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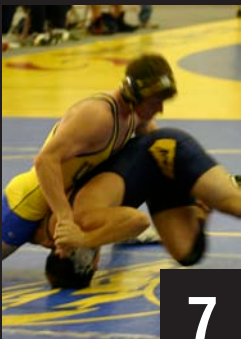
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Serving up success

Volleyball reigns over RMAC

Kayla Laird
Antelope Staff

The 21st-ranked UNK Loper volleyball team glided past Regis Friday (-21,-24,-19), Western New Mexico Saturday (-20,-25,-24), and Colorado-Colorado Springs Sunday (-28, 24-30, -17, -25) to claim the RMAC tournament championship in their own Health & Sports Center.

The win not only captured the RMAC title, but extended the Loper’s win streak to 17 straight and boosted UNK to over 30 wins in a season for the 23rd time.

In addition, the Lopers will now host the Southwest Regional of the NCAA tournament Nov. 16-18. UNK (31-4) will play 8th-seed Mesa State at 7:30 Friday night.

First Round

In the RMAC opener versus Regis, sophomores Nikki Scott and Erica Burson combined for 27 kills to guide the blue and gold to a three-game sweep.

Scott slammed 14 kills on a .407 hitting effort from the middle while Burson killed 13 and hit .278 on the outside.

Burson said, “It was a good game to start the weekend off with.”

Hitting right side, sophomore Shannon Clausen had an all-around solid performance with 10 kills, nine digs, and two blocks, while hitting a team-high .600.

“It was good to play well the first game and get first-game jitters out,” said Clausen.

Freshman Jeri Walkowiak also pounded 10 kills, had a team-high five blocks, and hit .333.

Freshman setter Cola Svec (Elkhorn) led the Loper offense with 46 assists and six digs.

Sophomore libero Kelli Wemhoff scrambled for 13 digs.

The UNK offense had a stellar night as they committed



Photo by Garrett Ritonya

Benkelman senior Alison Glidden serves the ball against Western New Mexico last Saturday.

only 11 errors on 122 swings. They ended the night hitting .328 while holding Regis to a .195 hitting percentage.

Semi-Final

Scott once again soared for 15 kills and senior outside Alison Glidden had 13 kills to help the Lopers sweep and end a two-game losing streak to Western New Mexico.

Scott worked for her kill total in just 29 swings as she hit a team-high .448 and had four blocks.

Glidden committed just one error in 39 swings, hitting .308, had two blocks, and six digs.

Walkowiak supplied 10 kills on a .381 hitting percentage and

had a team-high five blocks, as well.

Setter Svec had 47 assists and 16 digs for the Loper offense.

Defensively, libero Wemhoff hustled for a match-high 22 digs and senior defensive specialist Lauren Nordhues had 18 digs.

“We were really excited to play at home against Western New Mexico because we’ve always had to go there to play them. It was nice to have the upper-hand this time against them,” said Claussen.

Championship

UNK overcame a slow start to an experienced Colorado-Colorado Springs team that

swept the Lopers back in September to win a four-game match for the fifth Loper RMAC title. The blue and gold also won the conference tourney in 1995, 1999, 2004, and 2005. The tourney win most likely means UNK will host the Southwest Regional of the NCAA tournament Nov. 16-18.

Early in the game, the Lopers had eight attack errors and UCCS jumped out to an 18-11 and 23-17 lead. The Lopers then went on a 7-1 run to grab the lead and finished the match behind Scott and Burson kills.

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UNK to host Southwest Regional

For the third time in school history, the No. 21st-ranked Nebraska-Kearney volleyball team will host the Southwest Regional of the NCAA Tournament.

The eight-team tournament will be held in the Health & Sports Center Nov. 16-18 (Fri.-Sun.).

The field of 64-teams for the NCAA Division II Championships was announced.

The Lopers are making their ninth straight, and 12th overall, NCAA appearance. The Lopers are 20-11 all-time in NCAA play and have advanced to the Elite Eight five times, most recently in 2005.

UNK (31-4) will play Friday night at 7:30 against 8th seeded Mesa State. The Lopers beat the Mavericks, 3-1, earlier this year in Grand Junction.

The two teams have also faced each other in the last two SW Regionals, UNK winning in 2005 (second round) and Mesa in 2006 (first round).

Three other RMAC schools including Colorado-Colorado Springs, Fort Lewis and Metro State also made the field. The other three teams are from the Lone Star Conference

Single session tickets will go on sale Friday. They’ll be \$ 8.00 (adult), \$ 6.00 for senior citizens and youths and \$ 4.00 (college student with valid ID).

All seating for the tournament will be general admission. The UNK ticket office can be reached at (308) 865-1563.

So be sure to make it over to the Health and Sports Center this Friday night at 7:30 p.m. to cheer on the Lady Lopers.

information courtesy of Peter Yazvaz

Thousands cheer for UNK Theatre

Shelly Fox
Guest Writer

It’s like a 1930s version of the Daily Show,” director and Assistant UNK Professor Paul Brodene Smith said of the upcoming UNK Theater production, “As Thousands Cheer.”

The production is a Topical Review, or in other words a set of songs and sketches with the same or a similar topic tying them all together.

“As Thousands Cheer” depicts the headlines of the late 1920s and early ’30s laced with singing, satire and political humor, with sketches by Moss Hart and music and lyrics by Irving Berlin.

“There are so many little witty lines, a lot of which only the older audience will get,” Smith said.

But don’t think the

production is only suitable for adults; everyone can get something out of it.

“The humor is timeless,” Smith said.

The production even features a scene where 1930s evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson tries to recruit Gandhi.

The favored scene, however, is shared by both the director and the scenic and lighting designer Mark Wethington. It depicts President Hoover as he is leaving the White House blowing raspberries into the phone at people he didn’t like.

The best part of working on this production for Wethington is the collaboration between artists.

“It takes a lot of people working as a team,” Wethington said. “There’s a lot of give and take to create something.”

Wethington has been spending most of his time working on what is, to him the

most challenging aspect of the production.

He and the rest of the crew are hoping to animate a newspaper page turning on the background of the stage.

“I hope the animation adds to the show, not detracts from the actors,” Wethington said.

The cast began rehearsals the week of Oct. 15 and includes senior actors Joseph Knispel and Ashley Kobza; juniors Chelsa Petska and Katharine Bauer; sophomores Patrick York, Phillip Zuehlke and Grant Pyper; and appearing for the first time in UNK theater are freshmen Amy Jensen and Jillian Parker.

Each cast member sings in the production and plays an average of six different characters, some as many as eight.

So why should people come to see this production?

“Because it’s funny! It’s silly stuff you would see today,” Smith said.



Photo by Shelly Fox

Grant Pyper, Joseph Knispel, Chelsa Petska and Patrick York rehearse.

“There is wonderful music... classics like ‘Man Bites Dog’ and ‘Heat Wave’...the music is the focus,” Wethington said.

“As Thousands Cheer” will run Nov. 28 through Dec. 2, Wednesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors (55+), non-UNK students and UNK staff and

\$3 for UNK students with I.D. They are available at the theatre box office in the Fine Arts Building.

Any UNK student interested in being part of upcoming theater productions should keep an eye out for audition announcements posted in the Fine Arts Building and throughout campus during the school year.

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Panel sponsored by veteran's organization addresses difficult emotions surrounding post-traumatic stress

Vicki Althage
Antelope Staff

The Collegiate Veterans Organization at the University of Nebraska at Kearney sponsored a Post Traumatic Stress Disorder speaker's panel in Copeland Hall on Nov. 8. Amber McCrory, the UNK Collegiate Veteran's Organization President, said the panel was constructed to help the UNK community identify and understand a disorder that affects millions of people every year.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder is a type of anxiety disorder that is triggered by an extremely traumatic event. PTSD can develop when a traumatic event happens to a person or when a person sees a traumatic event happen to someone else.

