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## From gridiron to recording studio



Photo by Jason Arens

Eli Hammond has become a household name for Loper football this year, but this man has a second alias with potential to become nationally known. Hammond's alter ego, *Acess*, just signed a trial contract with Well Connected Entertainment to further his rap career.

### *Loper football star discovered on MySpace by New York record label*

**BY JASON ARENS**

Antelope Staff

Oct. 17 while playing Western New Mexico, Loper wide receiver No. 14 hauled in a quick pass on the sideline that looked like a one-yard gain with two defenders quickly closing in on him. But with one quick juke, the receiver had one defender out-of-bounds on his back while speeding past the other for a 14-yard gain and good for a Loper first down.

Had this been the beginning of the year, fans might have been scrambling for

their printed roster to see who just made that electric play. But this redshirt sophomore has stepped onto the scene many times before in the season by taking advantage of his opportunities. The fans already know — It's Eli Hammond.

Hammond's strong work ethic and talent have earned him ample playing time for the 9-1 Loper squad. He is fourth on the team in receiving yards with 213 and tied for second on the team in receiving touchdowns with four.

## OkSOBERfest participants gulp down root beer, games, prizes

**BY JESSICA KENYON**

Antelope Staff

Kegs...of root beer— It sounds like a party. Throw in contests, prizes, pizza and hot wings, and you're set. UNK students started their Halloween celebration a night early in the student union on Oct. 30

OkSOBERfest, the annual event that includes Dance, Dance Revolution contests on a PS2, Guitar Hero contests, and free play on a PS3, Wii and projector was a major hit for the third year.

“It's great that students are able to have a safe night of fun with so many activities and your friends,” sophomore elementary education major Ashley Porter of Nelson said.

In the fall of 2003, members of Peer Health Education started Alcohol Free Night. Three years later, the Peer Health Educators (student volunteers who are part of the Department of Counseling & Health Care) wanted to change the name to something a little more fun, and that's when OkSOBERfest came about.

“While many students search for parties during Halloween weekend, most students find it comforting knowing they can do many of the same things at OkSOBERfest that they would at any other party, only it's safer here and without drinking here,” Porter said.

Friday night was also filled with karaoke, poker games, a costume contest and even a television game show.

“Fear Factor is our big, big event where we have four rounds: R1 edible puke, R2 real bugs that are seasoned, R3 tuna Twinkies and R4 a blended mystery of questionable mixed ingredients

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that smell bad," Health Education Coordinator Ismael Torres said. For the past two years Fear Factor has gathered an average of about 25 contestants willing to eat gross stuff for an iPod Nano.

"We've given things as big as a couple of Wiis in the past away, but this year we are sticking to iPod Nanos for surveys and Fear Factor, and an assortment of other prizes for the costume contest," Torres said.

UNK students can also get questions answered by the Kearney Police Department volunteers and take a sobriety test with several levels of beer goggles that distort balance.

OkSOBERfest really does take a year of preparation. "The Monday following OkSOBERfest, I walk over to the Nebraskan and reserve the date for the next year. Then that next week I talk with students and staff about changes that need to be made for the next year," Torres said.

In the early spring Torres starts to seek funds to help sponsor the event. The majority of funding for this event comes from the Buffalo County Community Health Partners. Academic Success and the Division of Student Affairs also provide funding, along with the Department of Counseling & Health Care and the event's volunteers.

"All of September and October is used to promote the event mainly through word of mouth as myself or Peer Educators give around 10 to 12 presentations promoting the event to other students," Torres said. OkSOBERfest is just a night of fun where students are exposed to games, music and friends without alcohol. UNK students and staff are given bracelets that give access to food, games and prizes and also allow the Peer Health Educators to keep track of attendance. This year over 300 UNK students and staff attended.



*Courtesy photo*

Emily Anderson, psychology and criminal justice major, can't help making a face during her Fear Factor eating competition. Fear Factor is one of the most popular activities at OkSOBERfest.

# United for a cause

## at first annual Women's Symposium



*Photos by Chevonne Forgey*

LEFT: Participants at the Women's Symposium pose with keynote speaker Dr. Grace Mims in their "unite" T-shirts. "Unite" was the main theme of the event. The symposium was co-sponsored by Panhellenic Council, Counseling and Health Care and the Women's Center.

RIGHT: Mims, an associate professor of counseling and psychology at UNK, presented "Mean Girls: When Friendship Hurts" Tuesday. "The purpose of the symposium is to unite women from different backgrounds, to converse about issues that affect us all," said Theresa Harrison, leader of the symposium's committee.



# Student Senate decides what's 'norml'

## Senators vote 'NO,' reject proposed group for marijuana law reform

BY ERIK DODGE  
Antelope Staff

The Student Senate's rejection of the proposed UNK National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) student organization's constitution has left many dazed and confused.

On Sept. 30 the UNK NORML constitution fell one vote short of the two-thirds majority required to approve a student organization. Some student senators voiced concern that having a NORML group on campus could reflect negatively on the campus, present a biased argument and promote illegal behavior. Others felt that the group met the criteria required in their constitution and deserves to be recognized as a student organization.

NORML was founded over 30 years ago. Their mission is to "move public opinion sufficiently to achieve the repeal of marijuana prohibition so that the responsible use of cannabis by adults is no longer subject to penalty," according to the organization's Web site: <http://norml.org/>.

