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# New law cracks down on texting and driving

BY ERIK DODGE  
Senior Reporter

Drivers who text behind the wheel should take notice— and not just because of the potential \$200 fine implemented by LB945, according to Buffalo County Attorney Shawn Eatherton. You can be fined up to \$500 for subsequent offenses and lose points against your license for texting and driving.

Eatherton warns drivers, “You can talk on your phone, but the texting and those types of things can get you in trouble. But more importantly one thing we don’t want to have is somebody get into an accident and get injured or killed.”

Distracted driving can mean taking your eyes off the road, taking your hands off the wheel or taking your mind off what you are doing. Texting is particularly troubling because it involves all three.

Of the 2009 distracted driving fatalities, 995 were attributed to cell phone distractions and drivers under 20 had the

highest proportion of distracted driving according to the Traffic Safety Facts.

LB945, passed April 13 by the State Legislature prohibits texting of any kind: “...no person shall use a handheld wireless communication device to read, manually type or send a written communication while operating a motor vehicle which is in motion.”

This does not apply to a person operating a motor vehicle in an emergency, according to the bill.

Fines for violating this law are \$200 for the first offense, \$300 for the second and \$500 for all subsequent offenses.

Eatherton said that the loss of points is the most serious penalty for a violation. “For each time you’re convicted, it will access three points against your license,

which has major impact on whether you can drive at all, and it certainly has a major impact on insurance rates.”

Accumulating 12 points in a two-year period causes automatic revocation of the operator’s license for six months.

Drivers cannot be pulled over for texting, because the law makes the citation a secondary action, meaning the person must first be cited and pulled over for another offense.

Still Eatherton says texting can lead to more serious violations. “If somebody gets into an accident or puts people in danger, they still could be prosecuted for careless or reckless driving, which are very serious offenses. A conviction for reckless driving assesses five points to the driver’s license and careless driving assesses four.



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## UP 'TIL DAWN

Photo by Lyndsey Luxford  
From left, Kara Crawford, a senior family studies major from North Platte, Jordan Higgins, a junior nursing major from Papillion and Justin Bendler, a junior radiography major from Eustis, volunteer their time to promote the upcoming St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital Up ‘til Dawn event. The third annual UNK event is scheduled for 6-11 p.m. Oct. 11 in the Ponderosa Room of the student union. “This year’s goal is to raise \$100,000. We really want to get everybody involved to benefit this important cause,” Crawford said. Students are entered to win prizes for every 50 letters they write to family and friends asking them to donate money to St. Jude.

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# Gonzales wants 30 students on bus to Lincoln Oct. 8

BY ERIK DODGE  
Senior Reporter

Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale and Student Senate Speaker Jordan Gonzales want you to vote, and they are willing to drive you to Lincoln and buy you lunch to make it happen.

The 2010 Nebraska Civic Engagement Symposium "Democracy in a New Millennium" will be held on Oct. 8. Gale and the Secretary of State's College Student Advisory Committee coordinated the nonpartisan event. Gonzales is a member of the advisory committee.

"We want to encourage the students to be active citizens at all levels," Gale said in a press release. "This includes voting, performing community service, becoming community leaders and holding public office."

The Secretary of State will be chartering a bus for 30 UNK students to attend the event according to Gonzales. The event will open with a luncheon at the Nebraska Club on the 20th floor of the U.S. Bank Building in Lincoln, and the symposium will be held in the Warner Chamber on the second floor of the Nebraska State Capitol building. It aims to get more students to the polls for the Nov. 2 general elections.

Midterm elections, like the one this year, occur in years there is no presidential election and tend to have lower turnout rates. Gonzales said it is trou-



Photo by Erik Dodge  
Jordan Gonzales is part of The Secretary of State's College Student Advisory Committee. The committee and Secretary of State John Gale coordinated a Civic Engagement Symposium to encourage college students to vote in the Nov. 2 general elections.

bling that most of Nebraska's state and county elections occur during midterm elections when voter turnout is low.