The disorder may affect survivors of traumatic events such as sexual or physical assault, war, torture, a natural disaster or an airplane crash. Post traumatic stress disorder also can affect rescue workers at the site of mass casualties or other tragedies. These kinds of events may cause intense fear, helplessness or shock.

The speaker's panel featured Dr. Jerry Bockoven, Veteran Roy Schoen and Dr. John Fisher, author of "Angels in Vietnam" and "Not Welcome Home."

The three experts on PTSD provided advice on how to help veterans and their friends and families cope with the situations that arise when a soldier returns from war.

The event was packed with emotional stories of soldiers and their service to their country. The panel offered advice for the families on how to create a support system that doesn't pressure and push away returning veterans. The three also explained how PTSD isn't acknowledged as much as it should be, especially in an all volunteer army because the soldiers are serving not only to defend their country but to further their careers.

Dr. John Fisher explained to listeners how PTSD is a disorder that affects the entire community. "We live in a society that goes to war," said Fisher, "and those Warriors need to be blessed and honored when they return."

Part of the panels lecture centered on how to over come soldier's alienation and society's denial of it.

PTSD is a problem that affects many and may grow worse without help. "PTSD is something that can get better with treatment and there are people who can help," said McCrory.

About seven to eight percent of the country's population has had PTSD at some point in their lives. About 5 million U.S. adults have or are diagnosed with PTSD every year. Post traumatic stress disorder is especially common in military settings among those who have served in combat. It is sometimes referred to as "shell shock," "battle fatigue" or "combat stress." It is estimated that approximately 30 percent of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan are expected to have some form of PTSD through the course of their life according to the Veteran's Administration.

Signs and symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder typically begin within three months of a traumatic event. In a small number of cases, though, PTSD symptoms may not occur until years after the event. When a person has PTSD, they may relive the traumatic event numerous times, have upsetting memories, or see reminders of the event in their day-to-day

life.

The Mayo Clinic and the U.S. Department of Veterans recognizes these post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms:

- Flashbacks, or reliving the traumatic event for minutes or even days at a time
- Shame or guilt
- Upsetting dreams about the traumatic event
- Trying to avoid thinking or talking about the traumatic event
- Feeling emotionally numb
- Irritability or anger
- Poor relationships
- Self-destructive behavior, such as drinking too much
- Hopelessness about the future
- Trouble sleeping
- Memory problems
- Trouble concentrating
- Being easily startled or frightened
- Not enjoying activities you once enjoyed
- Hearing or seeing things that aren't there

It's important to get treatment as soon as possible when symptoms begin because that can help prevent PTSD symptoms from getting worse. A type of counseling called cognitive-behavioral therapy and medi-

cines known as SSRIs appear to be the most effective treatments for PTSD. Treatment can help you feel more in control of your emotions and result in fewer symptoms, but you may still be left with bad memories.

Research has not told us exactly what causes PTSD. The onset of the disorder in most cases is caused by experiencing one or more of these four types of traumatic events:

- Seeing someone being killed or badly injured
- Living through a fire, flood or natural disaster
- Living through a life-threatening accident
- Having been in combat

Many other traumatic events also can lead to post-traumatic stress disorder, including rape, mugging, robbery, assault, civil conflict, car accident, plane crash, torture, kidnapping, life-threatening medical diagnosis, childhood physical abuse or neglect, sexual molestation, being threatened with a weapon, terrorist attacks, and other extreme or life-threatening events.

It's normal to have a wide range of feelings and emotions after a traumatic event. The feelings you experience may include fear and anxiety, a lack of focus,

sadness, changes in sleeping or eating patterns, or fits of emotions that come easily. You may have recurrent nightmares or thoughts about the event but this is not a clear indicator of PTSD. If you have disturbing feelings that last longer than a month, or if they're severe and you're having trouble getting your life back under control, consider talking to your health care professional or a VA representative if you are a veteran or active duty military.

If PTSD symptoms are not treated they may become disabling. Suffers may be wracked by guilt about surviving when others didn't, or feel guilty because they think more could have been done to help. Relationships begin to suffer, and conflicts could cause the end of the relationship. PTSD makes it difficult to perform your daily routine normally. The panel urged those in the audience to encourage veterans and their families to get help and to create an emotional support group for one another.

Information on PTSD from <http://health.yahoo.com>.

Japanese students attend Boston Career Forum

Sean Takashi and Koji Kuwahara
Antelope Staff

Since holding the first Career Forum in Boston in 1987, the Career Forum has become a must-attend event for any Japanese-English bilinguals.

Boston Career Forum is an annual career fair targeting Japanese and English bilingual student all over the U.S. who seeks opportunities either in Japan or in the U.S. Although there are other fairs are held in New York, Tokyo and Los Angeles, Boston Career Forum is the biggest of all.

Maiko Nakagawa, the secretary of the Boston Career Forum said, "The Career Forum is not only the student's job finding event, but also the Career Forum is connect to company' success and brilliant future. The most important and difficult thing for companies is how to find and define the good person

to their company. The companies have to think about their future from the students".

For Japanese students in American University or American students who want to find a job in Japan, it is hard to seek opportunities in Japan for couple of reasons. First, it is just too far away. It is not easy

for students to fly over to Japan every time they have chance to have interviews.

Second, most Japanese companies do not offer jobs all year around. Because most Japanese universities and colleges have only one graduation a year, most companies have only one season when they interview newly-graduated students. Unfortunately, Japanese students who are enrolled in American universities cannot attend.

Also, there is a problem with lack of available information.

"We are responsible for everything on our own," Kanako Kusunoki, a senior majoring in Advertising from Tokushima, Japan, said. "Because the system of job hunting in Japan and in the U.S. is different, Japanese students in American university cannot have support and information on our regime and interviews as much as Japanese university students can."

The Career Forum brings Japanese-English bilinguals more career opportunities and allows companies to meet with a variety of talented candidates all in one place. There is no other job fair like the Career Forum. Some companies hiring Japanese-English bilinguals only hire them through the Career Forum.

Boston Career Forum is beneficial for students like Kusunoki, because the sponsor of the career fair provides information about regime, proper dress and interview preparation. It is almost required for those students to attend the Boston Career Forum.

"This is the only chance for us to know what Japanese companies are like," Takahiko Egi, a senior majoring in Tourism from Hyogo prefecture, said.

Although Japanese students are able to do research on their interested companies via internet, Egi thinks meeting people who are working in

such companies face-to-face is far better. "It's easier to get to know the companies, and it has a greater impact."

There are many companies interested in employing bilingual students or students who can bring new ideas. Those companies employ students studying in foreign countries. However, it is not easy for those students to notice which companies are willing to hire them.

"I found some companies I didn't know they were interested in hiring American university students," Miekko Fuse, a senior Economics and Agricultural Business major from Iowa University, said. "I came to Boston Career Form to see what kinds of companies are interested in us. I liked how people in participating companies are open and willing to talk to me. That made me motivated and interested in them."

Meeting with companies as well as people is most important aspect of Boston Career Forum for many participants.

"I could meet so many companies in a short time," Yoshiaki Miyoshi, a senior majoring in Finance from Nagano, Japan, said. "When I do job hunting in Japan, I don't think I can visit more than four companies a day, because I have to go around to each company. A career fair like Boston Career Forum provides me with a good chance to get to know many companies with much less effort."

