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## New semester, new 'neos'

### *Sigma Lambda Beta reveals new members*

**KEYLI ALDANA**  
*Antelope Staff*

The moment all were waiting for came and six masked men off their masks after giving a small speech about themselves and their journey to becoming a Sigma Lambda Beta. On Sept. 18, multicultural organization Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc. hosted a new member showcase.

Junior Francisco Rodriguez, a business administration major from Lexington and president of the Zeta Gamma chapter, explained the event. "New member showcases are a 'show' in which we reveal to the entire community who our new members are. They involve skits, songs and greetings to all UNK Greek organizations." (Read more about Rodriguez on page 9.)

As the doors to the Miriam Drake

Theatre in the Fine Arts Building opened, parents, Greeks, community members, out-of-town guests and UNK students filled the seats, ready to see the revelation of the fraternity's new members.

The show began with SLB alum greeting the audience.

Once the show officially started, one, two, three, four, five and finally six men marched onto the stage in unison. The show consisted of greetings to UNK Greek organizations. The gentleman also serenaded a representative of each sorority and welcomed them with a rose.

Each gentleman held a number and line name identification from their chapters. After the masks came off, the new Betas began the stroll, a line dance done by members of cultural Greek organizations and usually done at a step show. After the excitement of the gentlemen's first stroll, audience members ran onto the stage to congratulate each one on joining the prestigious fraternity.

New members include: #64 Jimmy 'Helios' Moreno, #65 Justen 'Casper' Gutierrez, #66 Bryan 'El Patron' Escobar, #67 Erik 'Cantinflas' Jimenez, #68 Luis 'Palermo' Gamero, and #69 Nizar 'Adib' Khayat.



*Courtesy*

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New members in multicultural organizations are called "neos" during their first year of membership. Neo Nizar Khayat, a chemistry major from Kearney, said he felt the nerves and excitement

before the show. "I didn't know if I would freeze up and not remember my lines, but I was excited because this was the night I revealed myself," he said after the show.

Not only did Khayat feel that event turned out very well, but he also appreciated everyone that came to watch.

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## Lopers drop Homecoming game to Mules

*Photos by Jacob Rodriguez*

1) Quarterback Bronson Marsh, a senior exercise science major from Omaha, scrambles to gain some yards as the Mules' defense closes in. Marsh had team highs in carries and rushing yards.

2) Senior wide receiver Cougar Williams, a senior sports management major from Hanford, California, kneels before the game begins. The Lopers fell to Central Missouri with a score of 38-7.

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## One mentor, countless memories

*"I never really thought about having a mentor. Looking back, I'm incredibly glad I chose to."*



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Anne Frank once said, "How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment, we can start now, start slowly changing the world. How lovely that everyone, great and small, can make their contribution... how we can always, always give something, even if it is only kindness."

had been matched with LeeAnn Amm, the Associate Director of Admissions at UNK.

On Oct. 18, 2012, DeMoine introduced me to LeeAnn, and my college years were forever changed. He said that having a mentor was "like how a GPS helps a driver on the road, particularly roads that you've never taken before." As someone new to the college scene that year, I looked for any opportunity to feel more comfortable.

Since starting my mentor-mentee relationship with LeeAnn, I've become more confident and driven to pursue my passions. She, along with some of my closest friends, has been my sounding board when I've had tough situations to deal with or unfortunate events happen in my family.

In short, LeeAnn has joined my circle

**"As someone new to the college scene that year, I looked for any opportunity to feel more comfortable."**

—Laurie Venteicher

That quote is the inspiration for the Teammates Mentoring Program. I didn't know how much it would mean to me now, after beginning my fourth year as a mentee.

When I applied for college, I never really thought about having a mentor. I never had one during high school, although I knew people who were part of the Teammates Program. One of the scholarships I received had the option of joining Teammates, and I debated for a long time whether or not I wanted to.

Looking back, I'm incredibly glad that I opted to become part of Teammates.

It feels like forever ago that I received an email from DeMoine Adams, the Post-Secondary Education Coordinator for Teammates. After I got my acceptance letter from UNK, he informed me that I

of close friends. I can tell her anything, and I appreciate the countless hours she has spent listening to me talk, vent, and yes, sometimes complain about things in my life.

