Flaugh, Kordonowy to lead Student Government

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Rachel Flaugh and Paige Kordonowy are the new student body president and vice president, respectively, at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. They were elected Thursday following two days of campus voting this week and will be inaugurated April 5.

As student body president, Flaugh, a junior chemistry major from Hartington, will serve as the official student body representative to the University of Nebraska administration and public. The president has the power to pass or veto legislation passed by the Student Senate.

Kordonowy is a junior business administration/economics major from Haymarket, Virginia. Flaugh's campus involvement includes serving as a Chancellor's Ambassador, Student Diplomat, chemistry tutor and residence hall president. She is a member of the Honor's Program, Honors Mentor and has been a member of Student Government, serving as speaker of the senate.

Flaugh and Kordonowy identified the following issues they plan to address as leaders of Student Government:

- Ensure Student Union upgrades proposed by current President Evan Calhoun and Vice President Nick Stevenson are completed within the upcoming year.
- Advocate upgrades to the Calvin T. Ryan Library study areas and work with Dining Services to bring a coffee shop to the library.
- Work with UNK Police and Parking to implement a warning system prior to issuing tickets.
- Create a student organization that pairs incoming international students with current students.
- Work with the Women's Center and Counseling Care to enhance campaigns against sexual assault on campus.
- Promote a policy that would prevent professors from presenting new information or having exams during dead week. Dead week would be strictly limited to review sessions.

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- Support Loper Athletics more effectively, including promotion of Loper Loonies and partnering with student organizations to host home games.

In addition to Flaugh and Kordonowy, 18 students were elected to UNK Student Senate. The organization is the legislature for the student body, and students are elected from each of the UNK academic colleges.

Student Senate has the power to pass legislation for the campus, approve new student organizations, appoint student representatives to UNK Faculty Senate and other administrative committees, and perform other duties concerning student issues of concern.

Students are elected to represent their respective colleges. Those elected are listed below by college:

College of Business and Technology: Jesse Zwiener, Albion Logan Krejdl, Aurora Abraham Hermosillo, Cozad Jacob Stallbaumer, Cozad Austin Partridge, Grand Island Nolan Hollibaugh, Rapid City, S.D.

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In most conversations I have had with die-hard Bernie Sanders supporters, they think there is a conspiracy that could undermine his chance of securing the nomination. In their eyes this is a more localized issue within the Democratic Party, something called a “super delegate.”

To clear the air, these are not delegates that don blue and red tights and fly through the air with a donkey emblem on their chest. As cool as that would be, the truth is a little more boring. These are unpledged delegates that are high-ranking members of the Democratic Party, Democratic governors, Democratic congressmen and the bulk are elected members of the DNC. They are unpledged in the sense that as opposed to state delegates, these individuals are free to vote how they wish and not how their state distributed the vote count among candidates. BERNers are also free to change their minds however many times they want.

To some Sanders supporters, this is a conspiracy against Sanders for taking on the big bad establishment, and they created a new rule to keep him out of the primary. They are afraid he could reveal the wrong within the party, something the ruling body would not want. So instead of killing him they would make up a rule to keep him from getting the nomination!

Lovely theory, ranks up there with a ‘stand down order’ and the classic ‘death panels.’ However, that is all it is – a theory.

This rule of unpledged super delegates has been around since the late 1960s; so while in the grand scheme of things this is a rather short time ago, this didn’t just come over night. This is not an obscure rule that was found and reapplied in this current election season, nor is it one created recently.

Super delegates are not the party overruling the will of the people in the choosing of a candidate. Ultimately, the person the party chooses as a candidate will represent them for not only the presidential race but also in the races for the House and Senate. The DNC should have a voice on whom they think would be the best to represent them, and to have current members in government see who would be the best to get along with.

But super delegate numbers are not enough to overturn the delegates chosen by voters. This is not a grand conspiracy or a shadow conclave of elderly individuals; this has been public knowledge for almost 50 years.
‘Deadpool’ succeeds, spices up ‘hero’ category

NATE AEBEGGLEN
Antelope Staff

Well, this movie caught me by surprise. I truly mean that because I came into the movie thinking I was going to see another action hero origin story; and I did…in a way.

“Deadpool” is the one of few comic book movies that has ventured into an R rating, and I would say that it has earned every part of it.