Boston Career Forum is not the last stage of job hunting for most of its attending students. Most companies ask students to meet them again back in Japan, but this career fair is a very important step for Japanese and English bilingual students.



Photo by Sean Takahashi. Students and companies gather for mutual benefit at the Boston Career Festival.

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Ramada Inn gets a dramatic face lift

Maxwell's, Mr. C's to be replaced by The Keyboards, The Artist's Gallery next year

Jared Hoff
Antelope Staff

The Kearney Ramada Inn is in the midst of a \$2.5 million renovation to the property. The hotel is currently being overhauled to include a new 1,200 seat banquet room and convention center, a jazz piano bar, a new restaurant and more.

Of age students have no doubt seen the construction and wondered what happened to the old Maxwell's bar. The new piano bar, The Keyboards, is scheduled to open Thanksgiving weekend.

"We are creating a very upscale lounge with leather couches and loveseats, classy lamps and glass coffee tables," Ramada Inn General Manager David Fralic said.

The hotel's restaurant, Mr. C's, is also undergoing a complete makeover and name change. The Artist's Gallery is opening in

January 2008, and will serve a variety of upscale menu items.

The new 9,000 square foot convention ballroom is being built in the Fundome atrium. Seating for 1200 (dinner events for 700) will be completed and ready for use in January 2008. New public restrooms will also be built in the Fundome area.

The Elephant's Eye bar, a longtime favorite of Ramada Inn guests and Kearney residents alike, has been relocated to another part of the Fundome and is up and running. The old Fundome waterfall has been removed to make more room for the new ballroom.

All 207 guest rooms are being updated and refurbished and will include the latest duvet bedding. Eventually, all the TVs and alarm clocks in the guest rooms will be changed as well.

The swimming pool, hot tub and exercise room will all remain in their current locations.

The construction naturally has caused some dust to appear throughout the hotel. To compensate for the mess, the

Ramada Inn is offering a coupon of \$10 off one night of lodging for a period of one year starting in January 2008 to customers.

With the new addition to the hotel, the Ramada has numerous positions available for qualified applicants. An experienced jazz piano player, banquet setup, front desk receptionist, bellman, housekeepers, on-call banquet servers, morning and evening cooks and dishwashers are all positions of need for the Ramada Inn.

The Ramada Inn offers flexible hours for college students, with some weekends required. Excellent benefits, paid vacation/holidays and a competitive bonus program are all offered to fulltime employees.

Fralic said the Ramada is looking for enthusiastic people only. "We need a lot of help now. Our new additions created an immediate need in a number of positions," he said. Please call David Fralic at (308) 237-3141 to inquire about employment opportunities.



Photo by April Refior
Above: Parts of the area near the swimming pool are partitioned to keep patrons safe.

Photo by Sarah Schreiter
Left: The Ramada Inn is undergoing construction to improve its atmosphere.



From fruit flies to HIV

UNK professor helps lead genetic research

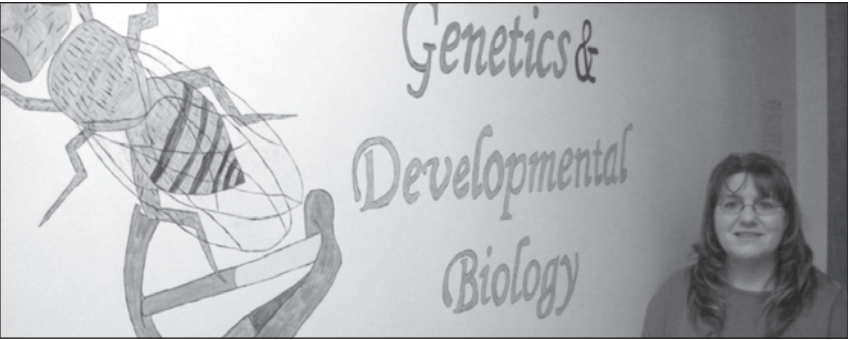


Photo by Hillary Kruger
Kimberly Carlson is a professor at the University of Nebraska Kearney. Her discovery of the gene OTK18 could possibly lead to a new therapy for HIV.

Hillary Kruger
Guest Writer

Dr. Kimberly Carlson of the University of Nebraska at Kearney biology department started out like every other college student wondering, "What can I do with my major?"

Carlson's first thought was to go into teaching. Her mentor at UNL persuaded her, however, to do hard-core research first as later on it might be difficult to find the time.

Carlson couldn't have known that her research would lead to the discovery of OTK18, a gene that all of us as humans have.

"OTK18 was found by systematic gene expression study called mRNA differential display. It was among three genes that show increased mRNA expression from HIV-1 infected macrophages as compared to uninfected or lipopolysaccharide (so called endotoxin) stimulated human macrophages," said Tsuneya Ikezu, another member of Carlson's UNMC team.

"Dr. Carlson and Gary Leisman isolated full-length cDNA from mRNA pool extracted from human macrophages, and identified the full sequence of the protein," said Ikezu.

The discovery of this gene could possibly lead to a new

therapy for HIV.

Carlson said, "We won't say cure, but we can potentially treat it."

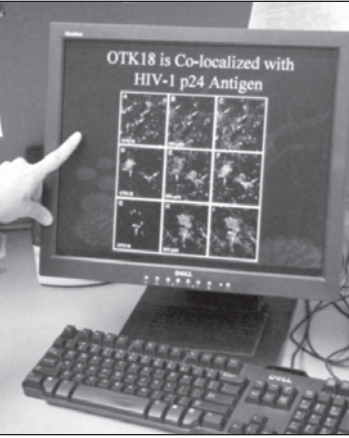
Carlson is currently a professor here at UNK.

According to Carlson, "I am now at my dream job."

Photo by Hillary Kruger
Right: Carlson shows some of the documentation she has created throughout her research.



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Above: Carlson smiles proudly holding a plaque she was awarded for her breakthrough research.



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History, poetry intertwine at Frank House

Many events planned for West Campus landmark

Ben Webb
Antelope Staff

The second installment of the “Poetry in the House” series took place on Nov. 11 at 1:30 p.m. on the porch of the Frank House on the West side of campus.

It featured the event’s host, Kevin Nenstiel, and local writer and musician Sarah Cole. Due to unfortunate circumstances, the two other readers were unable to attend, but the event did go on with extended readings by Nenstiel and Cole.

With the sun shining brightly and a slight breeze rustling papers, Nenstiel opened and closed the reading with several selections from his work which included a poem about personified trash interacting with one another right before the

poet’s eyes. Cole shared several pieces from her collection of work, which included poetry she wrote for classes she took at UNK.

Fifteen people gathered to hear both poets and after about twenty-five minutes, the group was taken on a tour of inside the Frank House itself. Lemonade and chocolate was served at the end as well.

The Frank House has several events lined up for the rest of the year that center around the house itself in addition to combining art, poetry and music.

On Nov. 17, a series called “Frank Talks” will feature a talk titled “A Victorian Christmas: Holiday customs and traditions of Victorian Society.” Nov. 18 will have UNK student and musician Katherine Sizer playing pieces on the flute, which were especially chosen for UNK’s Frank House.

On Dec. 16, the Instrumental Trio (Nabb, Buckner, and Ting-Lan Chen) will present a short concert as a benefit for the preservation of UNK’s Frank House. All events start at 1 p.m., followed by a guided tour of the house and light refreshment. The admittance is free and free will donations for the Frank House are appreciated.

The annual Christmas Walk will feature the Frank House in its Christmas best and it will begin on Nov. 28 and end on Dec. 12. Every afternoon (except on Dec. 1), there will be an open house from 1-5 p.m. with guided tours between 1:30 and 3 p.m. It is three dollars or personal donation requested at the door.