This is my senior year at UNK, and the realization is bittersweet. I'm excited to go explore the "real world" and start life after college. But, I'm also sad that graduation will probably mean I won't have any more chats with LeeAnn while sipping a caramel macchiato at Barista's or sitting in her office and exchanging the latest news in our lives.

Wherever this life takes me, I hope to remain in touch with LeeAnn. She's one of the most important parts of my college years, and I wouldn't trade my decision to join Teammates for the world.

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# Homecoming week a great time to be a Loper

*Senior Kori Hixson reflects, wants to thank students, staff for fantastic final Homecoming experience*



**KORI HIXSON**  
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As I reflect on activities this week, I find new reasons to be proud that I attend UNK.

The classmates that have turned into friends, the professors who have guided me throughout the process, the familiar and friendly faces that encourage me to carry on, the opportunities that have helped shape my future and inspired me to reach for my goals – all these have made me realize just how lucky I am to be a student here at UNK.

Paradise was jam-packed with Lopers. Homecoming week was a fun-filled, full-of-spirit week with a variety of events and competitions, all in the spirit of UNK. For this year's successful theme "Welcome to Paradise," fraternities, sororities and residence halls joined together in a fight for the overall winner of homecoming week.

On Monday, teams competed in a lawn display, where each group produced a unique lawn decoration using materials such as cardboard, wood, paper and many

other items. These displays were exhibited on the campus greens, with a range of themes including: Lilo and Stitch, Cope Stadium/football, many featuring Louie the Loper, palm trees, surfboards, etc. all to fit the paradise theme.

Loper Feud, a special version of trivia questions, was held in the Ponderosa room on Tuesday. On Wednesday, each team created another fun display using only canned food, which was all donated within the Kearney community.

Thursday, a personal favorite for me, consisted of a couple of events. The spirit competition was held during the day, where each group came up with a cheer to be voted on. The lip sync and royalty crowning began at 7 p.m. and was held in the Health and Sports Center.

Although I have never participated in the lip sync competition, I have loved the opportunity to watch it the past four years. It's always so fun to see the creative, crazy ideas each group comes up with. For those of you who have never heard of a lip sync, it can be best described as a mash-up of various songs, costumes and choreography that go along with the theme each year.

## Lip Sync Special Guests

This year lip sync was as entertaining as always. All the hard work and preparation teams put into their performances was evident, and the crowd responded positively to each one.

There was a special guest for this fun event. Six Appeal, a professional six-part male a cappella group from Minneapolis, Minnesota, performed between the lip sync performances. Not only were they incredibly talented, they were also hilarious and did an amazing job of keeping the crowd engaged and excited. The vocal group was so fun. I was blown away with how they were able to produce all of the sounds using only their voices. It was also really neat to watch them interact with each other; it was clear they thoroughly enjoyed what they do.

## Royalty Crowned

So, the evening continued with different variations of songs and dancing – all with extreme enthusiasm from every group. Once the lip sync performances finished, it was time to crown the

homecoming royalty.

Aurora native senior Taylor Kittle, an elementary education and early childhood development unified major, was named queen. Senior Amherst native Wyatt Schake, an exercise science major with a minor in health science, was named the king. Kittle represented the Alpha Phi sorority and Schake represented the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

On Friday, teams competed in the Tiki Run, racing to the finish for a victory. With the week and its festivities coming to an end, it was time for the huge parade and football game.

## Amazing Parade Participation

An amazing turnout of 125 entries participated in this year's homecoming and band day parade. A mix of area bands, homecoming royalties, clubs, organizations, businesses and homecoming teams created floats and lined up downtown.

I was able to walk with the KSSLHA (Kearney Student Speech-Language Hearing Association), and it was an absolute blast seeing the community of Kearney come together.

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## Long journey led to KLPR for Clark

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Ford Clark has done many things throughout his time in the journalism field, but he has found a home in the classroom.

"Teaching was always something that I wanted to do, and when I got the chance to do it I realized it really was my life's calling. I enjoyed radio and television and all the things I did with it, but once I got into teaching I really didn't want to do anything else," he said.