The movie centers on the character of Wade Wilson, an unstable ex-special ops man who has luckily found the woman of his dreams. Those dreams turn sour when Wilson is diagnosed with cancer in pretty much every vital area of his body.

With few options, he agrees to an experimental treatment that ends up mutating his body to rapidly heal itself. But the healing is continuous because the cancer doesn’t go away, causing extreme disfigurement to his body and face.

Now known as Deadpool, Wilson is on the hunt for the man who did this to him so he can cure this affliction and return to his love.

“Deadpool” is directed by Tim Miller, who is relatively unknown as he makes his feature film debut. The star of the movie, on the other hand, is anything but relatively unknown. Ryan Reynolds is booming as of late, and “Deadpool” has safely put him in that much more of the spotlight. This star is also the reason why this movie has received its success.

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Of course, this translates into Deadpool being self-aware that he is in a movie, which results in him breaking from the movie several times and talking directly to the audience and even poking fun at himself as the actor Ryan Reynolds (which the writers execute perfectly).

I believe that “Deadpool” does fall short in the hero/villain dynamic, however. The two characters just never seem to build the type of animosity and driving motivations needed for the climactic battle that is usually necessary for these types of movies.

With that being said, I also believe that “Deadpool” could receive a pass because of the nature of the movie. Like I said earlier, the movie thrives on making a mockery out of superhero clichés, and this could just be seen as another example of that. If you are looking for a fun time at the expense of a melodramatic superhero movie, “Deadpool” is the one for you.

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4 out of 5 Kernals

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Catch The Antelope Speaks and Antelope Sports featuring Andrew Hanson and Nick Stevenson Thursdays 7-9 p.m. or go to unkantelope.com for the weekly podcast.

The Dean of the Student Affairs Dr. Gilbert Hinga joins KLPR every week for “Gilbert’s Corner” to highlight a student or students who have done something remarkable here at UNK. You can check out “Gilbert’s Corner” under the podcast section on www.unkantelope.com.

New this term the dynamic duo is adding Periscope to the live news format and including live interviews and audio from sports director Kattie Sadd. Catch the action live or on podcast.

Fortunately Steve Harvey will not be hosting Mr. UNK this year or anytime soon, but that does not mean the night will be short of any laughs or entertainment.

Mr. UNK, an all-male pageant put on by Sister-to-Sister, will be held on Thursday, March 17 in the Ponderosa room of the Nebraskan Student Union.

With a group of UNK’s finest men from all over campus competing for the 5th annual title, this year promises to be the best one yet, keeping the audience on edge of their seats.

Pageant categories will include presentation, Q&A and more. Leslie Garcia, the public relations for the organization says they added new categories, including a video makeover, where the contestants give their female coaches a makeover and a lip-sync battle between the competitors.

The money collected will go to the philanthropy of the winner’s choice. Last year proceeds went to the Trevor Project. Sister-to-Sister meets every week on Tuesday at 5 p.m. inside of Office of Multicultural Affairs; everyone is welcome.

Tickets will be sold for $3 before the event in the student union atrium from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets are $5 at the door the day of the event.
Morgan Tracy, performing a mash-up of “Hello” by Adele and “Halo” by Beyonce with her own piano accompaniment; UTN, a hip-hop dance group; Jeremy Knispel, also singing “Love Yourself;” Kenzie Crowder, singing “Stay” by Rihanna; Zwiener individually singing an original titled “Here’s to Tonight;” and the band Maybe McAdoo (Jacobs, Alyssa Wetovick and Jacobs’ father), singing an original titled “How Long.”

Cash prizes were awarded for the top three acts in each category. Group prizes were: $300 for first place, $200 for second and $100 for third. Individual prizes were: $200 for first, $150 for second and $50 for third.

Winners in the group category were: Leininger and Grossnicklaus in third place; Anfernee Covarrubias, Alexander Khon and Gerardo Quintero of UTN in second with their routine of krumping and break dancing; and Maybe McAdoo receiving first place.

Individual winners were Zwiener in third; Jacobs in second; and Morgan Tracy in first.