Nebraska's three members of the House of Representatives, governor, treasurer, Board of Regents members and other state officers will be up for election according to the 2010 candidate list on Nebraska government website.

University of Nebraska President J.B. Milliken will give the keynote address at the luncheon. Gale, Nebraska

## RESERVE YOUR SEAT

Students who wish to attend the symposium need to reserve a seat by calling Gonzales at (308) 631-8591.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Mike Heavican, State Auditor Mike Foley and Clerk of the Legislature Patrick O'Donnell will also speak at the symposium. A panel of Nebraska senators including Colby Coash, Brenda Council, Tony Fulton and Amanda McGill will follow the speakers and allow students an opportunity to ask questions.

Students can ask what it is like to be a state legislator, how legislators handle lobbyists, whether senators like campaigning or anything else in a no holds barred question and answer setting, according to Gonzales.

"It will provide students with a very unique opportunity to see what officials like and do not like about their jobs," he said.

Gale hopes the symposium will lead students to encourage their peers to vote. "In the past, students have complained that they don't have a voice or that their voices aren't heard," Gale said. "But we hope with student-to-student encouragement that their voices will be heard through their voting."

## THE QUEST FOR THE HOLY GRAIL

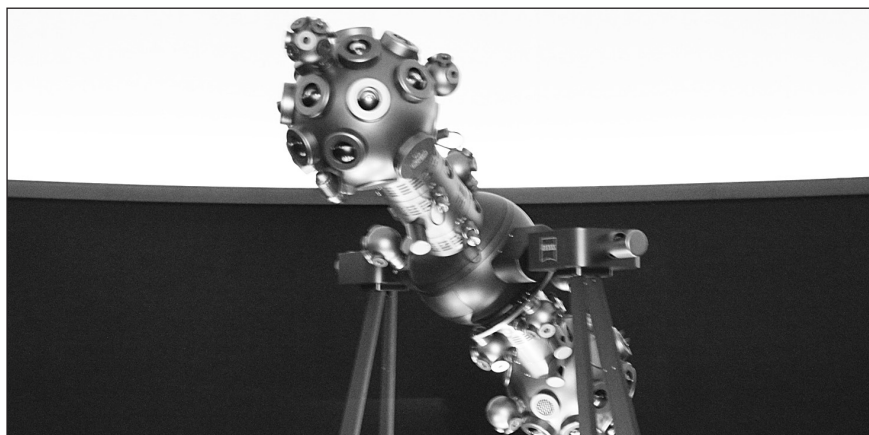


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The UNK Planetarium show called "The Search for New Earths" will begin at 7 p.m. on Oct. 1. The show will focus on NASA's current mission, Kepler. The goal of the mission is to find the Holy Grail of planetary science. The tickets will be handed out at the door on a first come basis, and tickets are limited. Another show will be presented at 8 p.m. if the first show is sold out. All shows are free, but canned foods will be accepted as a donation to the local food pantry.

## Sudoku answer:

Upside down, from page 7

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# Honors Program climbs to record-setting enrollment

## 166 freshman settle into remodeled digs

**BY MEGAN BLUME**  
Antelope Staff

The UNK Honors Program is bursting at the seams with a slew of new freshmen, but nobody's complaining here. The record-setting enrollment was set by the 166 freshmen, who will join the Honors Program this fall.

"Last year we had 145 freshmen in the Honors Program, and before that we had averaged 135 Honors freshmen per year," said Dr. Gary Davis, UNK Honors Program director. "The 166 students is the largest freshmen class ever for the Honors Program since it began in 1980."

According to Davis, incoming freshmen students must have a minimum ACT composite score of 26, be in the top 25 percent of their senior class and complete an application form to be accepted to the Honors Program. Currently enrolled UNK students must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and complete an application form.

The Honors Program has more than new freshmen, but a new place to house them. Newly renovated Men's Hall is now an all-honors residence hall. Honors students were housed in Stout Hall before Men's Hall renovations were completed.