After growing up in Melbeta, a small town outside of Scottsbluff, Clark went on and received three total degrees. He received two from the University of Nebraska Lincoln and his teaching degree at Ball State University. After

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# CTE dominates homecoming battle

## *Loper families unite for first 'Loper Feud'*

MARIA PICKERING

Antelope Staff

A lively audience added to the fun of the six-round Loper Feud tournament and three rounds of fast money in the Ponderosa Room of the Nebraskan Student Union for the first ever Loper Feud event to kick off homecoming week, on Tuesday Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.

Loper Feud hosts sophomore McKenzie Cuba from Silver Creek and sophomore Miranda Ketteler from Petersburg gave questions to the teams and kept the audience entertained. A panel of judges was located near the stage.

Senior Sara Fecht from Axtell and one of the event planners for homecoming said, "We got feedback that Battle of the Brains was getting old, so that is why we decided to try Loper Feud. I thought for our first time it went pretty well. I think it was better than Battle of the Brains, because there was a lot more crowd participation in this event

rather than Battle of Brains where you just sat and watched."

UNK student and audience member Ty Ottoson said, "Being in Pi Kappa Alpha and seeing them compete with the Alpha Phis, I feel like it was a great addition to homecoming week. I feel like many college kids watch "Family Feud" on T.V. Just being able to see everyone compete and the crowd getting involved, I think it was a great environment and a great idea."

Loper Feud is similar to the popular "Family Feud" game with the same general rules of three rounds with single, double and triple points. The teams competed for first through fourth places with hand-carved tiki trophies as prizes.

The Loper Feud homecoming event finished with Centennial Towers East and West (CTE) in first place, Pike and Alpha Phi in second place, Gamma Phi Beta/Phi Gamma Delta/Beta Lambda taking third place and Men's/Randall in fourth place.



CTE doesn't have the rowdiest crowd, which helps them concentrate on winning. Here the CTE team proudly poses with their first-place trophy.



First, second and third place trophies are waiting for the outcome of Loper Feud. In the end, teams placing from third to first were Gamma Phi Beta/ Phi Gamma Delta/ Betas/ Lambdas, Alpha Phi/ Pi Kappa Alpha and CTE.



Photos by Damares Campos

Alpha Phi/ Pi Kappa Alpha has lots of team spirit, which boosts the confidence and energy of their Loper Feud team. This enthusiasm placed them second in Loper Feud.



McKenzie Cuba, a business administration management sophomore from Silver Creek, and Miranda Ketteler, a sophomore majoring in social work from Petersburg, co-host the first ever Loper Feud. Their sociability helps the teams relax, which helps the audience have a delightful time.

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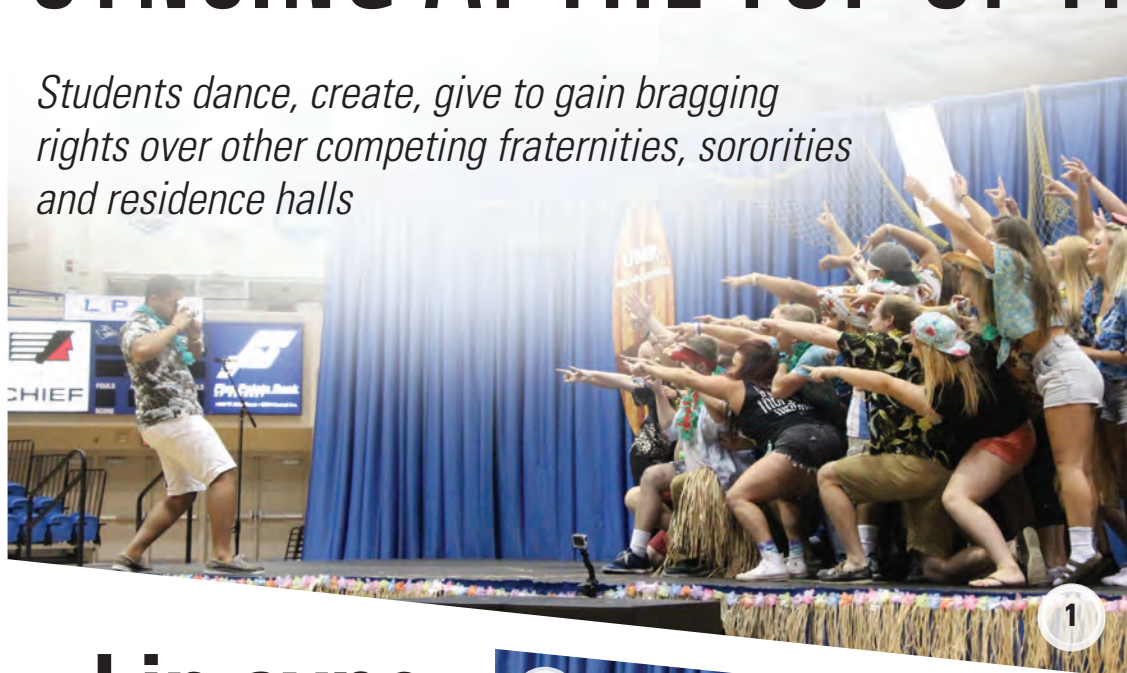