The judges for the event were Tim Danube, Evan Calhoun and Jael Roschewski. The event would not have been possible without Kearney junior Shelby Smith, a middle level education major. Smith was in charge of planning and executing the event. She said she worked
Men's Basketball

To defeat Missouri Southern State and lead his team to the MIAA tournament finals, Connor Beranek scored 35 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Beranek had an impressive season, already tallying nine double-doubles and having nine 30-point games this season. Beranek is among only three other UNK players to score over 700 points in a single season.

Ty Danielson and Connor Beranek were named to the MIAA all-tournament team Sunday afternoon as they battled Northwest Missouri State in the tournament finals. Danielson scored 10 points on the game while playing all 40 minutes. Beranek tallied 31 points and pulled down 9 rebounds.

For the first time since 2007, the UNK men's basketball team will make an appearance at the NCAA tournament. The 20-11 Lopers with face Fort Hays State University (20-10) on Saturday at 8 p.m. in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Women's Basketball

The Loper women's basketball team won its first postseason win in seven years, defeating Southwest Baptist, 75-46. Senior Laramey Becker tallied 18 points, six rebounds, two assists and two steals to help lead the team to victory.

Becker and junior Alexa Hogberg, a junior exercise science major from Chandler, Arizona, represent the UNK women's basketball team on the 2016 All-MIAA team. Becker was named to the second team, earning her second All-MIAA honor. Hogberg was named honorable mention.

Laramey Becker is one of only 24 Lady Lopers to reach the 1,000-career point milestone. Becker averaged 16.8 points, 5.4 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 2.0 steals per game. She leads the conference in steals per game and is first on UNK in points, rebounds and free throws made and is tied for the lead in threes made.
Ruwe believes the best is yet to come

SEAN LAUGHLIN
Antelope Staff

As a freshman, she was the only player on the team to start every game, and that was just the beginning of the amazing career of Kate Ruwe. The first baseman and catcher may blow people away with her batting averages and RBIs, but she has also gone the past two years without an error in the field.

The senior from Blair has put up incredible numbers throughout her UNK career, including two all MIAA awards. She now aims to continue her dominance in her final year in a Loper jersey.

Ruwe is off to a hot start this year for the Lopers leading the team in batting average, homeruns and RBIs, the three top categories for hitting.

Q: What do you think is your biggest strength on the field?
A: My biggest strength on the softball field is hitting. I have always spent a lot of time on my hitting and focusing on the little things.

Q: In your four years at UNK, what have you learned most?
A: Over the past four years at UNK with playing softball I have learned so many things about sportsmanship and being a team. I have been lucky enough to have four amazing years with great teammates. Being able to be a part of a great team that is supportive in all aspects helped me be successful both on and off the field.

Q: In what area do you think you have improved most in your game?
A: The area that I have improved the most is my fielding. In all aspects of the game I focus on the little things and want to make an impact in any way.

Q: What do you think this year’s team has that teams in the past did not?
A: This year’s team is something special. This group of girls has a strong bond, and without a doubt we always have each other’s backs. We are always encouraging each other to be better and pushing one another.

Q: How do you think the beginning of the season has gone?
A: The beginning of this season has gone good. We have played some tough competition, and that has pushed us to become better. We have faced many obstacles, and by overcoming them earlier we will be a stronger team at the end of the year.

Q: What image of the UNK softball team would you like people to see?
A: When people are looking at UNK softball, I want them to see a team that is full of perseverance and passion. This team is full of passion and love for the game.

Q: What is the hardest part for you of balancing academics and athletics?
A: The hardest part of balancing athletics and academics is finding the time to get it all done. Being an education major and missing class is a challenge. I have learned to get ahead of the work and make up the missing requirements before leaving. Being a student-athlete has made me learn how to balance two important tasks and being very flexible with time.

Q: What are your plans post graduation?
A: After college I plan to either be a special education teacher or a general education teacher. If I got to choose, I would choose to teach first grade.
Q: Why did you choose UNK?
A: I chose UNK because the coaches made me feel like the team was a family. I knew I would make friends that would go beyond track.

Q: What is your favorite event and why?
A: Hurdles. I like the 60 hurdles because they are short, and the main focus is on the start. The start is my favorite part of any hurdles race and is the one aspect I focus on a lot.

Q: You did multiple sports (volleyball, track and basketball) in high school, how is it now that you only compete in one?
A: Track is my favorite, and I only want to focus on that. I couldn’t imagine splitting up my time between two sports and school.

