

Campus Kitchen brings Thanksgiving

Volunteers pack up special two-box holiday meals before delivery to clients in need



Photos by Amanda Demilt

1. **PACKING:** After running out of pumpkin pie, the volunteers fill boxes with green beans and cranberry sauce. Pumpkin pie will be added to the boxes when it arrives at the kitchen.

2. **GIVING DOUBLE:** Sierra Bixenmann, Nicole Svevad, Lacey Johnson, Kate Baumgart and Cassie Kenedy work to fill the second set of the to-go boxes.

3. **PLANNING THE ROUTES:** Sierra Bixenmann (right) and Lacey Johnson (left) discuss delivery routes before heading off for delivery.

4. **MAKING THE MEAL:** Turkey and mashed potatoes look appetizing in the to-go boxes, but these are just one of the two each client will receive.



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5. **DELIVERING:** Sierra Bixenmann, sophomore psychology major from Grand Island, leaves for delivery after packing festival Sunday Nov. 26.

19th straight NCAA run brings Lopers to big dance

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The now sixth-ranked Nebraska-Kearney volleyball team is in the NCAA Tournament for a 19th straight season and will battle Missouri Western State in the first round of the Central Regional on Thursday, Nov. 30 in Marshall, Minn.

The regional, hosted by No. 2 Southwest Minnesota State, will be held at the PE Gym. The Mustangs swept two-time defending national champion Concordia-St. Paul in the NSIC (Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference) Tournament finals Sunday in St. Paul to earn the right to host the regional. Match times will be announced on Tuesday.

The 64-team NCAA field, eight schools from each of Division II's eight regions, was announced Nov. 20.

UNK is 27-21 all-time in the NCAA's, advancing to the Elite Eight in 2005, 2004, 2003, 1996 and 1995. The Lopers also reached the regional finals on four other occasions but are currently riding a five-match NCAA losing streak. Its last NCAA win came in the second round of the 2012 regional.

The Lopers' 19-year NCAA run

trails only the University of Tampa (1996-present). The Spartans have now made the "Big Dance" 22 straight years.

The Central Region is far and away the best in the country as it features Concordia, winners of eight of the last 10 national titles, and 10 other nationally-ranked teams. The Top 25 teams left out of the regional this year are No. 13 Winona State, No. 16 Augustana, No.19 Central Missouri and No. 22 Wayne State.

The third-seeded Lopers (33-3) and sixth-seeded Griffons (24-10) will meet for the fourth time this year and for the third time since November 11. UNK beat Mo West in four sets in Kearney during the regular season and last Saturday night in the MIAA Tournament finals. The Griffs handed the Lopers a 3-1 loss on its home court in the regular season finale.

The UNK/MWSU winner takes on either CSP or Central Oklahoma. The eight region winners advance to the Elite Eight, held Dec. 7-9 at the University of West Florida in Pensacola.

No. 3 seed UNK received an automatic bid from the MIAA and will play No. 6 seed Missouri Western State Thursday, Nov. 30

1. **HOW SWEET IT IS:** The Lady Lopers celebrate after the hard work all season pays off in third consecutive MIAA title.

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Lopers tally fourth MIAA title, third tourney championship, trip to DII regionals Nov. 30



Sisters support soldiers

Alpha Omicron Pi hosts Sisters for Soldiers to prepare care packages for U.S. military serving overseas

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Community members bustle around. Twinkling Christmas lights catch your eye. Holiday music fills the house. Smells of hot chocolate waft through the room.

With the holiday season quickly approaching, the sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi are trying to give back as much as possible. Nov. 9 they hosted their fifth annual Sisters for Soldiers event where they invite UNK students and Kearney community members to stuff care packages to send overseas to soldiers.

Rachel Overby is a junior member majoring in advertising and public relations from Omaha. “Our goal is make people aware that simple things like a Sudoku book or a Slim Jim can really make a difference in a soldier’s life,” Overby said. “It’s the little thought that can make the biggest difference.”

Handwritten letters.
Candy and treats.
Playing cards.
Games.

These are just a few of the things guests are invited to add to their personalized box they put together for a soldier.

In the weeks leading up to the event, Alpha Omicron Pi set up booths outside of



local grocery stores to ask for donations.

“We try and catch people before they go into the stores, so while they are shopping they can hopefully purchase some of the items off of the list to donate,” Overby said.

For those that donate money, all of the money raised goes toward purchasing the boxes and the extra shipping fees.

Laughter fills the air.
Miss Nebraska tells stories.
Camera’s flash.

Guests complimenting the delicious chocolate chip cookies.