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# SYNCING AT THE TOP OF THEIR LUNGS

*Students dance, create, give to gain bragging rights over other competing fraternities, sororities and residence halls*



## THE WINNERS ARE

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Pi/Phi Delta Theta/  
Sigma Tau Gamma

**Second:** Mantor

**Third:** Gamma Phi  
Beta/Phi Gamma  
Delta/Sigma Lambda  
Beta/Lambda Theta  
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**Fourth:** Alpha Xi  
Delta/Sigma Phi  
Epsilon/Sigma  
Lambda Gamma

## Lip sync

*Homecoming's most popular competition brings in crowd*

*Photos by Kori Hixson*

1. Members of Alpha Phi and Pi Kappa Alpha take a group tourist photo for the ending of their performance.

2. A member of the Randall/Mens team sings and plays the ukulele along to "Follow Me" by Uncle Kracker.

3. Alpha Omicron Pi, Sigma Tau Gamma and Phi Delta Theta strike a break dancing pose and throw their loaves to end their first place lip sync performance.

4. Senior Delaney Schultz of Alpha Phi leads her group of dancers to the song "Watch Me" by Silentó.

5. Indians from Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Tau Gamma and Alpha Omicron Pi attempt to scare Louie off the island in their dance.

6. Members of the CTE team sway to "Everything's Gonna Be Alright" by Bob Marley.





# Can-by-can

*Photos by Jessica Nichols*

1. Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Xi Delta and Sigma Lambda Gamma took home third place. They used their cans to create a small beach scene with palm trees, and then used the rest to spell out "Lopers in Paradise!"

2. Fourth place went home to a pineapple under the sea with Alpha Phi and Pi Kappa Alpha. They created a version of Spongebob Squarepants' home and even Spongebob himself. They used the rest of the cans to spell out "Aloha."

3. A tiki theme, complete with a fog machine, earned Gamma Phi Beta, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Lambda Beta and the Lambdas second place.

4. First place went to the team that created a Loper head riding a wave. This team consisted of Alpha Omicron Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Tau Gamma.



## Royalty crowned at lip sync



*Photos by Kori Hixson*

LEFT: Homecoming Queen Taylor Kittle, a senior representing Alpha Phi, and King Wyatt Schake, a senior representing Phi Gamma Delta, pose for pictures after crowning.

ABOVE: Homecoming candidates (left to right): Shelby Rust, Landon Killian, Taylor Kittle, Joshua Lallman, Molly Osterberg, Tyson Lanka, Carrie Prosocki and Wyatt Schake. King and Queen were crowned by last year's winners, Sergio Ceja and Cacia Barnes.



# Parlez-vous français?

*After being immersed in the language, students even dream in French after travel abroad*

**JESSICA MADRON**

*Antelope Staff*

Benefits gained from travel to France last summer include language proficiency, said Rosalie Goldberg, a UNK French professor who traveled with students.

"One student told me that he started dreaming in French. Actually, more than one has had this experience," Goldberg said about students who have studied abroad.

From May 21 through June 11, 2015, Goldberg took a small group of students to France for a chance to better understand French culture and master the language. Staying with host families, the students got a chance to improve conversationally as they interacted with locals.