The Frank House is open for guided tours on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. when UNK is in session, and it is closed

during the breaks. Private tours are available for groups of eight or more throughout the year and with advanced arrangement only. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated and welcome. For more information, contact KrisAnn Sullivan at by e-mail at sullivankw@unk.edu or by phone (308) 865-8462.



Photos by Jill Kempt

Above: Sara Cole pauses for a brief and angelic moment while reading her poem.

Right: Kevin Nenstiel (right) whisks listeners away as he recites his poetry on the parlor of the Frank House.



Nursing program shines as one of nation's best

Derry Stover
Antelope Staff

People often forget that heroes do not have to do extraordinary things, but they can be everyday people giving their help to people in need. Nurses are one large group of people that take this role, helping millions of people in need everyday. This December, the University of Nebraska at Kearney will be churning out 24 of these everyday heroes to the world where they are desperately needed.

Alicia Watkins, a McCook native, is one of these heroes. Watkins, who plans to graduate in December with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, is ready to begin her nursing career. What may come to a surprise to many students is that the educational experience Watkins and her classmates received at UNK is among the nation’s best.

The UNK campus is home to the Kearney division of the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s College of Nursing. Located in the West Center building, the Kearney campus is one of four campuses spanning the state of Nebraska. Students can earn a bachelors, masters, and even doctorate in nursing while they receive top notch education.

The nursing program was even ranked in the top eight percent of the nation’s graduate programs in the 2007 U.S. News & World Report, but statistics do not say everything when it comes to the success of the school. Nursing students at the Kearney campus say many

positive things about their education.

“I think our teachers are very supportive of us—they’re always willing to help,” Watkins said.

Watkins says she chose the Kearney campus for its convenient location and that the experience is one of a kind.

“The classes are small, so you can make good friends that are really supportive,” Watkins said.

Steven Pitkin, Assistant

“Nursing is an exciting career that gives the opportunity to interact with people, make a difference in people’s lives and improve their health,” Pitkin said.

Another incentive for becoming a nurse is their significant demand in the marketplace. Because of an international shortage, nurses are being heavily sought after.

“The job outlook for nurses is outstanding. It’s a fast growing career with new areas and new types of jobs emerging,” Pitkin said.

Kevin Vickers, a senior nursing student, attends the UNMC Kearney campus and plans to graduate in December. Even with graduation still weeks away, Vickers says he already landed a nursing job in the Intensive Care Unit at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney.

“It’s a nice relief to know that I have a job waiting for me when I leave school,” Vickers said.

Because of its high popularity, enrollment in the UNMC nursing program is limited, usually based on GPA and an interview. Students entering the program must first meet pre-nursing required courses, and a total of 128 credits are required to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). All together, the program usually takes four and a half years to complete.

Students wanting more information about the opportunities at the UNMC College of Nursing – Kearney Division can contact the Student Services Coordinator Hilary Christo at 865-8322.

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”

Kevin Vickers
Senior nursing student

Dean of the UNMC College of Nursing, says students gain valuable experience with the program’s mix of classes and clinical work.

“Clinicals give students the opportunity to work in a variety of settings in not only in hospitals, but in community-based agencies like public schools and health clinics,” Pitkin said.

There are many reasons to pursue a career in nursing, according to Pitkin.

Get to know your student body president, Regent, Amber Lewis

Elizabeth Weaver
Antelope Staff

One thing is for sure, UNK Student Body President and University Regent Amber Lewis keeps herself busy.

Lewis, a senior history and English secondary education major with a minor in women’s studies, has many different roles to play, not only as student body president, but also as the typical college student.

Lewis graduated from O’Neill Public High School in 2003 and transferred to UNK after her sophomore year of college. Lewis was not happy while at her former school, and her friends who attended UNK always told her how terrific they thought the UNK College of Education was. Lewis made frequent visits to Kearney and enjoyed the town as well as the atmosphere of the college.

“UNK seemed like it would be a great fit for me. The campus was wonderful, the people were great, and the programs offered to me were excellent,” Lewis said. “I am lucky that I had the opportunity to discover the potential that UNK has to offer so many students.”

Lewis decided to run for student body president last year because she wanted to be the voice of the UNK students and she wanted to give back to the university that had given so much to her. Running for student body president was not Lewis’ first encounter with Student Government. She had been involved in Student Government for five years, and it has always been one of her favorite activities.

“The experience I have gained over the course of my college career gave me the qualifications necessary to have a good base to serve as student body president,” Lewis said. Getting to meet so many

amazing people is one of Lewis’ favorite things about being apart of Student Government. Being student body president has allowed Lewis to meet some outstanding student leaders and public figures.

“This position has opened up countless learning opportunities for me, for which I am very grateful,” Lewis said.

The role of UNK’s Student Body President and University Regent is not a walk in the park.

“The most difficult part of being student body president is finding time to play all of the different roles I have in my life,” Lewis said.

“I have to balance my work with Student Government and the Board of Regents with being a student, a friend, a daughter and a sister.” Lewis said.

Lewis said it gets complicated trying to do all of those things but it is easy for her to make time for what she knows is important.

Lewis said her biggest accomplishment as student body president so far this year has been working with Travis Checketts, the Speaker of the Senate, to reinstate the UNKard. Lewis is also proud of the response they have received regarding the Campus Cares program.

Lewis said there are some really awesome projects, such as the Collegiate Readership Program and possibly bringing MTVU to campus, coming to the floor of the Senate soon.

Lewis is involved in many other activities on campus besides Student Government. She serves on a number of committees across campus, such as the Gender Equity Committee, a technology committee, the Library Committee and the Women’s Resource Center Committee. She is a member of Mortar Board and UNK Cornerstone.

Lewis keeps busy working at the Welcome Desk in the Union and as a Student Peer Leader in an English class for the First Year Program. Lewis enjoys reading, working out, listening to laid-back music, traveling and cooking.

Lewis will graduate from UNK in the fall of 2008 after she student teaches. Lewis said after graduation she plans on attending graduate school, most likely at UNK. Lewis said the faculty members in the history department have been incredibly supportive of her and have encouraged her to continue her education.

Lewis said being student body president has been a wonderful experience and she encourages anyone who feels they have the right voice to serve their fellow students to become involved in Student Government.

Lewis said, “Student government can really make a difference when there is a good body of students who are willing to work together to make a change.”



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Amber Lewis greets someone at the Welcome Desk in the Nebraskan Student Union.

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Rockin’ out with Renman

Music mogul shares experience of managing Incubus

Mark Hayden
Antelope Staff

There are two ways to get in the music business: the first one is to pick up an instrument, a pen and start writing some songs, or you can take a different approach, and get the makers of music noticed. Steve Rennie took the latter route.

He is the owner and brain behind REN Management based out of Los Angeles, Calif. He found out early in his career that the business is not a like a cuddly teddy bear and more like a growling black bear. If you do not make the first move, it will tear you to pieces.

His friends and fans know him as Renman and he is the manager of multi-platinum recording artists Incubus. They have spawned hits such as "Wish You Were Here," "Drive" and their latest, "Dig." Along with those gems, there has been Rennie at their side for the past 10 years to serve as their leader and guidance of the know-how in the music business world.

He’s almost like their Yoda of the business: if they need advise on how to approach their latest musical conundrum; he is more than welcome to show them how to use the force. His vastly acquired knowledge has left him with no other choice but to pass on it on to his friends of Incubus.

If you can’t find Steve Rennie perfecting his golf swing on his favorite set of links, you will more than likely find him working on the latest promotion or booking a world tour for his only clients.