NORML runs off of grass roots efforts such as the one sprouting up in Kearney. In order for the UNK NORML to be recognized by the national organization, they must first be approved by the university, according to the UNK NORML President Matt Cass.

Sophomore Student Sen. John Lawless, the chair of the constitutional review committee, believes the group's constitution meets all the required criteria and brought it in front of the Student Senate for a vote. "I don't think this should be a judgment call for me," Lawless said.

UNK NORML's presentation of their constitution was brief, and no questions were asked by the Senate. "The debate afterward was very heated," Student Sen. Matt Wecker said. "We had a really good debate, and people were thinking things through," Lawless said.

One main point in the debate was the message this vote would send to the community. "If we have an organization on campus promoting marijuana 99 percent to 1 percent, that doesn't look very good to the community," said Wecker, who voted against passing the constitution.

Lack of neutrality also created concern

### NORML MISSION STATEMENT

UNK NORML's mission is to educate the campus community, surrounding communities, and the state at large on the facts of marijuana. It is this organization's goal to educate the people on all facets of marijuana from its legal uses to its history, as well as the negative consequences that currently come with the plant and the negative consequences of prohibition.

This organization is also meant to be a collective voice for citizens who feel that prohibition of marijuana as it currently stands is excessive and unnecessary. This is made possible through NORML which is the largest marijuana lobbying firm in the nation."

for some senators. "The reason I voted it down was because the constitution did not say it would remain neutral," Wecker said. "If they were to weigh marijuana is really good for you or that sort of thing 99 percent of the time, and then only give side effects 1 percent, I don't think that's very fair."

However, some saw the issue of fairness in a different light. "I think it is unconstitutional for us to limit an opinion," Lawless said. "It is not necessarily our job to make sure they're unbiased. Everyone has their opinion, they all have a right to an opinion and we can't really limit that."

Concerns of the Student Senate did not stop at neutrality. "What they're saying should be reformed is possibly a gateway drug and illegal right now," Wecker said.

The UNK NORML's mission, as stated in their constitution, is to educate people "on all facets of marijuana from its legal uses to its history, as well as the negative consequences that currently come with the plant and the negative consequences of prohibition." NORML is also intended to serve as a collective voice for those who feel prohibition of marijuana is "excessive and unnecessary."

Despite the heated debate, student body President Cade Craig, who disagreed with the Senate's decision, said, "The Senate as a whole has done a great job, and I don't think this one situation changes that." Lawless added that such healthy debate was good for the student government and campus politics.

Cass, Craig and Wecker said that they think the constitution will pass when

### WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT THE VOTE



MATT CASS

"Students and faculty would love to have a forum for intelligent discussion of marijuana."

"Even though it might not be my opinion, everybody should have a chance to express their views."



CADE CRAIG



JOHN LAWLESS

"I think it's sketchy for us to fail them just because they deal with marijuana."

"There is an organization in a Colorado University that got their constitution...It was for 'marijuana is good', and we didn't want that. We want to take every precaution possible."



MATT WECKER

it is introduced on Tuesday, Nov. 3. UNK NORML has already received interest from nearly 300 students, and Cass plans to hold three meetings and one large event before the fall semester ends. Cass foresees UNK NORML holding forums with debates held between judges with police officers and NORML advocates along with other events. "You can expect a Frisbee golf tournament next spring," Cass said.

Lawless, who voted to approve the constitution, was less certain about NORML's chances. "My vote's not going to change," Lawless said, "but I can't predict the vote."

UNK NORML faculty advisor and political science professor Dr. Avilés believes that the group is worthwhile and should be approved.

"We have college Democrats, college Republicans and Amnesty International on campus. It seems to me that there have been a number of student groups since I've been here that, I have to imagine, are engaged in political advocacy of some sort. So I hope that doesn't prevent NORML from being approved," he said.



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# 'Up 'til Dawn' mails 15,000 letters

BY KIMBERLY GERDES  
Antelope Staff

Parents' worst nightmare is to have their child diagnosed with a life-altering illness. They panic and live in fear that they are going to lose their child, but they would never think that college students would be the ones to help support them in such a stressful time.

St. Jude's Up 'til Dawn program is a student-led, student-run philanthropic program on 385 campuses across the nation. Their motto "One night. One cause. Our campus." unites students from all areas of campus with the goal to end childhood cancer by helping raise awareness and support for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Last year close to 250 UNK students showed up and sent out 11,000 letters. Those 11,000 letters translated to raising just over \$40,000 for St. Jude. This year they almost doubled the number of students who participated, and those 500 students sent out 15,000 letters.

"We were absolutely blown away by last year's numbers, and our goal this year was very ambitious. We wanted to double the number of students participating," said Tracy Lungrin, Greek advisor and St. Jude Up 'til Dawn advisor.



Photo by Kimberly Gerdes

Sara Sindt, sophomore pre-nursing major from Alma, and Amy Hartigan, sophomore pre-nursing major from Omaha, bundle some of the 15,000 letters that were written during the Up 'til Dawn event. The number of letters sent rose from last year by 4,000.

"Students have enormous hearts. They just don't have the means to give monetary donations. What they can do is give their time," said Amy Kratochvil, junior political science major from Kearney and executive director of St. Jude Up 'til Dawn.