"Men's Hall can house up to 128 students, whereas Stout only housed 75 students," Davis said. "By housing all the Honors students together we are creating community, building stronger bonds and friendships within the Honors Program."

Mark Grimes, from Raymond, graduated from UNK in May with a bachelor's degree in political science. He is now in his first year at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law but has fond memories of the program. "I lived in Stout Hall my sophomore year with the other Honors students," Grimes said. "There was special camaraderie among Honors students, and the environment was conducive to learning."

Becky Berven, a junior elementary education major from Grand Island has been in the Honors Program for three years. She was a Community Advisor for Honors students in Stout Hall her sophomore year and is now a Community Advisor in Men's Hall.

"Having the Honors students under one roof is great way to create connections," Berven said. "A lot of the freshmen cling together in any hall just because they have that in common. When all the Honors students live in the same place that just



*Photo by Debbie Epping*

From left, Nebraska senators, Tom Hansen, Dennis Utter and Tom Carlson tour the newly renovated Men's Hall. Honors Program students, including sophomore, Taylor Franzen, say Men's Hall is a drastic improvement to Honors Program housing. UNK's new deans, Dr. Joe Oravec, dean of student affairs, and Dr. John LaDuke, dean of natural and social sciences, gave the senators a tour of recently renovated buildings at UNK to show how funds have been utilized.



**"More people are wanting to come to college to pursue their future careers. The Honors Program is a good way to make your resume stand out."**

Taylor Franzen, sophomore Agri business major, Wallace

creates another thing we have in common," she said. "It also helps the freshmen meet upperclassmen and ask any questions they have about the Honors Program or general topics."

The Honors Program can offer many opportunities and benefits to students who are in the program including early class registration, two academic advisors and international exchange programs.

"The Honors Program gave me a lot of opportunities, including the chance to go to Europe for a semester," Grimes said. "I was the first UNK student to attend Roosevelt Academy in the Netherlands,



**"The Honors Program has provided a community atmosphere where I could succeed. It**

**puts like-minded people together in the same environment, so they can strive to do their best."**

Scott Seeba, graduate student Student affairs and counseling, Bellevue

and I was sent through the UNK Honors Exchange Program."

Students in the program take Honors courses and complete senior projects in their field of study. "The Honors classes have the same qualities as other classes, but the quality of the students in the classes made the learning environment better," Grimes said. "The students took the work

### DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE HONORS PROGRAM?

Admission to the Honors Program at UNK is by invitation only. Students are selected based on outstanding academic and creative accomplishments and a proven record of leadership. The minimum qualifications required for the Honors Program are:

► First-time freshmen: an ACT score of 26 and above, a high school transcript that ranks them in the top 25 percent of their class, a written essay, and two academic letters of recommendation.

► Current students: 12 completed credits hours, a grade point average of at least 3.5, a written essay, and a successful interview with the Honors Program Committee.

Information from [www.unk.edu/honors](http://www.unk.edu/honors)



Photo by Kevin Whetstone

Marissa Niday, a sophomore business administration major from Fremont, returns the ball to her team during play. Niday led the RMAC last year with 158 saves.

## Goalie Niday battles hard with saves

BY DREW HOSELTON  
Antelope Sports Staff

Marissa Niday, a sophomore business administration major from Fremont, is hopeful that in her team's second season, they will be able to build a solid foundation for success.

Goalie Niday might be on to something as the Loper women's soccer team has soared to a great start in the 2010 season. The Lopers are currently 5-3.

In the program's inaugural season, Niday, played 18 games as a freshman, starting in 17 of them logging a total of 1,620 minutes.

Although the team struggled throughout the year, Niday posted some impressive numbers with an RMAC leading 158 saves and a career high 18 saves against Colorado-Colorado Springs.

Not only is Niday active on the field, she is also highly involved in organizations on campus. Niday is currently president of the Society for Human Resource Management and a member of both Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society and Lopermates. She also participates in intramurals.

### Q. What is the toughest part about being a goalkeeper?

A. The pressure you have to deal with. You are the last line of defense, and there is a lot on your shoulders to make the save. One tiny mistake or mental lapse can result in a goal for the other team.

