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DEAR LOPER FANS,

After a year of change, transition and developments, the 2015-16 academic year has finally arrived! It's a new season with a new President, coaches and staff, upgraded facilities and continued momentum as the Lopers enter their fourth season in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA).

We are so pleased to host President Hank Bounds, the seventh leader of the University of Nebraska System, for tonight's home opener. This summer, we had the opportunity to show him our campus and all the great things we have going on at UNK. His partnership with Chancellor Doug Kristensen is so important, not only to our University, but also to the entire city of Kearney.

Collectively, we believe in the philosophy of Division II athletics and how it works to positively impact our student-athletes. We have 497 individuals participating for 17 varsity sports. Classroom excellence is expected, competitiveness is a priority and community service is exemplified in all we do.

Thank you for your support of the University of Nebraska Kearney. We are excited to offer you a new brand of Athletics and hope that coaches, staff and student-athletes provide great pride and excitement to you in all we do.

Go Lopers!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Plinske".

Paul Plinske, Ph.D.

Director, Intercollegiate Athletics



President Bounds and Athletic Director Paul Plinske

LOPER FANS



A MESSAGE TO LOPER FANS

Welcome to another year of Loper football! Whether you're a family member or friend of a player, a student or alum of UNK, or simply a Loper fan, I hope you agree something special is happening on this campus. Every time I visit UNK, I'm energized by the momentum and opportunity here.

I've spent my initial months as president traveling the state, listening to Nebraskans about their hopes and dreams for their university. I've learned there is a shared belief that the University of Nebraska has the potential to become one of America's great universities. I am certain we can make it happen. UNK will play a vital role.

First, to be a great university, we must remain accessible to all Nebraskans. UNK is a model in this regard, serving thousands of students who recognize the excellent education and value this campus provides.

We'll also need to focus on areas where we can be the best in the world. Take water and agriculture. Feeding the growing global population is an urgent challenge. The University of Nebraska can lead the way – and we will need the talents of UNK faculty, staff and students to be successful. Rural development and early childhood education are other areas where we have the potential for leadership.

And, we'll need to expand our role as an economic driver for our communities. I've seen firsthand the physical development that is transforming the way UNK engages with the Kearney region. The Health Science Education Complex is a perfect example of how university campuses can come together to meet workforce and quality of life needs in our state. I'm grateful to policymakers and donors whose support made it possible.

UNK truly is a campus of difference makers. There's never been a better time to be a Loper!

Hank Bounds
University of Nebraska
President



GREETING FROM CHANCELLOR KRISTENSEN

Loper fans, as we start our fall season I'm excited about the energy and enthusiasm I see from our students, from President Bounds and Athletic Director Plinske, from Head Football Coach Josh Lamberson and his staff, and across the entire UNK and Kearney communities. It is indeed a great time to be a Loper.

Along with all of the athletics facilities improvements we've seen over the last few months – in Cope Stadium, on Foster Field, in the Health and Sports Center, throughout our other athletics facilities – you will notice the work, led by Dr. Plinske and several of our generous sponsors, that will help take Loper athletics to the next level.

I agree with Dr. Plinske. Hosting NU President Bounds in his first months in office was a proud moment for us. It provided the opportunity to introduce him to campus and our athletic facilities. Louie himself made a special appearance to show Dr. Bounds how to 'throw the Lopes.' We welcome Dr. Bounds today and thank him for his leadership.

If you haven't yet had a chance, I invite you to visit the brand new Health Science Education Complex. You'll find it just west of UNK's West Center. It's a game changer that will profoundly impact the future of health care in our region. Nebraska, especially rural Nebraska, and other areas of the country, are experiencing critical health care shortages. This new state-of-the-art facility will help address those needs. It offers expanded programs, taught by University of Nebraska Medical Center faculty, for nursing and students of other allied health professions. Right here in Kearney.

UNK is in a fine position, as a Division II institution, to provide our student-athletes great learning experiences and great competitive experiences – and to offer you, our fans, equally great experiences to watch outstanding competition. Amazing things are happening on and off the field here at UNK. We're pleased you're here to be part of our team.

Go Lopers!
Douglas A. Kristensen
Chancellor