The letters students took time to fill out

and send to their friends and family talked about St. Jude's mission and explained the benefit that a one-time donation had on the students and people at St. Jude. "The idea is that more people will donate because they are being asked by someone special and connected to them, rather than just receiving a mailer from the hospital itself," Lungrin said.

The night also included speakers from Aidan's Angels. Selena Wardyn, aunt of a patient at St. Jude, from Grand Island and Au-

drey Lukasiewicz, grandmother of the same patient, from St. Paul spoke to students about one of the most tragic experiences that any parent or family could ever imagine going through.

They talked about how St. Jude has made the experience easier to deal with because of all that they do for their patients and families. They told the group present that they had not paid for anything that health insurance didn't cover and that Aidan was in the best hands as far as doctors and health practitioners go.

"Their presence and talk at our St. Jude event made the evening so much more meaningful and reiterated that we were not just raising money for kids around the world, we were helping to raise money for one of our very own local Kearney families and specifically a child of UNK alumni," Lungrin said. "I think our goal as a campus community should be to continue to grow this amazing campus-wide fundraiser."

The Up 'til Dawn Web site states the main focus of their efforts: "Students who write letters honor the patients of St. Jude who bravely fight cancer. With the money their campuses raise, these students help advance the mission of finding cures and saving children...so that patients can grow up and go to college, too."

To learn more about this event visit [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) and for more about Aidan's Angels visit the family blog at <http://aidenlukasiewicz.wordpress.com/>.

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# Lopers of the Week

**BY NATE BRITTON**  
Antelope Sports Staff

## Tyrone Hilton

Class: Senior

Major: Sports  
administration

Hometown:  
Miami, Fla.



*Courtesy photo*

**Q:** What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

**A:** When I have time to hang out, I might play some video games. I don't play a lot of games, mostly Madden NFL, which is a football game, or NBA 2K. I like the competition these games bring to the table.

**Q:** Favorite food, color, movie and actor?

**A:** Lasagna, red, "Friday" and Leonardo DiCaprio

**Q:** If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?

**A:** If I could live anywhere I want someday, I would choose Paris, France, because it would be nice to see what life is like in another country

**Q:** Favorite sport, college and pro football team?

**A:** Football, Miami Hurricanes, Pittsburgh Steelers

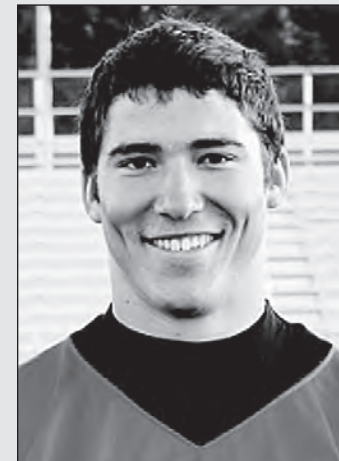
**Q:** Life motto?

**A:** "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." I try to remember this when things get tough, and so far it has worked for me.

**Q:** Favorite UNK memory?

**A:** I was put in a UNK football game for my first time and caught my first pass one-handed for 50 yards.

## Tyrone Hilton and Rustin Dring Football



**BY ABBY RICHTER**  
Antelope Sports Staff

## Rustin Dring

Class: Sophomore

Major: Industrial  
distribution

Hometown:  
Kearney

*Courtesy photo*

**Q:** Besides football, what do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

**A:** Spending time with family and friends

**Q:** What is your favorite: movie, color, song, T. V. show, band?

**A:** "The Notebook," hot pink, "ATC All Around the World," "Two and a Half Men," The Fray.

**Q:** What is one thing about yourself that you would consider unique?

**A:** I would have to consider my name unique because I have never met an individual with the same name as me.

**Q:** What is your favorite college football team? Pro team?

**A:** UNK Lopers, Minnesota Vikings

**Q:** What is your favorite quote?

**A:** "I hated every minute of training, but now looking back as a champion it was worth every second." Muhammad Ali

**Q:** What are your goals for the rest of the season?

**A:** I really want to win a conference championship and continue to play deep into the playoffs. That is the ultimate goal that we have been striving for all year. Personally, I would like to continue to have success and contribute to the team however I can to help us win a championship.

# Strong soccer team bonds keep Lopers up

**BY RACHAEL COCHRAN**  
Antelope Sports Staff

When you think fall, college students often think football and volleyball in Nebraska. This year at UNK, however, was different. Football had to move aside and share Foster Field with a new sport, women's soccer.

The team hosted a great season opener to Wayne State College. The ladies had

enough fans, 3,227 strong, to break the NCAA record for attendance of 2005 fans. Those record-breaking fans also witnessed the ladies' first win with a score of 2-1. That was when new soccer traditions were started.

"Before every game we all stand in a circle holding hands. Coach gives us a little time to think, pray or prepare our minds for the game, and then he asks, 'Are you ready?' and we scream, 'YES!' We do that

before every game now," Falls City junior Emma Kelly said.

Other new traditions included team captain bonfires, shopping trips and movie nights. These girls found ways to have a good time. "We have a blast hanging out together. On long road trips we watch movies all together, shop together between game days and go out to eat. We have each other and that makes it fun," Kelly said.

Even through a rough (1 - 18 - 1) sea-

son, the girls have learned to look on the bright side and focus on supporting each other. They are already starting preparations for next season.

"We have a lot of individual talent, and this season we have really been working on bringing it together. We still have a lot of growing to do, but it will get better. We are now just looking at where we can better our team for next year," Kelly said.