Before managing these now-veteran rockers, he was busy booking shows and taking names for some of the biggest names in 1980’s, including U2, Billy Idol and INXS just to name a few.

He says he got his first taste of the live music when he saw The Rolling Stones and Led Zeppelin. The string of 70’s rock concert binges occurred within three or four months during his late teens and sparked an interested within Rennie to do something in the music world.

“That was when I had my first inkling to get into the music business. I enjoyed the concerts and all the hoopla of it and I think that tweaked my desire to get into it,” Rennie said.

With a catchy name like Rennie, you would think that he was born to be in the music business, but it took more than ancestral heritage to take him where he is today.

The musical journey began like most success stories: he dropped out of college after a few months to become a golf pro, or so the story started.

In essence, it was probably

one of his smarter moves. After landing a job at Hillcrest Country Club in Los Angeles, he met some big names that had established themselves in showbiz and it was there that he really started to ponder the notion of maybe someday doing something in music; something else he loved to do besides golfing.

He got his feet wet in the managing business by booking bands for a junior college he attended in Santa Monica, Calif. Rennie began to network and to meet the right people, thus gaining access to bands in California in the early 80’s.

After improving his knack of being able to talk to people and booking shows, he began polishing his skills even more after receiving a debate scholarship to attend the University of Southern California. There, he booked shows for the school and got the chance to book bands that were in the beginning stages of their record contracts.

“I was the concert booker of USC for a couple of years and continued to build relationships with some of the younger agents. We were booking a lot of bands that were on their first album and so forth,” Rennie said.

After building up the resume and the knowledge of how the music business works, he started his first booking company in 1980 that wore the title, ‘Steve Rennie Presents.’

Not giving up, he was able to use that start-up company and the experience he had to spring him into action and landed a job in 1983 at a large booking company, Avalon Attractions. Avalon Attractions is now apart of the large conglomerate that is now known as, “Live Nation.”

He gained a lot of inspiration from many great managers that he met while on the job there. There was also a lot of inspiration gained from the not-so-great managers that he met while working for the booking agency, because if they could do it, surely, Steve Rennie could do it.

“I left in 1990 and started my own management company, which was the first incarnation of REN Management,” Rennie said.

Rennie began making a name for himself in the music scene of southern California. He was taking on the management job for names such as Dramarama and Stabbing Westward during his four-year shot of establishing up-and-coming musicians.

His competitors were starting to take notice of his savvy business ways and they wanted a piece of it. After spending the early 1990’s on his own, he struck a little luck and the hard work paid off.

“I met this guy who was

the President of Epic Records at the time, who offered me to work at Epic Records. I ended up becoming the Vice-President General Manager of Epic Records.”

At that point, he began to start telling himself that he would never manage a band ever again. Although that was before he met a special group of southern California rockers, Incubus, a couple of years after working at Epic would go on and eventually sign with the label.

“The first time that I saw Incubus, they were playing a little club called the Alligator Lounge in L.A. An A & R guy that worked at Epic told me about them and said to me, “They kind of remind me of Rage Against the Machine meets Korn meets Santana meets the average white band. I don’t really like them, but you probably would.’ I don’t really

know what he meant by that. So, I called my friend Chris Carter and he had great taste in music, so we went out and saw Incubus. I remember how good they looked on stage. My buddy Chris Carter said, ‘If this band gets a song, they’re going be dangerous.’

“For the first few years that they were on the label, I was their ‘well-connected uncle’ that worked at the label,” Rennie said.

In the midst of the mid to late 1990’s, the internet was beginning to catch on and Rennie took notice to the potential that it held for bands and their marketing approach.

He and a few of his good friends would try and capitalize on the ever-growing popular marketplace around 1996. They started a company called Artist Direct. This well-thought out plan seemed like a great idea at the time, but the problem was that the idea came a little too early in the music business.

Back then it was very easy for a band to sell merchandise and albums because the record labels were more than willing to hand their bands money to get their name out there.

These days, this is not the case because the record companies are not seeing the same cash flow that they were seeing in the 1990’s. iTunes and illegally pirated music has finally taken its toll, and record companies can not afford to help

sell merchandise, let alone sell those round silver things--CDs, or whatever they’re called.

“Everybody back then was getting stock options and it was crazy. We were hugely well-connected in the business, so we could get hands on a lot of artists. So we attempted to build their commerce. But the problem is that the labels were still in position of influence. Then you could still make money selling DVDs. Big artists were getting big dollar advances from their merchandisers, so they didn’t have the incentive to go out and do the kind of thing we needed to do to help that business,” Rennie said.

Although this idea was a great one, it came before its time and it failed after about four years, but Rennie continued on in his musical excursion with Incubus had faith in the music-sensed man who had helped



Above: Steve "Renman" Rennie is the owner of REN Management and manager of Incubus **(right)**. Incubus' platinum record for "Make Yourself" and triple platinum record for "Morning View" can be seen hanging in the background of Rennie's photo.
Photo of Steve Rennie courtesy Steve Rennie
Photo of Incubus courtesy of www.enjoyincubus.com



them before.

The day after Rennie left Epic Records between 1995-1996, Mike Einziger, guitarist of Incubus, approached Rennie and requested that he be copartners with their manager at the time. He saw promise in the band, and their 1999 release of the album 'Make Yourself' was taking off.

“I swore I’d never manage again, but have managed to make one glorious exception,” Rennie said.

Since his co-manager left the band in 2000, Rennie has taken over full management responsibilities. Incubus is now in their 17th year as a band, having formed in 1990 when they were teenagers. Rennie does not regret getting back into the management business to work with such a talented group.

He started REN management in 2000 and has been having a blast ever since. Working for a band such as

Incubus is nothing but a pleasure for the music and golf lover. It’s not all fun and games though for Renman. He has a long to-do list, especially coming off of a worldwide tour in support of Incubus’ latest effort, "Light Grenades."

“They are a very smart bunch and well-schooled in the ways of the business, and they’ve had lots of success and they’ve also had some areas where it’s been a little bit more tough. The music business is kooky and sometimes you need to put into perspective to keep their morale level up,” Rennie said.

Rennie is currently busy working on his client’s latest tour that is coming up in February of 2008. Incubus will be playing a few shows in Australia and Asia. That gives Rennie and the band plenty of time to relax, considering they just finished a year-long world-wide tour

let alone can not even speak English? Simple, the album sales are not a problem: people are downloading music like crazy outside of the U.S., well, that makes it more like stealing, but it takes care of the marketing.

“The marketing is easy we don’t sell record outside of the U.S. Whatever the piracy problem is in the U.S. it doubled, tripled, quadrupled outside of the U.S.,” Rennie said.

It was apparent that they didn’t need record sales in foreign countries to get their name out. When they visited Santiago, Chile for a two-night affair in September, fans hounded the band on the arrival and 13,000 fans showed up each night to show what their long-awaited patience had built up over the years.

“I can assure you, that every kid in that arena, was singing every single word to every single song,” Rennie said.

Rennie has seen many great things happen for his buddies in the band. There is one thing that really sticks out in his mind and it’s something that summarizes all of their hard-work and it came down to that one moment.

In 2002, Incubus and he were doing an in-store promotion for their triple platinum album, ‘Morning View’ across the street from Madison Square Garden. U2 was playing that day and on the screen outside it said, “U2 Sold Out.”

“I started walking out there with Mike (Einziger), Brandon (Boyd), and Jose (Pasillas) after we were done and I said, ‘You know, take a look at that man, because by the time we’re done, their going to have ‘Incubus Sold Out’ up there.”