### Q. Why is your passion in the goalkeeper position?

A. My coach put me in goal when I was in middle school, and I have been playing there ever since. I am a defensive-minded person, so goalkeeper is where I am most comfortable and feel I can contribute the most. Defense has always been my strength in sports. That's why I love playing goalkeeper.

### Q. What are your strengths and weaknesses?

A. My biggest weaknesses are taking goal kicks and controlling the ball at my feet. I worked on these weaknesses throughout the summer to become a better all-around goalkeeper. My biggest strength is my work ethic. I always work hard and give the extra effort to make myself—and the team—better. I feel I have also become a more vocal leader this year as far as organizing and commanding the field players.

### Q. What gets your adrenaline going in a game?

A. My adrenaline seems to always be pumping when I'm in the goal, especially when I make an amazing save and especially when it is a close game. I am pretty intense on the field and really get into the flow of the game, so once the game starts I am pumped and ready to play.

### Q. Do you have any pre-game rituals?

A. I have several pre-game rituals that I like to do before we take the field. I have to listen to my iPod before every game, because it gets me relaxed and pumped up. I always sit in the same exact chair in the locker room before our home games, and I always check the stands to make sure my mom is there—because she is my biggest fan.

### Q. What do you hope to accomplish while playing soccer at UNK?

A. I hope to contribute to the UNK soccer program for all four years while at UNK—not only help establish a winning tradition, but a team tradition that the soccer program can carry for many years to come. I hope to make it to the RMAC Conference Tournament every year, and of course bringing a national championship to UNK would be the greatest accomplishment of them all!

# UCCS gets served



Photo by Ryan Seefus

Katie Sokolowski (left) and Jeri Walkowiak (right) block a Mountain Lion attack last Friday night. The Lopers blocked UCCS a total of seven times for the match.

## Effective serving ignites Lopers

BY RYAN SEEFUS  
Antelope Sports Staff

Coming off a tough loss to nationally ranked Wayne State College, the Loper women's volleyball team came out a little tight against the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Mountain Lions on Friday night. The Lopers started off the match with three unforced errors and had problems serve receiving.

"It was not the way we wanted to start but we battled, got over the hump and then we were able to do some good things," head volleyball coach Rick Squiers said.

The catalyst that helped the Lopers "get over the hump" came in the form of Setera Michaels's serving game.

"Setera had long service runs. She has that tough jump-float serve that she is very accurate with, and then she is able to play good defense after she serves," Squiers said.

Michaels had eight straight services in the middle of the first set while recording one service ace. Her well-placed float serves put the Mountain Lions on their heels and allowed the Lopers to get better attacks on offense.

"Good serving in general, and hers in particular, applies pressure on your opponent. And even if they make a good pass, I think it wears on them over time," Squiers said.

Michaels's serving created weaker attacks by UCCS to help peak UNK's defense.

"We got really stingy defensively. Even when we didn't get a block, we got a block touch that allowed us to dig it and turn around

and get points," Squiers said.

The Lopers were able to come from behind and win the first set, 25-19. By the time the second set began, UNK had hit their stride. Good serve receiving and passes to senior setter Cola Svec allowed the offense to get into rhythm.

"Once Jeri (Walkowiak) got it cranked up offensively, she's the type of player who even though she might only get 10 or 12 kills, she helps you get a dozen more because she is drawing so much attention that other hitters are hitting against single blocks," Squiers said.

In the first set, the Mountain Lions came out with a pep in their step and lots of 'hoots' and 'hollers,' but the Lopers didn't allow that in the final two sets.

"I think we were able to get early leads in the second two sets and take away a lot of their enthusiasm," Squiers said.

It was the same story in the second set. Michaels was once again able to use her serving skills to get UCCS off their game. Michaels had seven services in a row to put the Lopers out in front of the Mountain Lions.

Meanwhile, the Loper front row was attacking the Mountain Lions. "We stayed aggressive and did what we had to do," setter Svec said.