# You can't spell 'playoffs' without 'UNK'

**BY CLAYTON KUSH**  
Antelope Sports Staff

With last Saturday's 24-12 win over Colorado School of Mines, the UNK football team not only clinched a share of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Championship, but also climbed one step closer to securing themselves a spot in the Division II college football playoffs.

This could be the first playoff bid the Loper football team has received since the 2005 season, when they were upset by Pittsburg State 49-20 in the first round. Loper fans and players are hoping for a better outcome this time around as the team rolls into their last game of the season before the playoffs begin with a ton of confidence and great support.

The Lopers' seed in the Division II playoffs is determined by their position in the regional rankings. From four super regions that cover the entire country, the top six teams from each super region advance to the Division II playoffs in less than two weeks.

The top two seeds from these regions get a first round bye. The Lopers are currently ranked sixth in Super Region 3. It is still possible for UNK to get a home playoff game, but for that to happen, a few teams ahead of them in their Super Region would have to fall next weekend.

If nothing changes in the regional



Photo by Garrett Ritonya  
Players hold up an RMAC championship trophy Saturday after defeating the Colorado School of Mines 24-12. The Lopers, now seeded fourth in their region, are in a prime position to make their first postseason game since 2005, a loss to Pittsburg State out of Penn.

rankings in the final week of the season though, the Lopers would be set to face off against Hillsdale College in Michigan for the first round of the playoffs. A win there would propel the Lopers into a trip to the University of Minnesota-Duluth for a match up with the Bulldogs.

The talk of Division II playoffs is extremely exciting and new to many players and students here on campus. A large majority of the students at UNK were not here for the Lopers' last postseason appearance in 2005, so the excitement of having a football team that is playoff bound is a new, electrifying feeling.

Loper Legion leader Brent Wheaton has been working to get students out to the

games the entire year and is very satisfied with how the season has gone. "We've really had some big turnouts for the games, especially the UNO game, and the team hasn't disappointed," Wheaton said.

The Loper Legion gave thought to the idea that the team might make postseason play earlier in the season. One of the ideas considered was helping students travel to an away game if the Lopers have to play on the road in the first round. "We've been considering different options to help bring a lot of fans to support the Lopers if they have to travel for their first playoff game. It is something that is going to take a lot of planning to set up," Wheaton said.

This win and RMAC Championship means a great deal to the team as well as the fans. For most of these players a playoff birth is a new experience and one they are glad to get the chance to be a part of, especially for senior defensive end, Mason Brodine. "Clinching the RMAC Championship is a great feeling. It was one of our team's goals coming into the season, and it's fulfilling knowing that our hard work as a team propelled us into accomplishing this goal," Brodine said.

Despite their success, the Loper football team isn't quite satisfied yet. "It feels awesome to be in this position, but as a team we still have more goals to accomplish and will continue to look ahead to winning the next game, just like we've done all season," Brodine said.

What has been a magical season for the UNK football team gets to go on a little bit longer. The players and fans now gear up for the final regular season game of the year against Mesa State before finding out who and where the Lopers will play their first round playoff game.

For the Loper football team, this season has been all about getting better every week and reaching goals. In just a couple of weeks, the team embarks on a mission to reach their ultimate goal, which is to host the Division II national championship trophy over their heads in Florence, Ala.

## Antelope College Picks of the Week



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# The road may be long and winding



*but it  
will  
always  
lead  
you  
home*

*Photo courtesy of UNK Athletic Department*

**BY DAN LENZEN**  
Antelope Sports Staff

Before and after playing pro ball, for almost 40 years, Tom Kropp has contributed to UNK as a student athlete, an administrator and coach.

Kropp came to UNK from Aurora as a student athlete in 1971. With a dream to play professionally, Kropp chose to play both football and basketball thinking his best chance to get to the pro ranks would be through football.

"Basketball was my favorite sport, but I never thought I would go pro in it. I thought my best chance to play professionally was through football, so I chose to play both at Kearney State," Kropp said.

Kropp would eventually get drafted in both sports. In 1975, he was drafted in the eighth round of the NFL draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers as a linebacker. He was also

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**Tom Kropp**  
Co-head men's basketball coach

drafted in the third round of the NBA draft by the Washington Bullets and by the Denver Nuggets of the ABA.

Kropp chose to sign with the Bullets and played one year with the team before he was traded to the Chicago Bulls where he played for two years and one game before being released. After his release, Kropp then played in Belgium for four years, and that is where his playing days came to an end.

Kropp's favorite part of playing professional sports was the relationships he made with his teammates. "I really enjoyed my teammates and

the relationships I made. I made some great friends," Kropp said.

Unfortunately, during Kropp's playing days, the money that athletes made were far less than what professional athletes make today. "There is a huge difference in the sala-

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*Photo courtesy of UNK athletic department*  
**ABOVE:** Kropp coaches men's basketball team during a game.  
**LEFT:** Starting in 1971, Kropp played football at UNK.

# Scott's last stand

*Broken Bow senior prepares for final run of collegiate career*

**BY MATT IBERG**  
Antelope Sports Staff

UNK senior middle hitter Nikki Scott has just a few more matches to make an impression on a home crowd.

In truth, I highly doubt she needs those matches to impress her fans.