The Modern Languages Department of UNK has provided this opportunity to their students in hopes that they will learn a foreign language and culture faster and better than they would by staying in their home country.

The seven students who went helped fund the trip themselves. Having been to France nearly 15 times, Goldberg is well acquainted with connecting students to host families during their stay in the countryside around Tours, France. The

trip even included five full days in Paris so students could experience the city. Of these trips, Goldberg has been the coordinator for three, scheduled every other year.

Her favorite memory from a student this year was his reaction after he rented a bicycle and rode it through the city. "He told me he spread his hands out on both sides of him as he weaved between people and the shops," she said. "Then he replied that he could 'touch the culture.' That was pretty special to me."

Goldberg said that students should have a strong foundation and that traveling overseas solidifies what they learn in the classroom, making it easier for them to adjust. Goldberg said her students make varying degrees of improvements in their language from trips abroad.

"Generally, you go through three phases. First, you arrive and experience culture shock and cannot think at all in the language. Then you start understanding and speaking with a fluency that you did not have before. Finally, on returning to the states, someone will ask you a question in English and you automatically answer in French. Some students can go overseas and something clicks more instantly than others, yet they all improve," Goldberg said.

## RESEARCH SAYS

*Intensive language preparation at home first best*

Annie De Saussure, a Yale University PhD candidate in French and university professor, said, "One study looked at a group of American college students learning French in France compared to students learning French in intensive

domestic language programs. The study concluded that the students who went to France returned with a lower level of fluency than students who studied French in an intensive environment back at their home institutions."



*Courtesy*

The group enjoys a tour of the quarry in Loches, France. From left to right: Sitong Liu, Alise Perault, Jacob Johnson, Jorge Ortega, Bethany Barelman, Taylor Brown and Yukiko Ueno.

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Students study in the courtyard at the Institut de Touraine in Tours, France.



# Betas focus on academics and community service

## Rodriguez more than stereotype

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Partying and getting girls — that's what fraternities do, right?

Apparently not, according to Sigma Lambda Beta's executive president, junior Francisco Rodriguez.

"Fraternities really focus on the brotherhood and academic aspects rather than partying," Rodriguez said. The junior says that he, too, once stereotyped fraternities as revolving around partying and drinking.

His views have since going into his third year in the fraternity. "We actually care about the well-being of the community

are just two things that make Rodriguez a good fit for the fraternity. He insists that he won over the members in his chapter with leadership and social abilities.

Presidential duties include overseeing various fraternity meetings and activities. As the face of the Betas, Rodriguez is expected to hold himself accountable in a high and respectable manner.

The Sigma Lambda Beta fraternity holds events throughout the academic school year with the intention of bringing the community together. Although their philanthropy is CPR awareness, the president plans on creating more events geared toward a younger demographic.

Their main event for this year is the

**"We actually care about the well being of the community and the well being of ourselves."**  
— Francisco Rodriguez

and the well-being of ourselves." Rodriguez says that his fraternity is quite the opposite of stereotypical fraternities. Beta members are held more accountable because they are held to higher standards in order to meet their goals.

Their goal for this year?

"I hope to re-obtain our Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award, which our headquarters gives out every two years, that we won two years ago. We have to meet various requirements such as putting on a certain number of events, reaching a certain GPA and finishing community service hours to achieve the Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award," the Beta president said.

As president, Rodriguez also hopes to help members achieve their ultimate goals. Members, he says, are held more responsible because their actions affect the organization as a whole. Academic success and maintaining a respectable public image

Beta Man Conference, where middle school students from all over the area are invited to campus. "We are in the works of planning an event that incorporates families from around the area and educating them on the importance of sending their children to college. We want to let them know that it's never too early to start thinking about college."

Rodriguez hopes that being a member of the organization will help him in his future endeavors.

"I feel that being a member of my frat will help me achieve my goals by first and foremost helping me graduate in good academic standards. I plan on taking advantage of our networking opportunities, which will hopefully get me on track to my dream career," Rodriguez says networking with alumni will help shine light on the hidden job market.

