an overtime of exchanged field goals, the Lopers were unable to get a first down...
Football gives Stoltenberg rollercoaster ride

An injury can often be the demise of an athletic career, but for Josh Stoltenberg, injuries are what make him stronger. Stoltenberg, a three-year starting left guard for UNK, explained how five surgeries in four years has not stopped his dream.

Stoltenberg entered his freshman year with a dislocated and torn ulnar collateral ligament in the elbow. Over the next three years, Stoltenberg had four other injuries requiring surgeries including: Jones fracture, posterior cruciate ligament and meniscus, reconstructive nerve surgery, and an appendectomy.

“It is definitely frustrating at times,” Stoltenberg said. “Knowing that my success in football continued to be put on hold. I felt like every time I was 100 percent, there was an obstacle that came in my way.”

In the 48 months Stoltenberg has been at UNK, he spent 21 of those months in some form of recovery and rehab.

“You have to feel for him,” said Kevin Bliel, offensive coordinator for the UNK football team. “He’s a guy that gives everything he has for the team, and to see him have to overcome this rollercoaster ride of injuries is always tough. Through it all, Josh has proven to come back even better each season.”

Despite all the surgeries, Stoltenberg continues to find success on the field. In his two seasons eligible to play, he has started 20 games and last year earned All-Conference awards.

“There has been a lot of hardship in my career, so it was an honor to be recognized.”

Stoltenberg also talked about mental toughness when dealing with injury.

“You have to be resilient,” Stoltenberg said. “Whether it is football related or not, my dad always told me you have to find a way to motivate yourself to keep going. Even when it is hard.”

Being resilient is something that has been instilled in his family since birth.

“Life is never fair. No matter who you are or what you do, there will be hard times and you have to be able to get through it,” said Mitch Stoltenberg, Josh’s father. “Josh has always shown toughness growing up. [He was] never one to say much. He just put his head down and went to work.”

UNK has started off the 2018 season 2-2 with Josh Stoltenberg leading the veteran offensive line at left guard. UNK plays Northeastern State this Saturday for a chance to get back on track after losing their last two games.

“We have a chance to do something great,” Stoltenberg said. “I am so blessed so far this season to be healthy, and I cannot wait to see what this season holds for our team.”

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Woeful weekend leads to second loss

UNK volleyball's 66 home game winning streak was snapped at the hands of Washburn Saturday, Oct. 20. This was the team's first loss at home, since the season finale of the 2014 season against Central Missouri. The streak tied a previous record set by teams from 2002-2005.

What adds to the sting, is that this is the No. 2 Lopers second loss of the season to the No. 11 Ichabods. The second set was the turning point in the match.

“It was the match and the game for us,” said Rick Squiers, UNK volleyball coach. “We just never recovered from that set. It would have been really hard for them to recover, had they lost it.”

UNK led early in the set but faltered down the stretch. With the score tied at 2-2 in the second set, the Lopers went on a four-point run that was highlighted by back to back kills from senior outside, Kendall Schroer.

Washburn found a way to answer back. A kill by Allison Maxwell tied the set at 12 apiece.

Both teams went back and forth, well past 25. The Ichabods strong front row helped them get back-to-back blocks at the net, to win the second set 28-26.

“I thought we played really hard and competed really well, but we didn’t do enough things right to beat Washburn tonight the way they played,” said Coach Squiers.

Washburn fed off the momentum from the second set, as the teams moved to the third. With the score tied 7-7, the Ichabods went on a 7-3 run to extend their lead to 14-10. Long hits and serves by the Lopers, mixed with good upfront play by the Ichabods helped Washburn take set three by a score of 25-16.

Trailing two sets to one, UNK found themselves with its backs up against the wall in the fourth. Washburn jumped out in front 11-8, thanks to a block and kill by Maxwell and Erica Montgomery.

The Blue and Gold rallied for three straight points, the last coming off a kill by Anna Squiers in the middle. In the end, it wasn’t enough, as the Ichabods won the set 25-22 and the match 3-1.

“We had a few opportunities, we just couldn’t get a ball down,” Squiers said. “Then we were playing uphill from there on.”

The Lopers only set victory came in the first. UNK came out strong, taking a 15-10 lead after a block at the net by Squiers and Mary Katherine Wolfe. Maxwell recorded a kill off an attempted block upfront by UNK to cut the deficit to four. The Ichabods 4-1 run, pulled them within one of the Lopers late in the set.

With the score tied at 23, UNK received a break with a hit out of bounds by Allison Sadler. On the next point, Kendall Schroer’s kill secured the first set for the Lopers.

Washburn had a higher hitting percentage on the night at .170, compared to UNK’s .083. Errors were another problem for the Lopers, as they recorded 33 through four sets.

Leaders in the match were Maxwell and Montgomery for Washburn with 16 kills, and Schroer for UNK with 15 kills. Both Faith Rottinghaus and Ellie McDonnell recorded 38 digs in the match from the libero position.

UNK’s next game is Friday, Oct. 26 at Central Oklahoma (21-4). The Broncos are ranked No. 15 and took the Lopers to five sets at home earlier in the year.

“We have a week of practice to recover from this loss,” Squiers said. “We have a resilient group of girls. I am sure that they will find a way to bounce back.”