Scott, a three-time (soon to be four-time) letter winner for the fifth ranked Lopers (28-1, 17-0 RMAC) has achieved a flurry of awards throughout her career. She is a Division II All-American honorable mention, a two-time All-Regional selection, a member of the first team Academic All-RMAC, a member of the RMAC tournament team and has been named the RMAC Academic Player of the Year.

And those were just her first three years.

Already in 2009, Scott has been named to the Preseason All-Conference Team and the Academic All-Conference Team. In addition, she has again been named the Academic Player of the Year.

For Scott, this list of honors seems to have come and gone in a whirl. "My time here has been fast," Scott said. "It feels just like

yesterday I started two-a-days."

Scott leads the conference, and is fourth in the nation in hitting percentage with a .428. Essentially, when Scott touches the ball, half of the time, the result is a kill.

She is a large reason why the Lopers will host the 2009 RMAC Championship Tournament on Nov. 13, 14 and 15.

"Getting to host the tournament is a huge advantage," Scott said. "We have great fans, and we will have them on our side."

"Besides," Scott added, "the team that would have hosted is 10 hours away."

Over the last few years, UNK has gained a reputation as a national title competitor.

This year is no different, but it does bring an edge that has been missing in the past.

"I think we're more experienced than we have been," Scott said. "We all have been playing for three or four years now, and before we had to go through learning. Don't get me wrong; we're still working on things. But I just feel like we have a little more experience now."

Scott will leave UNK ranked in the top 10 in career kills, the top five in hitting per-



*Photo by Sanam Bhalia*

**Senior middle hitter Nikki Scott of Broken Bow prepares for a play against Hastings College. Scott is currently fourth in the nation in hitting percentage with .428, which is good for tops in the RMAC. Earlier this season, Scott was named the RMAC Academic Player of the Year for the second time.**

centage in a career and No. 6 in blocking assists in a career.

When Scott graduates, she plans on going on to get her master's degree in speech pathology.

Where?

"I plan on going somewhere...um...big-

ger," Scott said with a slight twinkle. "It'll be a little different scene than here."

But that doesn't mean she will soon forget about her four years as a Loper.

"I'll miss my teammates the most," Scott said. "I think they made my experience what volleyball is all about."



# 'Center' of attention

## Hiett doesn't let broken hand stop his game

BY MATT TOMJACK  
Antelope Sports Staff

We all feel pain. Jack Hiett does not, or at least it doesn't stop his game.

On Sept. 26 when Chadron State came to face our Lopers, Hiett plowed a defensive lineman to the ground and broke his hand. "I broke the bone in my right hand that is in line with my middle finger. I broke it right before halftime on a pass play. I'm not exactly sure what happened, but it just snapped. It ended up being a spiral fracture," Hiett said.

Hiett, a senior construction management major from Arvada, Colo., plays center for the Loper football team. As a center, Hiett snaps the ball with his right hand. But, not anymore. "I had to learn to snap with my left hand on the fly so didn't really have time to think about it. It's not too hard. I just had to concentrate and let it fly," Hiett said.

Hiett's broken hand is not causing him any problems, but it's a force to be dealt with on the field. Before every game, the trainers wrap his cast with padding and tape. In the end, his hand resembles a club—an intimidating and useful weapon.

"I never really thought about the option of not playing. In the locker room after I broke it, I tried snapping with my right, and there was no way I was going to snap

with my right. Coach Morris told me to try lefty, and I did. The first few were pretty ugly, but I eventually got it figured out," Hiett said.

Hiett has been near perfect since his incident and is slowly becoming more productive with his left hand. "Before I broke my hand, I never was able to do anything with my left, but now I can snap with it, and I can throw a football lefty pretty good. I'm pretty proud about that," Hiett added with a laugh.

The Lopers, now 9-1 and RMAC champions, have been unstoppable since the devastating loss the first game of the season. Hiett, the anchor of the offensive line, is the first one to pass on the credit of this incredible season. "I am proud of all of my teammates and coaches. Everyone is working really hard, and we all want the season to continue into the postseason. We are really gelling together and being such a tight group helps us on the field."

**RIGHT: Jack Hiett of Arvada, Colo., prepares to snap the football inside the red-zone during the third quarter of Saturday's 24-12 win over Colorado School of Mines. Hiett's right hand is encased in a soft cast while he continues to snap with his left. Hiett is almost perfect in using his left hand since the injury.**



Photo by Garrett Ritonya

## Frantz takes early steps toward job with pros

BY CLAYTON KUSH  
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Ever since he was young, Alex Frantz has had a passion for the game of basketball. He loved the skill and athleticism of players flying up and down the court, making great moves and exciting plays.

During part of his childhood growing up in Miami, he would attend Heat games and be mesmerized by the arenas atmosphere and talent on the floor. He would think about how great it would be to work the team and show up to the arena every day for work.

Now in college, Frantz hasn't given up his dream of working for a professional team and being around the sport that he loves.

Frantz, a sophomore from Omaha majoring in sports administration, transferred from UNO this semester. Upon arriving at school in Kearney, Frantz became interest-

ed in helping out with the men's basketball team in any way he could.

It wasn't easy for Frantz to get the job of being the team's student manager, and it took quite a bit of determination. In his first attempt, he was told that with the number of athletic trainers the team had, there really wasn't a need for the team to also have a student manager.