Rodriguez is a business administration major with an emphasis on accounting,



Photo by Yracema Rivas

**Francisco Rodriguez says that differing from other students is an attribute that helped him secure his position within his fraternity. "I'm an extrovert while also being an introvert because I can lead but I can also follow. I'm not afraid to get out of my comfort zone if it helps me grow as a person."**

and is greatly inspired by his favorite movie, "The Wolf of Wall Street," the story of a young successful businessman in the investing world, who started with little and grew to be one of the most successful investment bankers in the world.

"And he had a hot wife," Rodriguez said.

In his leisure, Rodriguez enjoys working out in order to live a balanced lifestyle. As an avid runner, he participated in both cross-country and track for the majority of his time at Lexington High School.

"I like to be mentally, physically, an emotionally strong. [Working out] is also a stress reliever."

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He said his favorite thing about his fraternity is the brotherhood.

"For example, if an obstacle presents itself in your life, be it homework, family business, managing emotions, etc., you know your brothers will help you get through that obstacle," he said.



NIZAR KHAYAT

Brotherhood is one of the principles the fraternity stands for. Khayat said, "I am looking forward to the change that is about to happen in Sigma Lambda

Beta International Fraternity, Inc. From getting more involved around campus to academically excelling, change is coming."

President Rodriguez said the brotherhood aspect was definitely his favorite part about SLB. "I love being able to go out of town and meet up with brothers I have never met and have an instant connection. If I ever need anything, I can rely on any of my brothers, and they will do whatever is in their power to help."

Rodriguez wants the public to know that Greeks are not all about 'partying'. Greeks also take pride in and enjoy helping the community. "As SLB, we strive to help not only brothers grow and excel, but also other non-Greek students," he said.

Sigma Lambda Beta's biggest philanthropic event this year will be their CPR awareness event that is still in the planning process. They hope to raise awareness of the importance of knowing CPR.

More information about their events can be found on their Facebook page, Sigma Lambda Beta - The KraZy Zeta Gamma Chapter, and at their Twitter handle @KraZyUNKbetas.

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# LOPER LUNCHEON FANS GET SCOOP

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Many Kearney community members showed their support for UNK athletics attending the Loper Luncheon Thursday, Sept. 24 in the Health and Sports Center. As they ate the Runza lunch, the crowd heard from multiple head coaches as they recapped their seasons thus far and discussed goals for the future.



“There is no place I would rather be than here at UNK.”

— Josh Lamberson

Head football coach/Offensive Coordinator of the UNK Loper football team.

John Maessner, head coach of the women's soccer team spoke first. He assured the crowd that the team was ready for the weekend. Maessner commended many players on the team for the hard work and talent displayed so far this season. One player in particular was Meaghan Pasbrig, a senior from Chandler, Arizona. Maessner said, “Meaghan is playing the best she's ever played this year.”

Maessner continued saying the soccer program continues to grow noting the time it takes to accomplish long-range goals. He said, “The UNK athletic program is going in the right direction.”

The Lady Lopers were looking forward to a busy weekend with Missouri Southern State University on Friday and Southwest Baptist University on Sunday.

The next coach to speak was the head coach of Men and Women's Cross Country, Brady Bonsall. Coach Bonsall



Photos by Ellen Laird

1) The Lopers come together to beat the Southwest Baptist Bearcats Sunday. The girls kept the pressure on the first half to have a rewarding last minute goal before halftime. Keeping the Bearcats from finding the back of the goal, the Lopers won 1-0. Their next game is Friday, Oct. 2 at 1:00 pm against Central Missouri.

2 & 3) No. 28 Meaghan Pasbrig and 10 Marika Van Brocklin work hard move the ball in the first half. Both girls are forwards, Pasbrig a 5'6" senior and Brocklin a 5'6" sophomore.



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It was my first time participating in the parade; I could not believe how many entries they had. It was great to see how excited people of all ages were, coming together to watch it.

Following the parade, the Loper football team competed against

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began by discussing the men's team second place finish in Joplin, Missouri. He also discussed the upcoming high school meet that the Lopers will be hosting.

Bonsall said, "This meet doesn't only give us the chance to recruit runners to our team, but it draws prospective students to UNK's campus." He continued, discussing the next competition, the KU Rim Rock Classic in Lawrence, Kansas on Oct. 3. Bonsall said the competition at this meet will be very high.