Coach Squiers was pleased with how efficiently his team played in the final two sets. "We didn't make many unforced errors," he said.

UNK went on to win the second set easily by a score of 25-8 and finished off the Mountain Lions by a score of 25-15 in the third and final set.

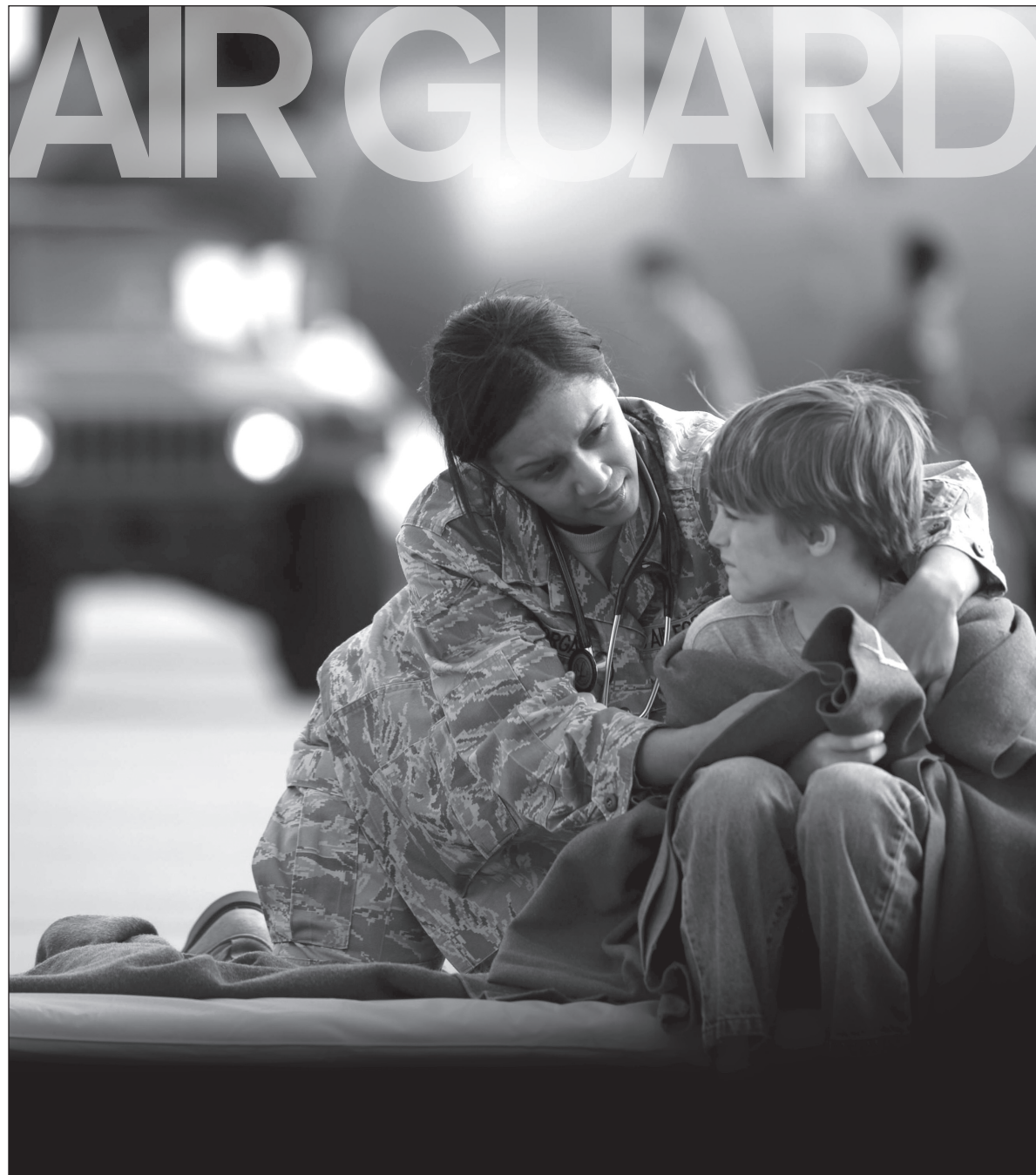


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Setera Michaels got the Mountain Lions out of sync with her jump-float serve against UCCS on Friday night. She was able to record a team-high three service aces to help UNK win over UCCS.