Rennie knew the potential that Incubus had and he was exactly right when he told them that the sign would be bear their name someday.

“Sure enough, within a year, we were standing out there looking at that sign during sound check, and I said ‘How does it look?’ And Mike said, ‘Looks pretty good.’ And I said, ‘Yes, it does.”

Steve Rennie believed in himself for the first 15 years of trying to make it in the business, and because he did not quit, he earned the chance to do what he really wanted to do in life. He gets to see concerts all around the world and at that, for free in venues like Red Rocks in Morrison, Col, the beautiful Gorge of George, Washington and the Sala Razmatazz in Barcelona.

Just when it doesn’t seem to get any better, Rennie is even able to hone his putting and chipping skills on his own practice facility at his REN Management office. Much like the title of Incubus’ career launching album, Rennie truly made himself.

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Melody Baetz selects her bowling ball at the Gamma Phi Beta Second Annual Bowling Classic held Nov. 7, 2007. The event took place at the Big Apple Fun Center and went from 6 p.m. to midnight.

All proceeds will benefit Gamma Phi Beta's national philanthropy Campfire USA and their local philanthropy the Moxie Angels Confidence Camp.



SENIORS; FINISH WITH A BANG!

YOUR GO TO GUIDE FOR GRADUATING

Lisa Becker
Antelope Staff

As time flies by, students who are graduating this fall or next spring or summer need to take a minute to make sure that they have everything in order so they are ready to graduate.

According to the registrars office there are nine things to take care of before the big day.

1ST Students must apply for graduation. They can apply on-line via WebEasi. The deadlines for applying for graduation are February 1st for Spring and June 15th for Summer graduation. There is an application fee of \$25 that must be paid by the deadline.

2ND Students need to take care of any incompletes that they may have from previous semesters. Students need to make arrangements with faculty members for the completion of the Incomplete grade.

3RD Order your cap and gown. This can be done at the Antelope Bookstore, an order form will be sent to you in an informational packet the term students apply for graduation. Announcements are also available through the Antelope Bookstore.

4TH Register with Career Services in the Memorial Student Services Building to start building a placement file.

The Career Services office is a very valuable resource for students who are getting ready to graduate. Diana Kircher, Assistant Director of the Office of Career Services has some pointers of her own for graduating seniors. The first thing students should do is refine their resume. To be prepared to go job hunting this is essential. Students can do this by scheduling a resume critique with the Career Services office and by attending a "Resume Makeover" presentation.

The second pointer from Kircher is to prepare for an interview. Before going to the interview, research the company or organization in depth and prepare questions to show your level of interest. Next, identify what you have to sell, including your top three skills or experiences you can offer.

According to NACE (National Association of Colleges and Employers) Research: Job Outlook 2008, the top five candidate qualities and skills are communication skills, strong work ethic, teamwork skills (work well with others), initiative and interpersonal skills (relates well to others).

Before the interview, students should schedule a mock interview so they can get feedback and advice said Kircher. Students can do this at the Career Services office. After the actual interview, always send a thank you card within 48 hours. This can be typed, handwritten, or e-mailed depending on the organization's culture.

"Dress for Success," said Kircher. When going to the interview, dress conservatively. Women should wear a suit with a skirt or pants and a matching jacket in black, navy or grey. They should

avoid excessive makeup, jewelry and perfume. Men should wear a dark or gray suit with a white dress shirt and a simple tie. A portfolio or briefcase will help complete the look of professionalism.

Kircher recommends that students attend a Career Fair to learn more about companies and internships. There are two upcoming Career Fairs at UNK. The Spring Career and Graduate School Fair is February 26, 2008. The Educator's Employment Fair is March 25, 2005.

For more information or to schedule an appointment with the Career Services Office see the Web site <http://careers.unk.edu> or call at (308)865-8501.

5TH Teaching Degree Candidates need to apply for their teaching certificate with the Teacher Certification Office in the College of Education building room C128. Applications can be submitted up to one month prior to graduation.

6TH Pay all of your bills. Neither your degree nor your diploma will be awarded until all accounts are cleared.

7TH Complete exit paperwork for Financial Aid, Perkins Loan or appropriate lending offices.

8TH If you will need an official transcript make a written request to the Registrar's office in Founders Hall.

9TH Notify the Registrar's Office of any changes of name and/or address so that graduation information may reach you.

New intramural director makes positive changes

Derek Wurl
Antelope Staff

With the semester winding down, midterms over and finals creeping up, people can really relax and take some time off for intramurals.

The first half of intramural director Scot Franks' first semester is over and things are going well. "Things so far have gone extremely well. Certain factors play in to what is a successful year and with the new staff and it being my first year, we've done well," Fransk said.

"We've only had a few defaults and one delay in football. We've had really great participation in all the sports. The team sports have been great, above normal participation. The individual sports are challenging with some miscommunication happening," Fransk said.

Even though team sports participation has been great, the individual sports have not been as successful.

"We will examine those and maybe next fall cut back on the individual events. We want to perfect the team sports and then look at the different opportunities to get exposure on campus," Fransk said.

With the first year intramural director came some new rules. Flag football adopted some new rules and they worked well.

"Some people adapted slower then others to new rules in all sports bur overall its been great." The rules make sense in football and participants need to realize that. "Once people accept them I believe they will be happy with them," Fransk said.

Broomball and 3-on-3 basketball are the big events going on now. Once spring semester starts some people struggle with getting adapted to the style of intramurals but it needs to happen.

"I'm excited about dodgeball coming up and seeing how that goes. It's never been done here before. At the last school I was at participation went from 18 teams to 81 teams within a year," Fransk said. Also coming next semester is five on five basketball, ice hockey, water polo and the Sporting Edge slam dunk and hot shots contest. Entry forms are due before Jan. 24.

Champions have been crowned and T-shirts have been distributed but there are still some championships to fight for this semester. There is a free throw contest Nov. 29, the Turkey Trot

Teacher exchange

Dr. Louishomme shares his experiences from Germany



Alissa Roberts
Guest Writer

Would you take the opportunity to study in a foreign country if you had the opportunity? Dr. Claude Louishomme, a professor in the political science department seized the opportunity to teach at the University of Rostock in Northern Germany during the summer of 2007.

"As a social scientist, I am very interested in how people in different communities organize themselves, function and respond to changing conditions," Louishomme said.

Louishomme's strong interest in the political process of other countries inspired him to travel to Northern Germany during the summer of 2007 and teach at the University of Rostock.

He was excited to learn that his living expenses and flight were covered for him to teach at The University of Rostock, located in what was once East German before the Berlin Wall was torn down.

"Going to the former East German community of Rostock seemed like an ideal opportunity to learn about the dynamics of German integration, especially how the former East German states and communities were dealing with their incorporation into the social, economic and political dynamics of West Germany and the global system. Interacting with Rostock students and faculty and interviewing government officials seemed to hold the promise of gaining some understanding of that society," Louishomme said.

During Louishomme's time in Germany, he noticed many differences between German and American students. He observed that his German students had a wide view of the world.

"One thing that stood out from the very beginning of my visit was how many of my German students had traveled outside of their home country. A majority had spent a year in the United States and others had been to Australia, England, France and other European countries. They were very conversant with current political, cultural and social issues being debated across Europe and the U.S.," Louishomme said.

Louishomme also observed that several of his German students spoke more than one language, unlike the majority of his American students.

"Of course, the fact that all of the 134 students spoke

very good English was also sweet. They also spoke at least one other foreign language," Louishomme said.