That didn't discourage Frantz or stop him as he continued to be persistent. "I went to Coach Lofton's office three weeks straight and kept bothering him about the position. Finally he gave in," Frantz said.

Now that he has his role with the team, Frantz is excited about the experience he will get from being up close with a collegiate basketball team for an entire season.

His main responsibilities as the team's student manager include assisting the coaches and players by helping set up before practice and also giving them a hand during a few drills.

He enjoys being with the team on a day-to-day basis and seeing how the team is run. "Hearing what the coaches say during practice, how they handle certain situations and how they motivate the guys are just a few of the things I've learned throughout practices so far," Frantz said.

Frantz is hoping that his experience this winter with the team will help him get a job or an internship with a professional team. "This is a great experience that I can put on my resume, and would eventually like to do the day-to-day operations for an NBA team," Frantz said. His dream job would be to work for the Miami Heat, as he lived there at one time.

As for now, Frantz has a busy season ahead of him, as do the players and coaches. He is excited to see what this year's team can accomplish and is very optimistic. "I'm really glad to have been given this opportunity and am looking forward to the journey ahead for the team and I this season."



Photo by Bryan Molt

Frantz takes a break from his managing job and watches on at practice to get a better feel of how he can help improve the team from his position.



# Taking the fear factor out of money

*Smart Money Week guides students and the community in their financial decisions*

BY DEANN REED  
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"Fear Factor" is not just a reality television show. Many people feel fear about their financial futures. But Mary Rittenhouse is hoping Smart Money Week will be the courage students will need to face their financial fears head on.

Smart Money Week was modeled after a program that Rittenhouse was a part of when she worked for the Federal Reserve in Chicago. Rittenhouse, the director of Center for Economic Education, said many of the programs available Nov. 2 through Nov. 7 are designed to help people best manage their money. Seminar topics will include identity theft, renter's rights, a resume workshop, tips on entrepreneurship and tips for owning a small business.

However, if you're a student and you don't think these seminars apply to you, you might want to think about the total of student loans you have currently taken out. Rittenhouse said more and more students are realizing how this issue becomes real once they graduate.

The ability to buy things you want, for example, becomes very real once a student has to start paying on their college debt,

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Photo by DeAnn Reed  
Mary Rittenhouse plays with a bag of shredded money from the Chicago Federal Reserve.

Rittenhouse said. She said those students who really understand this can become better decision makers.

Still not convinced each financial choice can affect everything you do? Rittenhouse said a good financial standing could impact a student's ability to get a job

because potential employers do take a look at a student's credit score. "Their decisions do matter and it will affect their ability to not only get a new car, or a new house, but even a job. Their FICA score is checked."

Understanding and maintaining a good credit score is vital for students, she

## TOWNHALL MEETING TONIGHT

7 p.m.: Town Hall meeting at the communications building. Video conference with Senator Mike Johanns, Representative Adrian Smith and the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors who will help lead discussion about the health care bill.

The rest of the schedule for this event and the whole week can be found online at  
<http://www.unk.edu/academics/cee.aspx?id=48899>

said. Students will learn through the seminars how to check their credit score and how to recover once they have developed a bad credit history. "There are steps to be taken. Don't let it become overwhelming; take one step at a time," Rittenhouse said.

Information is power for anyone learning to be better stewards of their money. "Our main goal, along with everyone who works on the advisors' council with me, is to have more informed citizens because having more informed citizens provides for higher economic growth."



## Got Cash?

*How to make an extra buck*

BY BRIANA DUNCAN  
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Money doesn't grow on trees, but like most people in today's economic hardships, college students, wish it did. Tuition poor students across the globe do in fact fall under the stereotype of starving academics without money and living off foods such as Ramen noodles and bologna due to a mass amount of debt with student loans and maxed-out credit cards.

College students can earn an extra buck on the side without letting their academic goals suffer as a result. Of course there is the obvious solution to make quick cash by getting a part-time job on or off campus.

UNK does have work study programs as well as other jobs working with 600 area employers and usually offering over 100 job postings at one time.

Do you have a digital camera? That is another easy way to make some extra cash for the weekend. Sites such as Dreamstime.com and Fotolia.com allow you to quickly upload your favorite photos right

from your computer. You then will make money every time a user downloads your image— while still allowing you to keep the copyright.

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Students who also have a knack for writing well can use sites that pay for freelance work for creating blogs or articles. During the workweek, most sites will post new jobs every morning for freelance opportunities. Sites such as [freelancewritinggigs.com](http://freelancewritinggigs.com), [ScriptLance.com](http://ScriptLance.com), or [Guru.com](http://Guru.com) have not only job postings, but also include tips on writing and the benefits of freelancing.

Many students on campus struggle at one time or another in classes such as math, science or English, so why not make money by helping others if you have the skills? Students can do this by either setting up their own tutoring service or by applying to be a tutor on campus in the months of November and April for the following semesters. Applications are available online at [www.unk.edu](http://www.unk.edu).

If needles and getting blood drawn do not make you weak, then donating plasma is a great way for extra pocket cash. Most places will allow donors to come in once a month and will pay up to \$45 dollars per donation. The minimum age for donating plasma is 19 years old in Nebraska, and donors must be at least 110 lbs. ZLB Plasma Service in Omaha pays for your plasma as do as other locations in Omaha and Lincoln.