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# Wildlife enthusiast Lott evolves as author, writes for love of people

*Author of Oprah Book Club pick speaks at UNK, reads from work*

BY REBECCA MCMICKELL  
Antelope Staff

After changing majors four times as a college student, Bret Lott joined a list of renowned novelists as the author of an Oprah Book Club pick.

Lott read from his best-selling work Sept. 16 in a free campus event to benefit the Associated Writing Programs national networking organization.

Although Lott originally had hopes for a career in forestry, he is now the author of 12 books, with a 13th in the works. He is also a professor of English at the College of Charleston in Charleston, S.C.

Lott said that while he was an avid reader as a kid, he never thought he wanted to be a writer. Originally from Los Angeles, Lott started his college career in forestry at the University of Arizona in Flagstaff. He became discouraged when he saw that forestry school was less about nature and more about logging companies. From there, he went to California State University at Long Beach to study marine biology, but a bad grade in a physics class put a damper on those plans.

"I quit school and became an RC Cola salesman," Lott said. After selling cola for a short time, he went back to school and majored in education before an influential teacher in a creative writing class made him rethink. He eventually earned a degree in English.

Lott said that since becoming a writer, he has realized what it means to be an author.

"I finally realized that being an author is not about me writing about characters, it's about the characters. I write out of love for these people."

He said the novel chosen for the Oprah Book Club, "Jewel," is roughly based on the life and times of his grandmother.

His latest work, tentatively titled "Dead Low Tide," is the sequel to his eighth book, "The Hunt Club" which is a mystery thriller. Lott has dabbled in nearly every genre of writing and has written a memoir, "Fathers, Sons, and Brothers," as well as a writing guide called "Before

## A LOOK AT LOTT

► Bret Lott's 1991 novel "Jewel" was selected for the Oprah Book Club in 1999.

► The book was ranked the 1,069,713th best-selling book, but jumped to No. 1 the day after he landed on Oprah.

► Lott studied forestry, marine biology and education and also worked as an RC Cola salesman before earning a degree in English and becoming a writer.

► Lott writes everything from memoir to mystery.



BRET LOTT

We Get Started."

Lott was one of several writers to visit UNK in September. Fred Arroyo, named one of the top ten new Latino authors, spoke on Sept. 14, and U.S. poet Laureate from 2001-2006 Billy Collins spoke on Sept. 27.

The Reynolds Series continues at 8 p.m. Oct. 21 with award-winning poet, Jon Davis, in the Choral Room of the Fine Arts Building. UNK's own Reynolds Scholars will present their work at 3 p.m. on Nov. 11 in the Choral Room, and Pulitzer Prize winner Natasha Trethewey will read at 8 p.m. Nov. 18 in the Recital Hall of the Fine Arts Building.



Courtesy Photo

UNK's Phi Delta Theta Chapter was chartered in 1966 and boasted nearly 1,000 members throughout its 39-year reign. Steve Curtright is working toward bringing the fraternity back to UNK.

# Phi Delt expands

## Fraternity makes a comeback

BY KAITLIN DOTY  
Antelope Staff

Steve Curtright is tapping his heels three times to bring Phi Delta Theta back home to UNK because "There is just no place like Nebraska."

Curtright, the son of a founding member of the 1966 Phi Delta Theta chapter at UNK, could be thinking the words of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe: "There is no past that we can bring back by longing for it. There is only an eternally new now that builds and creates itself out of the best as the past withdraws."

Phi Delta Theta was chartered in 1966 and was an active, on-campus fraternity that initiated nearly 1,000 members. For various reasons they lost their charter in 2005. Curtright, the current director of expansion for Phi Delta Theta, is currently working toward bringing Phi Delta Theta back to campus, because it was very successful during its time as an active chapter, winning 11 Gold Star awards from the Phi Delta Theta General Headquarters recognizing their excellence in chapter operations.