Louishomme plans on returning to the University of Rostock to teach for several reasons. He feels that teaching in another country has expanded his world view, the chance to do research in his field, to see the historical sites and architecture of other countries and learn about the human condition in other countries. Louishomme has applied for the Fulbright Scholarship in order to return to the University of Rostock to teach.

"I am motivated to get out of comfort zone every once in a while. Being in a different country for an extended period of time definitely forces me out into unfamiliar territory," Louishomme said.

Louishomme moved to the United States with his family when he was ten years old. Before his family moved to the United States, they lived in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Living in Haiti during his early childhood sparked Louishomme's interest in political science. Louishomme said that he was interested in learning about other cultures because of his childhood experiences and has traveled to Spain, Mexico and France.

Louishomme worked as a senior planner for St. Louis Development Corporation after he graduated from the University of Missouri, but at the age of 39 he decided to quit his job and pursue his master's degree in political science. Traveling and teaching in Germany only proved to Louishomme that returning to school and changing careers was the best decision for him to make.

"It affirmed something that I learned after I changed careers and became a college professor: the world is going to be in good hands when the current generation of young people are running the world," Louishomme said.

Due to his interest in political science and his belief in the abilities of current college students to have a major impact on the world after graduation, Louishomme was advised to consider teaching college students.

"He is interesting and entertaining. He is very opinionated but understanding. He wants his students to talk more than he does," Rachel Jensen, a junior political science minor, said.

Jensen said that Louishomme makes his classes interesting by incorporating current events with the topics from the textbook and lectures. Louishomme enjoyed the way both his German and American students incorporate current events and ideas from other classes into class discussions.

In January 2008, Louishomme will have taught at UNK for eight years. He previously taught at St. Louis Community College for a year and a half.

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Nov. 15, a Poker Tournament Dec. 6 and Table Tennis Dec. 11. Five on five will be played mostly in the fieldhouse unlike 3-on-3. Some games might be moved to the Hyper Gym but, they will "make due" as Fransk said.

The officiating in intramurals has been improved.

"I've had people come up to me and say that the officiating has been better than the past,"

Fransk said. The officials are getting trained well and that is paying dividends.

"There is always room for growth, but so far they are doing a good job," Fransk said. Officials are getting training and during the season there are planned dates for teaching sessions.

Good Chemistry = Good Team

UNK wrestlers begin season ranked No. 1 in the nation

Callie Erickson
Antelope Staff

Turkey sandwiches, the movie Big Fish and a singer named Chris Brown are some of UNK's, Tervel Dlagnev's favorites. Returning for his senior year as a Loper, this Arlington, Tex., native, majoring in biology, enters the 2007-2008 wrestling season with high goals and the determination to accomplish them.

Competing in the heavy weight division for UNK, Dlagnev was chosen to be the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) "Wrestler of the Year."

After a very successful season last year, the Lopers hit the mats to perfect their moves that could win them their seventh straight RMAC championship. Picked to be first this season in RMAC, the Lopers seem to be the favorites.

"We are already looking pretty good as we start our season. The freshmen are coming along very quickly and the seniors are showing some great leadership. I am especially impressed with how much the guys are striving to improve," Dlagnev said.

Last Sat., Nov. 3, the Lopers too part in the Blue and Gold scrimmage at UNK. Though the Gold team defeated the Blue team 35-28, everyone was able to get something out of the scrimmage. "This scrimmage helped us see what we look like during competition and also what we personally need to work on at practice. It also was beneficial to the coaches because it lets them see where everyone is at," Dlagnev said.

The UNK wrestling team



Photo by Brandon Moore

UNK wrestlers Jordan Geinger, left, and Ryan Etherton, right, square off during the Loper's Blue and Gold Scrimmage. The Lopers, preseason ranked No. 1, are predicted to win their seventh straight RMAC title.

seems to have it all together on and off the mats. Dlagnev emphasizes how strong the team's bond is. "We all usually hang out together outside of practice and competition. During the season, you go through a complete lifestyle change. Some guys are trying to cut weight and when you are putting yourself through that kind of mental toughness it's nice to surround yourself with people that know exactly what you are going through," Dlagnev said.

As for Dlagnev, being good

isn't enough. Looking to the future, Dlagnev plans on pursuing his wrestling career after college and taking it to the next level. What's next? The Olympics! Dlagnev has already qualified for the Olympic trials but his hard work and divine dedication to his sport will not stop.

"I want to take my wrestling to the next level. I try not to get too comfortable with just wins and losses. There's a lot more to it. I need to work on being more persistent and focus more on every

move so it becomes very crisp," Dlagnev said.

As a team, the Lopers are getting down to business. In preparation for their coming meets this season, they are trying to focus their attention on different moves and positions at every practice.

This past weekend, Nov. 10, the Lopers were put to the test as they competed in the Wyoming Cowboy Open in Laramie, Wyo. Nine Lopers finished fourth or better in Wyoming, with Dlagnev being the lone champion.



Oregon versus LSU

Who's No. 1

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WHY LSU IS No. 1

Virginia Tech, South Carolina, Florida, Auburn and Alabama have all been defeated by LSU this year, and what do they all have in common? All of them have been ranked this year in the Top 20. Some would say this is argument enough for the Tigers to be deserving of the number one spot. But here are some other reasons why:

LSU DEFENSE

Led by senior defensive tackle and Heisman candidate, Glenn Dorsey, the Tiger defense has been devouring teams all season. LSU ranks No. 1 in the nation in total yards given up and is fourth in rushing yards, allowing only 66 yards a game. Their rush defense will be put to the test Nov. 23 against Arkansas' phenomenal running back, Darren McFadden.

TRINDON HOLLIDAY

He stands 5'5" tall and ran a 10.06 in the 100-meter dash at this year's NCAA Track and Field Outdoor Championships. He's only rushed for 268 yards and two touchdowns this year, but with speed like that his presence cannot be ignored. I expect to see Holliday being used more towards the end of the season, and especially in the Arkansas game to counter the speed and play-making abilities of McFadden.

WHY OREGON IS No. 1

Oregon brings to the table one of the most balanced offensive attacks in college football. The Ducks average 510 yards a game, 279 on the ground and 231 through the air. The have the potential to score fast and score often. Their average of 42.8 points a game is fifth in the nation, behind Hawaii, Kansas, Oklahoma and Boise State. They are currently ranked No. 2 in all the polls, but here are some reasons why they should be the top team.

DENNIS DIXON

This is guy amazing. The 22-year-old from Oakland, Calif. has done everything that his team has asked from him. It's nearly impossible not to watch him play and not be reminded of past Texas quarterback, Vince Young. Dixon is the top dual-threat in college football this year and has been burning defenses with both his arm and his legs all year long. He is the front-runner in this year's Heisman race and is looking to lengthen his lead as the season continues.

MY PICK: OREGON

It's a tough one, but I have to like Oregon in this situation. LSU has had five victories over ranked opponents, but four of them came at home where LSU is practically unbeatable. I think that LSU, on a neutral site, is a beatable team and Kentucky showed us that it can be done. With the SEC Championship being played away from Baton Rouge, look for the SEC's eastern representative to pull off a shocker in the Georgia Dome.

If you would liked to see anything covered in the Antelope, feel free to e-mail me at korthem@unk.edu

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The first half of the National Football League is over and what a ride it has been so far. Between the Cinderella stories of the Browns and Packers, the expected dominance of the Colts and Patriots, and the emerging stars in Adrian Peterson and Patrick Willis there has been plenty of talk going on leading into the second half of the season.