Sites such as eBay or craigslist offer

# Want an internship? First know the Myths and Facts

BY KYLIE TIELKE  
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You're too young, you don't have enough experience or you don't want to work for a few months doing grunge work and not get paid. Students use these reasons and others when they decide not to pursue internships.

Most students, freshmen to seniors, do more than just contemplate future internships by getting a summer internship, searching for a future internship or listening to peers talk about internships.

College students all have many preconceived notions about internships, but now it's time you know the facts and examine a few myths about internships because they do influence job placement in a big way.

A 2009 National Association of Colleges and Employers survey found that just 19.7 percent of 2009 graduates who had applied for jobs had one by the end of April. In contrast, 23 percent of graduates who had done an internship had a job at that time. For those who didn't do an internship, the job market was especially harsh: just 14 percent of those who hadn't been interns had jobs as of April.

## MYTH 1: I will never get an internship with the declining of the economy.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), employers are expecting to hire 7 percent less interns come 2010. The general job market is declining, which is making it harder for graduates and undergraduates to obtain the career they want within the first year.

According to Nancy Kneen, director of career services, it will be harder to find internships but certainly not impossible.

"From an employer's perspective, they are now making cuts with the general job market being down. They are not re-

cruiting employees, and in general there is no need for employees, therefore no need for interns," Kneen said.

According to Kneen, one way to get an internship is to offer your services without pay.

"To me, it is more important now than ever for students to get the experience. There are still a lot of companies offering programs, so volunteering is always a good idea," Kneen said.

According to Kneen, summer internships have decreased, but according to NACE, more interns are hired in the fall than in the spring.

Last fall, there was a 6.1 percent projected increase of hiring in the fall and a 21 percent decrease in spring. While many students believe that internships are only for the summer, in fact more interns are hired on in the fall. According to NACE, employers said that overall 60 percent of college recruiting will be conducted in the fall, and 40 percent will be in the spring of 2010.

More importantly, the overall college graduate hire intention this year for the class of 2009 will decrease 15.1 percent, and for the class of 2010, it will decrease 39.7 percent.

"Are there fewer internships? Sure, but there are still internships to be had, even in the downturn of the economy," Kneen said.

## MYTH 2: Interns get stuck with the grunge work.

Contrary to students' beliefs, interns do not have to be experts at making coffee and stapling papers. According to careerconnections.com, most employers treat their interns as possible full-time employment candidates and therefore do not want to give them a negative impression.

To make the most of their internships,

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With the Lopers playing so well this year, there's a chance they may get to host a playoff game. "It would mean a lot. We put in a lot of hard work in during the summer; to see it pay off would be a big accomplishment for the team," Hammond said.

Indeed, Eli Hammond has become a household name for Loper football, but Hammond is also known by another name: Access.

"I've been writing music since middle school but didn't get serious about it until freshman year in college," said Hammond (aka rap music creator Access). Access forms his own lyrics and beats trying to make a splash in the music industry. But when talking about his future, Access seems to have it figured out. "It would be fun to be a well-known

rapper. I'll pursue it, but my future right now is to be a high school P.E. teacher. I'm not going to live and die on it because the chances are pretty slim."

The chances may be slim, but Access is off to a pretty good start. He co-created a record label back home in Colorado that he is still with: I9 Records. But recently he has signed a one-year trial deal with Well Connected Entertainment out of Brooklyn, N.Y. Well Connected Entertainment is an up-and-coming label with connections in the Florida and Philadelphia areas, as well as in New York City. Well Connected is starting a magazine as well.

"They just got ahold of me by way of e-mail after they saw my MySpace page," Access said. Now he'll get free promotions and get paid from his music sales. If he goes out to New York, he'll get free studio time,

management and beats. There's no question that he has an opportunity, and he's going to make the most of it.

The future may find Access on the stage or Mr. Hammond in the classroom, but currently it's just Eli. His passions are football, music and teaching, so no wonder he makes defenders miss on the football field— you've got to be light on your feet to perform such a balancing act.

You can check out Access at [www.myspace.com/officialaccess](http://www.myspace.com/officialaccess) or on Facebook. "On the Facebook page I've been doing a blog thing every Sunday night where I make like a two minute song about what I've been going through, and I'll continue to do that," Access said. He'll have his first mix of around 20 tracks with Well Connected Entertainment complete in late November.

**Kropp** from page 11

ries today from when I played. The money when I played is probably one-fifth of what the money is now in the NBA."

After his playing days, Kropp came back to UNK in 1983. Now the co-head coach of the men's basketball team, he is also an assistant professor for the physical education department. Returning to UNK was an easy choice for Kropp.

"I really enjoyed my experience here as a student and as an athlete, and I always thought that this would be my first choice to teach or coach if I got the chance," Kropp said.

Kropp's favorite part of coaching is working with all of the coaches on the staff and all of the student athletes. "Some of the people have been here for as long as I have, so you build great relationships with them, and of course I love working with the kids," Kropp said.

Kropp said the greatest athlete he has seen come through UNK is Bart Kofoed who played basketball then got drafted in the fifth round of the 1987 NBA draft by the Utah Jazz.

However, the greatest athlete he has ever seen is still Muhammad Ali.

"When I was with the Bullets, I had a chance to watch Muhammad Ali train and fight for the heavyweight championship," Kropp said.

The greatest athlete he has ever met is Michael Jordan in Chicago for a Chicago Bulls' reunion.