Rick Squiers, head coach of the 14th ranked UNK Volleyball team began by commending some outstanding student-athletes on his team. The first was Kaitelynn Thomas, a freshman from Yutan.

Squiers applauded Thomas for being a Regent's scholar, currently leading the team in kills, and being the tournament MVP at the Runza Fall Classic.

Next was Tara Ziegelbein, a sophomore from Lincoln, who is the team's leading blocker this year with 31 blocks. Squiers said, "She is doing big things for us this year."

Squiers recalled many of the games the team has played thus far, including the "big road win" against Fort Hays State. Squiers said that this first part of the MIAA schedule is very challenging: "Playing in the Central region is a daunting challenge," Squiers said. "I really like the mentality of our team." Next, the Lopers will take on Washburn and Emporia, both on the road. Their next home match will be Oct. 6 where they will battle with Fort Hays State again.

Along with sharing the scoop about the team this year, Squiers also acknowledged an alumni volleyball player who will be going into the Hall of Fame, Erin Arnold. She will be recognized at the home volleyball game

the University of Central Missouri. Although the team fought hard and showed much promise, the Lopers fell to the Mules hard 7-38. At halftime, the Gamma Phi Beta/Phi Gamma Delta/Beta/Lambda team was announced the overall winner of the week-long

homecoming competition.

As you can tell, it was a great week to be a Loper. A big thank you from me goes out to all of those students, staff, members of the community and beyond who helped make this Homecoming week such a success.



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**Dillon Loschen, a senior from Columbus majoring in exercise science (left), Jake Spies, a senior from Mullen majoring in agribusiness (middle), and Tyke Kozeal, a junior health and P.E. major from Sargent were all in attendance at the Loper Luncheon. All three are captains on the UNK football team.**

on Oct. 6. Squiers described her as, "The absolute epitome of a great student athlete."

The last coach to speak was Josh Lamberson, head coach and offensive coordinator of the UNK Football team. To begin with, coach Lamberson introduced three of the teams captains who were in attendance, Tyke Kozeal, a junior from Sargent, Jake Spies, a senior from Mullen, and Dillon Loschen, a senior from Columbus. Coach Lamberson continued by discussing the season thus far.

He said that the team's defense is in great shape, but "Offensively we still need to find our footing." He continued saying, "We have no excuses. We are going to roll up our sleeves and get better." Lamberson said the team was really excited to play at home again. He finished his speech by saying, "There is

no place I would rather be than here at UNK."

Along with the coaches speaking, some other announcements were made as well. One announcement being the Lopers of the week, Ellie McDonald, a freshman on the volleyball team and Alex Obermier, a senior on the men's cross country team. Also, the community also has a chance to meet the UNK basketball teams and tour the new renovated locker rooms on Oct. 15. The next Loper Luncheon will be held on Oct. 8.

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Loper Luncheons are typically two Thursdays a month. Runza hosts.

Cost of \$6 includes lunch, raffle ticket

**CLARK** from page 4

After earning his undergrad at UNL, Clark spent a good part of 15 years on the radio and television.

"I did everything. I've done morning shows, I've done after noon drives, I've done sports and news; I have done all of it. Commercials, I wrote them, produced them," he said. Though he loves teaching and thinks he will stay behind the desk, he does miss the radio and would to go back a time or two.

"I loved being able to express myself and just have fun talking and knowing I was talking to a lot of people just like they were all my old friends," Clark said.

UNK is not his first teaching job, but he says he has the greatest amount of responsibility here.

"I taught at a high school outside of Muncie, Ind., then I also taught at a high school here in Nebraska called Tecumseh, and then I taught at UNL and now I am here in my first year," he said.

When asked his favorite memory of being behind the mic, he was quick to respond.

"Broadcasting the Junior College National Tournament for basketball with a team that had a chance to win it all but really just ran out of gas. They really were a fantastic team, it was just fun to go to nationals and see guys who went on to play at major colleges," says Clark. That team that he is talking about is Western Nebraska Community College, where he was their radioman all year.

He said he really enjoyed that because when he was a college student studying Broadcast Journalism at UNL, he wanted to call sporting events for any college.

In all of Clark's new adventures and destinations he brings his family along for the ride.