As of right now the top teams in the power ranking are the New England Patriots, the Indianapolis Colts, the Dallas Cowboys, the Pittsburg Steelers, and...the Green Bay Packers? Many people who pay any attention to the NFL have heard the same thing every year, "Will Brett Favre return this year?" Usually the answer is yes, and is

goes a little something like, "I think our team will be a contender this year." Well for the first time in the past three years, the Packers are contenders again. With virtually no talent healthy on the offensive side of the ball and a solid defense the Packers have managed to come out this year with a 7-1 record. Beating a franchise record for the best start and making several other teams turn their heads in disbelief.

Ben Griess, a senior psychology major said, "I'm defiantly surprised at the Packers success so far. Coming off an 8-8 rebuilding season I was expecting a winning season at the best, but to start off 7-1, it is a big surprise."

The Packers aren't the only team in the league turning heads and worrying the top dogs, the Lions, at 6-2 and Browns, at 5-3, have also made a statement through the first half that they want a

piece of post season glory as well. Both teams coming off of expected horrible seasons and were expected to fall into the normal cellar of their respected divisions.

The surprises of this season don't only end with the up sides of the sports. The St. Louis Rams or a dismal 0-8 so far. A team that was once considered at the beginning of the season to have an all-pro running back and were also expected to be at the top of the league are now feeling like the team everyone can't wait to play. The San Francisco 49ers were also predicted to be a top team on the rise with a young solid team, however, they have struggled through the first half as well, posting a 2-6 record.

Outside of the whole team thing, there has been some interesting rookie play a well. Adrian Peterson being someone that comes to mind. The rookie has

1036 yards on 128 carries already, a 6.6ypc average. These numbers are almost unimaginable to most pro starting running backs let alone a rookie. Another rookie making noise is Patrick Willis. Willis leads the league in tackles as a rookie and will contend with Peterson for the NFL Rookie of the Year Award, an award that both have already claimed on their respected sides of the ball.

With only eight games left for each team, going down the stretch may be real interesting. Will Adrian Peterson keep up with his historic run? Will the Patriots finish their season undefeated? Can Brett Favre get his team to another Super Bowl berth? These are a few of many excellent questions going into the final eight weeks of the season.

Sports Picks

This Week's Top Games

Louisville at South Florida

²⁵UConn vs. Syracuse

⁸Georgia vs. ²²Kentucky

⁷Ohio St. at ²³Michigan

⁵West Virginia at ²¹Cincinnati

¹⁵Clemson vs. ¹⁶Boston College

Game of the Week

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South Florida

UConn

Kentucky

Michigan

West Virginia

Boston College

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35-24



Photo by John Reed
Above: Linemen Jake McGlade, No. 70, and Stephen Goodin, No. 65, give quarterback Dennis Havrilla plenty of time to pass.



Photo by Garrett Ritonya
Above: No. 39 Josh Rhode and No. 32 Cheikh Fall wrestle down a New Mexico Highlands ball carrier on Nov. 3.
Photo by Brandon Moore
Right: Littleton senior, Jake Richards, No. 22, avoids a tackler thanks to a block from No. 70 Jake McGlade.



Lopers end season 6-4

Photo by Brandon Moore
Right: Senior Nick Oberle, No. 11, pursues Highlands quarterback, Alex Aispuro. Oberle ended the season with 64 total tackles, second overall.

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Bottom left: Tyler McNitt
McNitt pulled in 28 catches this year and moves up to eighth all-time for career receptions.
Bottom middle: Zach Cerise
Cerise ended the season with 2.5 sacks and 25 tackles.
Bottom right: Chris Lopez
Lopez ended with 15 tackles, two of which were for a loss.



VBall

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UNK couldn't shake the cold start in the second match as 11 hitting errors were made while the Lopers hit just .130 and Springs led from start to finish.

The blue and gold turned things around, however, and hit .412 in the third match and .271 in the fourth and final match.

Scott once again proved unstoppable, crushing 21 kills in only 31 swings, hitting .645, and having just one hitting error.

Burson soared for 20 kills in 59 swings and hit .203.

"I had a rough game against New Mexico so it was nice for me to end on a good note. I felt like I improved my play," said Burson.

Freshman outside hitter Kelsey Werner (Grand Island) came off the bench to turn in a spectacular performance with 11 kills, five digs, and three blocks.

Walkowiak, who left the game in the fourth due to an injured finger, contributed eight kills and a team-high four blocks before exiting.

Sophomore hitter Emily Christen (Anselmo) took Walkowiak's place and chipped in a solid performance with four kills in five attempts.

Libero Wemhoff raced

for an impressive and match-high 25 digs, which put her at 611 on the season. With her effort, Wemhoff now joins Angie Usher (1993) and Linda Loschen (1986) as the only Lopers to have 600 digs in a season.

"It's good that we won because now we can host regionals," said Claussen. "It felt good to win because all the hard work we put in during practice finally paid off and we now control what happens to us in the future."

Svec said, "I thought our team played a great, solid weekend of volleyball. We came out and tried to execute every part of our game. We played some great teams so it was exciting to be able to pull away with the conference championship." RMAC Honors

UNK dominated the RMAC tournament team with Scott named as MVP for her superior efforts. Burson and Svec joined Scott on the seven-person team for the Lopers, as well.

Last Wednesday, the All-RMAC team was announced, too. First-team included Scott, Svec, and Walkowiak. Second-team was comprised of Burson and Clausen. Wemhoff earned honorable mention.



Four Quarters with Mike Vamori

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First Quarter: NBA

The first week of the NBA seasons have produced some surprises, like Bulls and Heat off to a struggling start. Why is this surprise? Many of the national pundits predicted that one or both of these teams would be in the Eastern Conference Finals. Not to worry, fans, these teams they both should rebound especially when Dwayne Wade comes back from off-season surgery. Looking to the Western Conference look who leads the Southwest Division the first week! Hint it's not the San Antonio Spurs so far it's the Houston Rockets who are looking impressive the first week. I'm not going to panic about my Phoenix-Chicago NBA Finals prediction this early in the season with much still left to be played.

Second Quarter: NFL

So with the New England Patriots enjoying a week 10 bye week they will look to continue there run for 16-0 this week. So can the New England Patriots really keep up there impressive run for perfection? I say no because there is a team in the AFC that has gone unnoticed so far. But mark my words that the Pittsburgh Steelers will go up to Foxboro and beat the Patriots in there back yard week 14. The Steelers are just the right team to be able and knock off New England. Pittsburgh plays solid defense, can control the ball on offense then make plays in special teams. Granted there are four weeks until this game but the time is now to talk up the Steelers.

Third Quarter: College BBall

Here's a look at some of the major conferences and how they stack up this year. Big XII- Kansas returns nearly everyone from last year's squad who made it to the Elite Eight. Pac 10- UCLA lost a big player in Arron Affalo, but gained an even "bigger" man in freshman center Kevin Love. CUSA- So Memphis should just breeze thought this conference which would make things boring here but I really like what a Southern Miss team who won 20 games last year to be league sleepers this season. ACC- Al Skinner has another solid Boston College team that I think could spoil North Carolina's party in the ACC.

Fourth Quarter: College Football

So can the BCS avoid another case of the one-loss logjam ride that looks to be on the horizon? All signs point to no with Ohio State's losing at home to Illinois last Saturday. LSU and Oregon are one and two but if Kansas wins out they would be 13-0, with wins over No. 4 Oklahoma and No. 5 Missouri. Isn't that argument enough to be in the title game? On the flipside what if the Sooners wins out? They will have beaten Oklahoma State and Kansas (or Missouri) in the Big XII title game. What about West Virginia who is in the hunt for a Big East title? They will play Cincinnati this weekend and UConn Nov. 24. Needless to say the BCS rating system looks to fail us yet again.