Kropp said that of all the places that he has been, Kearney and the state of Nebraska remain unique because of the friendliness of the people, and as long as he enjoys coaching he has no plans to retire anytime soon.

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online auctions that allow the cash-strapped to sell unwanted items online at competing prices. Many students have old textbooks, furniture or sporting event tickets that they can sell online and make money by just sitting at a computer.

Secondhand stores also may offer money for in-style clothing and give a profit when the items are sold. "EBay has

been a great site for extra cash," said Jessica Blex, a senior graphic design major from Syracuse. "I've also found that taking my unwanted clothes to stores such as Plato's Closet can also be a great alternative."

In today's society, environmentalists are constantly pushing "Go Green," so why not recycle cans and bottles to make

some extra money and keep Mother Nature happy. Mornings after big events such as Kearney's Cruise Night would be a great time to make some extra cash by picking up those items.

To find out more information about on and off-campus jobs, students can contact the Student Employment Services office by e-mail at [sesacct@unk.edu](mailto:sesacct@unk.edu).

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students should look at the possibilities. "Students need to have goals in mind before they start their internships. They must know what they want out of it," Kneen said.

According to Kneen, students should always ask the employer questions about the internship before they start, but also show willingness to jump in and staple papers, shows a good work ethic.

"I do know students who have gotten good internships. Just in the last few weeks I have been doing practice interviews, working with students from the athletic department who have received pretty impressive internships," Kneen said.

**MYTH 3: Internships are always unpaid.**

"A lot of companies do pay, but another alternative is to volunteer," Kneen said.

According to Kneen, Career Services hired three volunteer employees full time.

According to a new study by NACE, employers expect to increase the pay they offer college students for internships; they will offer bachelor's degree level interns an average hourly wage of \$17.13, a 4.9 percent increase from the average they offered last year's interns.

"Most employers use internships as a way to try out potential permanent employees," Kneen said.

Hiring date confirms that internships are an important aspect of a college student's life, whether it's to gain the experience they need for a future career or to steer them in the right direction at settling on a career.

One last tip: persistence plus networking equals internship. Internships are the first step to full-time employment!

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# Thompson Scholars bond during fall break Denver venture

BY EMILY WEMHOFF  
Antelope Staff

During fall break at 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, over 50 students on the third floor in Mantor Hall were packing their bags and heading out...but only for a couple of days.

It took a six-hour drive to get where they needed to go.

Around 1 p.m., the first glimpse of the mountains welcomed the UNK Thompson Scholars Learning Community (TSLC) to Denver, Colo.

What is the TSLC?

The Susan Thompson Buffet Foundation, a charitable organization formed by investor and industrialist Warren Buffet and later named in honor of his wife, awarded 68 students at UNK five-year renewable scholarships to help with tuition and books.

The program currently serves a total of 115 students, including the Thompson Scholars who initiated the program last year. Once students accept the scholarship, they become part of the Thompson Scholars Learning Community Program in the second year at UNK.

Most of the requirements focus on freshmen and sophomores in order to help them make the most out of their first years at college.

Thompson Scholars take classes together, are provided one-on-one mentoring and assistance, attend study hours and have the opportunity to do undergraduate research projects, for which they receive a stipend upon completion. In addition, students participate in campus events and philanthropic activities in the community.



Over 50 Thompson Scholars traveled to Denver during Fall break. The Thompson Scholars Learning Community lives together in Mantor Hall. *Photo courtesy of Jen Harvey*

They also take trips together. Over fall break, this year's TSLC students went to Denver and visited the Denver Art Museum, saw the Broadway production of "Wicked" and visited the Nature and Science Museum. The trip was a social program to build stronger bonds within the community and to create an experience together.

Many of the scholarship recipients are first-generation college students. "The scholarship provides the means for many of the students to attend, and we provide the support to help them believe they can achieve any life goal they have," said Jennifer Harvey, Thompson Scholars Learning Community coordinator.

First-generation college student Ashley Vaughn, a freshman history education major and a Thompson Scholar, said that her experience in the TSLC has been a good one.

"Unlike a lot of freshmen students, we don't begin our college experience alone. The community is here to help us. They give all the freshmen Thompson Scholars a class to take together, with people we know," she said.

Freshmen students of the Thompson Scholars Learning Community live together in Mantor Hall where they learn about how to adjust to college and get connected to the campus.

Vaughn also enjoys living within

the community.

"We live together, which makes it much easier to make friends. My favorite thing is the closeness we all have developed by living together," she said.

College can be a scary place at first, but the TSLC has provided students with comfort and a feeling of belonging. "Every student has a need to feel special and be part of something," Harvey said. "I think our learning community helps meet those needs for Thompson Scholars, at a time in life when there is so much transition and adjustment."

For more information about the Thompson Scholars Learning Community go to [www.unk.edu/thompson](http://www.unk.edu/thompson).

*Photo by Lyndsey Luxford*  
The whited-out UNK student section chants during UNK's win over Colorado School of Mines. The Loper football team will play for their 10th win this Saturday at Mesa State College.

# White out!

*Students support the Lopers in all-white garb*



*Photo by Lyndsey Luxford*  
Senior Claire Bryan of Katy, Texas, and Alumni Association director, Lucas Dart discuss a call made during the Loper football game Oct. 31. Bryan and Dart watched from up in the Nebraskan Student Union.