Q: You were named a captain for the ’15-’16 season, is there any more added pressure?
A: I don’t think it’s added pressure. It’s an honor to know they want me to be a leader. So now I just have to keep fulfilling that role as best I can.

Q: What super power sports combo would you choose given a choice? (Not Super speed and track)
A: That’s a hard one. It would be between Adidas and Asics. I always get the same Asics running shoes but love my Adidas spikes. And they both have great clothing. To be sponsored by either would be awesome!

Julie Burr was named captain of the ’15-’16 women’s track team as an underclassman and said she feels it is an honor that teammates want her to be a leader. “So now I just have to keep fulfilling that role as best I can,” she said.

ABOUT JULIE:
Class: Sophomore
Major: Pre-nursing
Hometown: Holdrege
Event: Hurdles

Juliana Burr has been a member of the Loper Women’s Track and Field team for two years, and has already found her position as a team captain.

As a freshman Burr broke the 13-year-old school record in the 60m hurdles and made the Loper all-time Top-10 in four other events (Indoor: Pentathalon, 4x4 relay; Outdoor: 100m hurdles, 400m hurdles).

Burr broke her own record in the 60m hurdles during the UNK Indoor Invitational Feb. 6.

Burr finished 10th in the 60m hurdles at the Indoor conference meet, and placed 10th during Outdoor conference in both the 100m hurdles and the 4x1 relay. She also placed 17th in the 400m hurdles at the Outdoor conference meet. Burr is also a competitor off the track, as she was named to the MIAA Academic Honor Roll.

Julie's Favorites:
Food: Chocolate
Musician: Garth Brooks
Movie: "Anchorman"
TV show: "Grey’s Anatomy"

Julie works hard in practice but also spends a lot of her time studying. She is a great example of what it takes to be successful.”
— Danica Liess, teammate
From the Pacific to Plains: a Loper found home at UNK

KATIE SADD
Antelope Staff

Though junior heptathlete and decathlete Bevan Wemhoff from Bakersfield, California, is hundreds of miles from home, he is content here as long as he is on the track.

Wemhoff says he hadn’t even planned on going to college, but his mind was changed when he began receiving offers to compete in college track and field. “I figured if I was going to be in college I better be in track,” he said.

With more than just desire and passion driving this athlete to get better, Wemhoff knows the sky is the limit. He said he craves greatness in track and field and plans to do whatever it takes to get better every single day.

His future goals include a desire to compete at the highest level. “I had always wanted to make it to the Olympics, but as my career has gone on, I have set my goals for making it to Nationals in the Heptathlon and Decathlon for my last full season of track.”

Q: What has track taught you about yourself and life?
A: Track has taught me to never give up. I have been injured, I have been beat, and I was told that I am not good enough to be a multi-event athlete. Throughout all of the years of competing, it has taught me adversity and how to be patient.

Q: Why did you choose to compete at UNK?
A: I chose UNK because my father lives in Nebraska. It was a great opportunity to make up time that was lost living in California. He now gets to come to my meets and see me compete.

Q: You spent most of your life in California; what is it like to be in Nebraska now?
A: The winters are a lot colder, but I enjoy having different seasons in the year. In California the summers are a dry heat, and fall and winter kind of blend together, and of course spring is always the best season. When I was in Cali, you could go to the beach or the mountains in a single day, you can’t do that in Nebraska.

Q: What do you do before a meet to prepare yourself?
A: I wake up and shower, and eat a light breakfast because I hate having a ‘full’ feeling before competing. I listen to music and it varies from classical to rap. I get my hamstrings heated, stretch out and then put Tiger Balm on.

Then before I start my first event, I say a prayer asking God to let everyone be safe and compete to their fullest.

Q: What are some of the goals you have set for yourself?
A: I had always wanted to make it to the Olympics, but as my career has gone on, I have set my goals for making it to Nationals in the Heptathlon and Decathlon for my last full season of track.

Q: What are some of the challenges you face doing track and being a full-time student?
A: Money struggles. There is a lot of time and effort put into track, and for me to be able to keep my grades up I choose not to work while I’m in season. I rely on my loans to make it through the semester and track season.

It’s very hard to manage my time as well. I always want to come home and not do anything after a long day of practice, but I know that homework needs to get done.