He says he has wife Jennifer, who he has been married to for 25 years, 21-year-old daughter Madeline, who is expecting my first grandchild, a son Michael is 18 who is currently a freshman at the University of Nebraska Lincoln, and my youngest daughter Grace is 14 and she is a freshman at Kearney High," he said.





Photo by David Mueller

In spring track, Benesch competes and holds the school record in the steeplechase, a long-distance event that requires hurdling barriers, including a water pit. The women's steeplechase was first introduced to the Olympics in 2008.

## ABOUT MORGAN:

Class: Junior  
Major: Pre-med (biology)  
Hometown: Columbus

Junior Morgan Benesch has picked up where she left off. After claiming the top running position for the Loper Cross-Country team last fall, she continues to thrive.

Benesch, a pre-med major, is also a two-time recipient of MIAA academic honors. The Columbus native is also affiliated with track and field, where she holds the UNK record for the steeplechase.

In the Loper's first two meets, Benesch has recorded a first place finish and a tenth place finish in the 5K.

Benesch was the lopers.com Loper of the Week Sept. 7 after leaving competitors in dust with a 19:11 5K at the Bearcat Open. Second place came in at 19:54.

## [LOPER OF THE WEEK]

*Early on Morgan Benesch's parents had to limit her laps on the track across the street every day because she was so little*

# Runner finds her *pace*

DAVID MUELLER

Sports Editor

### ■ Q: What do you enjoy most about running?

A: That's a hard question because I enjoy the challenge of running – like the mental aspect. Even on days when you don't want to go and run necessarily, I enjoy the challenge that it presents every day. Whether it is weather related or emotionally related, I think there's always a new aspect to it.

### ■ Q: How long have you been running competitively?

A: I believe my first road race was when I was in third grade. So I started really young. It's funny, when I was young I lived across from a track, and my parents used to limit the amount of laps I could run on the track every day because I was so little. I started competing at a young age, and always found it to be really fun and something new.

### ■ Q: How did you choose UNK?

A: I really liked Kearney as a town. I grew up in Columbus, which is also a smaller town. So I didn't want to go to a big school, because I didn't want to get lost in the crowd necessarily. So I found that Kearney was a good school in general, which is what I looked at first more than anything besides running. It fit good as a school, and it fit good with my major, and it just happened to fall into a great track program with a great coach.

### ■ Q: What has your experience been like thus far with the Lopers?

A: I really enjoy running for UNK. I think it's been a really good transition from high school to college. I came from a pretty successful high school program, so to transition to a program that has been successful at UNK has been nice. Coach [Brady] Bonsall does a great job of figuring out workout programs that are fit for the individual, and setting you up for success. That has been a big thing – to have a coach that is really there to motivate you, and push you.

### ■ Q: What has been your most memorable moment athletically at UNK?

A: Doing steeplechase. I had never done that in high school, so it was brand new to me my freshman year — just the challenge of starting that new race, and how much I've improved in it since my freshman year.

### ■ Q: What do you hope to accomplish in the remainder of the season?

A: I would hopefully make it to nationals, which is not an easy task to do. We have a really young team this year, but we also have a lot of talent on the team. Over half the team is competing for the first time in cross-country. We had a lot of red shirts last year. We've had a good start, but hopefully looking to improve by making it as a team to nationals. That would be amazing.

### ■ Q: Do you have any unusual pre-race rituals?

A: Not really. I used to be really superstitious in high school, but I kind of lost all of that. I don't really do anything that's out of the norm.

### ■ Q: What kind of challenges do you face being a two-sport student-athlete?

A: It definitely is very time consuming. Obviously, just as anything you partake in college can take a lot of time. So finding the balance between academics and being an athlete is a huge challenge. It's something that you have to stay on top of in both to be successful in both. You have to really balance your time, and have good time management skills. Which is something that I think I've improved on since my freshman year.

### ■ Q: What do you enjoy doing with your free time?

A: I'm also a part of Gamma Phi Beta, so I enjoy just going over to the house, hanging out with friends, and watching movies.

### ■ Q: Where do you see yourself after graduation?

A: My major is pre-med, so hopefully I will go on to medical school in the hopes of becoming a pediatrician someday. That's kind of my goal right now. It's a little ways a way, but I'm still thinking about it.