Also, two of the most recognized Phi Delta Theta chapters in the nation are in Nebraska— at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Creighton University.

Members of Phi Delta Theta across the nation recognize and look up to Nebraska Phi Delta Theta chapters, so Curtright feels that the presence of Phi Delta Theta in Nebraska should grow and become even stron-

ger by expanding another chapter to UNK.

In order to bring Phi Delta Theta back to UNK, Curtright must first gain approval from the Interfraternity Council to expand to campus. Once granted approval, the members of Phi Delta Theta General Headquarters will begin to seek out interest from men on campus. Once a group of men, also known as the founding fathers, are established, the men must work on gaining enough recognition to receive a charter.

Gaining a charter takes a lot of work and a hard foundation must be built.

"In order for a chapter to receive a charter they must pass all examinations, create and live up to academic standards, build programs covering all areas of chapter operations and develop a commitment to service and philanthropy," Curtright said. After everything has been passed, the expansion and installation is expected to take approximately two semesters.

According to Curtright, campus and Greek life will benefit from bringing Phi Delta Theta back to UNK. "Greek communities benefit greatly from all expansions, regardless of the fraternity. We like to see the Greek system grow by bringing in new chapters."

He said Phi Delta Theta has many resources and leadership styles that will contribute to UNK's Greek system.

Phi Delta Theta wants to bring in up-to-date and diverse views for Greeks, Curtright said, such as chapter operations and

# What do you think of the new texting while driving law?



Photo by Zoila Molina

**"I have done it before but I don't think it's good to do while driving. I think it's a good thing that the law was passed."**

Phoebe Gauthier  
Undecided major  
Kearney

**"The new law is a very good idea, although I don't think it's right that police officers and ambulance drivers can text... It doesn't make sense. I think they should get headsets or Blue Tooth devices."**

Kyle Mundil  
Freshman, Music major  
Winside



Photo by Jaycie Woslager

**"I think the new texting while driving law is good, because it could end up saving someone's life. I try to limit myself now. If there are other people in the car with me I do not do it."**

Laura Fritson  
Sophomore, Physical education major  
Minden



Photo by Danielle Meyer

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## Sudoku ★★☆☆☆

### How to play:

Sudoku is a placement puzzle. The aim of the puzzle is to enter a numeral from 1 through 9 in each cell of a grid. Each row, column and region must contain only one instance of each numeral. Completing the puzzle requires patience and logical ability. The puzzle initially became popular in Japan in 1986 and attained international popularity in 2005.

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Find answer on page 2

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## Honors Program from page 3

seriously. As a senior in the Honors Program I had to complete a senior project," he said. "I did an analysis of the government program 'Cash for Clunkers,' and my work was published in the UNK Undergraduate Research Journal."

The Honors Program has a very friendly and family feel. The students all know each other, have classes together, live in the same residence halls and attend the Honors events together. "As a an Honors student, I've had a lot experiences, because there have been so many weekends when people stick

around, and we watch a Husker game or hang out in a room and watch movies. We've even gotten 20-30 people together to play games like Apples to Apples or Catch Phrase. It's just fun!"

"There is a great esprit de corps among other Honors students and leadership from the Honors Student Advisory Board," Davis said.

"Before I graduated in May, I attended the spring Honors Banquet," Grimes said. "It was a way for the Honors Program to send us seniors off, and we received gifts and special recognition. As I was leaving UNK it was really

nice to know that more people than just my family were proud of me for what I accomplished at UNK."

The Honors Program welcomes the new freshmen to an existing "family" of Honors students. The 166 freshmen will join more than 550 current UNK Honors students.

"Freshmen should take advantage of the Honors Program opportunities. The ice cream socials are great places to meet people, and the exchange program with the Netherlands is great opportunity to study abroad," Grimes said.