BIO

Bevan Matthew Wemhoff
Age: 22
Hometown: Bakersfield, California
Place of birth: Auburn, Nebraska
Major: Physical education and health

Interesting Facts:
If he could be a superhero it would be Superman, of course!
Celebrity crush: Taylor Swift
Favorite food: Pizza
Talent he wishes he could have: Singing

Photo by Demi Higgins
Bevan Wemhoff (RIGHT) comes speeding out of the blocks to maintain a great start at the Colorado School of Mines Division II Invitational on Jan. 30, 2015. Wemhoff finished seventh overall at this meet.
Kearney gets normal

Legislature finally said 'yes' on 111th ballot for mid-state teacher’s college

ANNA SALAZAR
Antelope Staff

"Kearney Gets the Normal," read the headline in most of the newspapers in western Nebraska towns in September 1903. That was the beginning of what would become the University of Nebraska at Kearney said Chancellor Douglas A. Kristensen Tuesday, March 1, one of many facts brought forward in his celebration speech, "A Century Later: From 111 Ballots to Today".

Kristensen’s speech focused on the legislative process required to establish the normal college. The audience learned how difficult it had been for Kearney to actually become the “normal” the state was looking for more than a century ago.

Cities looking to get the “normal” included North Platte, Hastings and Lexington, but only Kearney had a constant support through the 111 ballots needed and even garnered three votes for 27 ballots, when only four were needed to get the school.

Nebraska State Normal School at Kearney could have been Nebraska State Normal School at North Platte or Hastings. “Nothing ever comes easy to Kearney,” Kristensen said. The other cities wanted the “state normal" and Kearney had to organize and fight it out because the institution was sure to help the economy and bring more people to the community, Kristensen said in his speech.

Sydney Stadler, an information tech junior from Minden said, "I didn't know that UNK had only been UNK for like 25 years. It is amazing to learn how it came to be and that Kearney got to be the new 'normal.'"

After the "A Century Later: From 111 Ballots to Today" speech by Chancellor Kristensen, the UNK Wind Ensemble performed “Spirit of K.S.N. March” directed by associate professor of music Dr. Duane Bierman. The fight song for Kearney State Normal was composed in 1910 by the director of the Normal School band and orchestra, Benjamin H. Patterson.

Chancellor Kristensen opened the floor to questions and personal experiences from the audience. Some made jokes about how the other towns were throwing “shade” saying Kearney didn’t deserve the school and wasn’t even suitable for it.

Others made some comments about how the university has impacted the city. William A. Oldfather, an audience member, mentioned that his second great grandfather was one of the authors of the song performed by the first Wind Ensemble.

"It was a great event; it is great that Kearney won against the odds. I’m happy I get to go to a college that actually fought to fulfill the necessity of the state and that was and it still is the best option for all the rural communities,” Stadler said.

After the speech and performance the audience had the chance to go to the special exhibition from the UNK special archives and collections at the Calvin T. Ryan Library. The audience browsed memorabilia like images and documents from UNK’s past. There was a timeline, from the moment the first cornerstone was laid on October 18, 1904 to when UNK became part of the state university system. There were also banners made of dozens of images from UNK student body and a blanket made from all the different official UNK t-shirt styles.

The anniversary celebration does not end with this event. If you want to learn more about how UNK came to be UNK, the university you know now, plan to attend the “A Century in the Making: Voices of Images of UNK,” event at the World Theater at 7 p.m. April 6. There will be a movie and a discussion panel about all the changes UNK has gone through to make it the great university it is today.

You can see highlights of the Chancellor’s speech on the UNK website at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=631K496aCaY
International students share food, culture at annual festival

1) Korean students teach people how to write their name in Korean. The Scott D. Morris International Food and Cultural Festival took place on March 6 in UNK Health & Sports Center Arena.

2) Xiaohan Yang, international studies major students from Changchun, China, teaches children how to play Chinese chess. Eleven countries served their country foods and shared their culture.

3) Visitors received food at the festival. They enjoyed 20 different kinds of foods from 11 different countries. The festival is hosted by UNK International Students Association.

SUPERlegates from page 2

Even with the victories of Nebraska and Kansas, Bernie Sanders still trails Hillary Clinton in both pledged and unpledged delegates by almost 800. It is clear that even if the 717 super delegates were taken out of the equation, there would still be a considerable amount of distance between the two candidates.