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community involvement with events and philanthropies of all Greek chapters and contributing to other campus organizations.

Curtright is excited about bringing Phi Delta Theta back to UNK's campus. "I am most excited because my dad was a founding member of Phi Delta Theta at UNK when it was chartered in 1966. He loves to talk about his time at UNK and all his stories as an undergraduate member in the fraternity. Also, it's just so great to be in Nebraska. My travels have taken me to other universities in California to Boston to Florida and Washington. And those places are great, but to me there is just no place like Nebraska."



## Cupcake Shoppe offers delectable desserts

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Caramel Apple, Husker Soul, Tye Dye, Grasshopper and Venezuela.

All of these tasty delights, and more, are available at Cupcake Shoppe in downtown Kearney. The local business was opened to meet customer need, and their reputation is growing. They have even been invited to Food Network's "Cupcake Wars."

Cupcake Shoppe is the newest addition to the Outrageous Cakes family, located on 1923 Central Avenue.

"We had a lot of people who wanted something grab and go, and that's why we opened up this shop," said Heather Hascall, owner and cake artist of Outrageous Cakes and Cupcake Shoppe.

Outrageous Cakes has been a part of the pastry world for the last three years, but Hascall isn't new to the baking scene. She worked jobs throughout high school and col-

lege in bakeries and candy shops, and she attended college on an art scholarship, which helps in her cake designs.

"It's a lot of practice. It's no different than art stuff. It's just learning to manipulate the cake and the frosting and the different ingredients that we work with. It is a lot like sculptural art," Hascall said.

"We got into the business end of it because people starting finding out that you could do this and you can do that, and then people start calling you."

The shop's creative work is in high demand in the Kearney area. "We have always been really busy with the cakes—the wedding cakes and the sculptural cakes, those in particular book out a year or more," Hascall said.

Outrageous Cakes creates desserts for all events, from birthdays and retirements, to baby showers and graduations, but Hascall says weddings are her favorite.

"Weddings are a lot of fun for a couple reasons. First of all, you've got an excited couple coming in, and just watching their whole process of picking out flavors and

their designs and talking about their families," she said, "and then getting to finally see it all come together at the end because you know what you're creating. You have snip-its of this and that of what they're putting together for their wedding, but when you go to the reception to set it up and see it all done, that's pretty fun."

None of the cakes are started more than a week before the event, and depending on the size and detail of the cake, it can take that whole time.

"There will be weekends, when there is a large wedding or event, and it's got a lot of detail work, that will be the

### OUTRAGEOUS CAKES CUPCAKE SHOPPE

**Location:** 1923 Central Ave.

**Hours:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday

**Cost:** \$2.50 per cupcake or \$20 per dozen

**Specials:** From 2-3 p.m. the shoppe has a cupcake happy hour which offers \$2 cupcakes.



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Hascall says that while she likes making wedding cakes, she also enjoys the sculptural cakes as well. The challenge of getting it just right makes it fun, she says. Cupcake Shoppe features new cupcake flavors each week. Customers can find out each week by becoming a fan of Outrageous Cakes on Facebook, or following them on Twitter.



only event that we will be able to handle that week. And there will be weeks where there will be a lot of smaller and more simple designs, and we will do a couple," Hascall said.

Hascall runs Outrageous Cakes and the Cupcake Shoppe with her two sisters, husband, and 13-year-old daughter.

"My daughter likes making money, and she is very good at creative stuff, so sometimes when we need help with sculptural stuff, she'll come in and help me," Hascall said.

The Hascall Family's hard work has paid off, and has gained the attention of the Food Network show, "Cupcake Wars." "They called us just shortly after we opened up this shop, and of course it's fun that they called, but they were filming in September and October. We already had weddings booked, so there was no way that we could get out to do something like that right now," Hascall said.

In addition to being invited to air on a national television show, Outrageous Cakes plays a part in giving back to the community.

"We are going to be doing a lot of donations for the breast cancer Simply Pink event. We will be doing orders of truffles. We will probably create some special pink truffles for that," Hascall said.