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College of Natural and Social Sciences:
Drew Thompson, Aurora
Jessa Schultis, Diller
Kelsey Wiemers, Kearney
Paige Whalen, Kearney
Dallas Doering, Trenton
Kirsten Tomjack, Wahoo

College of Education:
Stephanie Paulsen, Arapahoe

University College (deciding/pre-professional):
Alex Miller, Kearney
Graduate Student
Wilfredo Lopez, Lexington

FAME from page 5

Elenna Leininger sings “Burning House” by Cam while Luke Grossnicklaus plays guitar accompaniment.

with advisor Heather Wolf and LPAC members to plan and run the event. Her toughest task was to get people signed up to participate. LPAC is considering making changes to the event to increase participation and attendance.

Smith said the participation of 12 acts is average for this event. She also estimated there were about 200 students in attendance, also average, but down from the 500 who attended a couple of years ago.

Brittany Mrkvicka, a St. Paul sophomore majoring in special education and middle grade education, attended the event. Mrkvicka said she heard about the show from a friend, Elenna Leininger. “There were many Greeks performing, so we came to support them,” she said.

Kristin Bell, Aurora freshman accounting major, also attended the event. Bell’s favorite kind of acts were the singing. Bell attended the event with McCain Narber, elementary education freshman from Aurora. This was Narber’s first time attending this event, who plans to attend next year, saying, “I loved every minute of it.”

Smith, Mrkvicka, Bell and Narber all agreed the show ran smoothly. Narber and Bell said the audience was great during the show. “They were really into it and doing fun things during the performances. It was a fun atmosphere,” Narber said.
Everyone won at the Alpha Phi sorority annual Red Dress Poker Tournament last Thursday, March 3. The event was located at the Health and Sports Center on campus, and the poker playing commenced around 5:30 p.m. This poker tournament is one of two philanthropy events the sorority organizes each year. All proceeds are given to the Alpha Phi Foundation, which supports women’s heart health.

**Planning and Preparation**

Just as most things in life do, this event required months of planning and preparing in order for it be successful. Elenna Leininger, the Director of Philanthropy for Alpha Phi, was in charge of organizing and preparing for the poker tournament. The sophomore pre-physical therapy major stressed the importance of the sorority’s philanthropy to its members and how lives could be positively influenced as a result of the funds raised to support women’s heart health.

“Throughout the RDPT (Red Dress Poker Tournament) planning process I really tried to stress to our girls that what matters is all of the lives we can influence through raising the money,” said Leininger.

Lehmkuhler prepared and promoted the event months in advance. Lehmkuhler agreed that the event ran smoothly, just as it had in past years. “I was really impressed with how smoothly things ran. The support from the Kearney community is the main reason why our event has been a success for the past 11 years, and I can’t wait for next year,” she said.

Leininger also reflected on the event, expressing her gratitude to those who helped out along the way and promoted the event’s continual success. “I thought it went smoothly this year, too,” Leininger said. “It makes it really easy to put on a good event when you have such great committee heads and so much support from the community members, UNK students, parents and family members.”

**Raising Funds, Raising Awareness**

People of all ages from around the community and on campus joined together for a night filled with a combination of competition and good fun. Although the ultimate goal of this event would seem to be the last one standing, the real goal was not only to help raise funds to support women’s heart health, but also to raise awareness.

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women in the United States. It affects one in three women. Sometimes it’s hard to wrap our minds around statistics, but Leininger applied those statistics to her own chapter for a more personal application.

“I think joining Alpha Phi and especially taking on this position is what has encouraged me to realize the importance of women’s heart health,” she said. “It’s so easy to skim over statistics and not think about what the numbers really mean, but when you replace ‘one in three women’ being affected by heart disease with ‘46 of the 140 members of Alpha Phis at UNK’ it makes it a lot more real. Can you imagine 46 of your sisters going through the pain associated with heart disease?”

Although the final total of funds raised has not yet been calculated, the Alpha Phi sorority raised roughly $6,000 dollars from ticket sales alone (not including the money raised through donations and raffle tickets sold).

There were 304 pre-registered players, but total number of people who came has not yet been tallied. Despite not knowing the exact totals of funds raised and attendance, it’s a safe bet that the Red Dress Poker Tournament proved to be yet another successful event for the Alpha Phi sorority.