Photos by Molly Stern

Top: Miss Nebraska, Allison Tietjen chats with Alpha Omicron Pi sisters about her platform of supporting the military.

Left: Carlos Hernandez, senior industrial distribution major from Lexington picks from the wide variety of goodies to add to the care package he is making. Guest were allowed to chose from different snacks and candies, Sudoku books and playing cards to add to their boxes.

Right: Guests from the community and Alpha Omicron Pi sisters mingle during the event Sisters for Soldiers.

The fun didn’t stop after making your way through the line to fill a box. There were cookies to be eaten, hot chocolate to be drunk and Miss Nebraska to take pictures with.

“Alpha Omircron Pi was one of the first groups to contact me after winning, and once I learned more about the event, I couldn’t pass it up,” Miss Nebraska (Allison Tietjen) said.

Miss Nebraska’s platform is United We Stand: Honoring Our Military which was inspired by her late grandfather who proudly served as a Marine in the Korean War.

“I hope to help people understand the service and sacrifice made by military men and women for our country,” Miss Nebraska said. “I think what Alpha Omicron Pi is doing is an amazing thing, and I love the impact it will have not only on the soldiers serving our country but also this community.”

One of the great things about this event is that it is open

to the community for anyone wanting to lend a helping hand.

Lexi Vecera, a freshman from Fremont studying nursing was one of the many who stopped by the house that chilly Thursday night.

“I have always had a special place in my heart for the military and those serving our country so when I heard about Alpha Omicron Pi putting on Sisters for Soldiers, I knew I had to contribute in some way,” Vecera said.

Vecera wrote a few letters thanking the soldiers for their service and helped pack a couple of boxes.

When asked what kind of impact they hoped to make, Alpha Omicron Pi President senior math education major Alexis Stockton of Fort Collins, Colorado, said, “We hope it makes them smile and realize that there are people back home that care about them and are thinking of them. I couldn’t imagine being away from my family for the holidays so I hope this makes it a little easier for them”

This year the goal for the event was to fill at least 215 boxes. This goal was succeeded easily with Alpha Omicron Pi boxing 225 packages to send to soldiers for the holidays.

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Looking back on predictions

One year later, Gonnella reflects on predictions, realizes how naive he was



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About a year ago, I wrote an article in which I laid out some predictions for 2017 because that is usually what the pundits do when a new president enters office. So I decided to take a look back at my own guesses for what the first year of a Trump presidency would be like.

I suspected in December of last year that Trump’s support would leave him, the recount election wouldn’t do much and the evangelicals/alt-right would grow in popularity and become normalized in the South.

Unfortunately, I was correct in the areas I did not want to be right in and wrong on the one I wanted to be right in.

Starting from the top, I suspected that Trump support would soon bleed away. I was basing that around the idea that Trump was walking back a few of his promises. I believed not persecuting Clinton on day one of his administration would alienate his base. In addition, I held serious doubts that the infamous idea of a wall would not be an actual wall that goes across the entire length of the border.

Unfortunately I underestimated the power of easily manipulated voters in large groups. Granted, Trump is sitting well beneath fifty percent regardless of which poll you choose to look at, but he still has a rabid base of support ranging from the common person to TV personalities.

This group of supporters is a reliable attack animal that the current tenant of the White House uses to get at individuals who have the nerve to call him out or question his motives. I am fairly certain if Jesus came from the sky and spoke out against Trump, he would be labeled a radical Middle Eastern communist who has no right to be in the country.

Then there was the recount effort. Last year there was a push to have the votes of a few states recounted, with both sides playing their cards the way one would expect depending if that party won or lost the state’s popular vote. I was correct that it wouldn’t change much, but by questioning the results of the election, Trump opened up himself to his staffers’ connection with foreign agencies and governments. I try to keep up with it, but I won’t discuss it here because it is not directly a result of the recount effort led by Green Party hack Jill Stein. The recount merely offered the opening for it to be discussed.

Then, there was the matter about the evangelicals and alt-right. I expected to become more numerous and popular, with the heart of the infestation kept in the South.

I just did not imagine it growing to the extent that it has.

A group of individuals about my age, with older folks who want to be hip and popular again with their despicable

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beliefs, rally around the internet sharing memes that are facts in their mind and promote some of the ugliest things I have had the misfortune to witness. They embrace misogyny, racism and neo-confederates and Nazi ideals without any second thought. When confronted about it, they resort to using insults and one-liners that have no grounding in the real world and just propagate the mindlessness found in whatever passes for a brain in their skulls.

They rally around Trump because he didn’t create the racism/misogyny/hatred for the other, he just normalized it. This has spread well beyond the breeding grounds of the South northwards.

I don’t think I will be making any more guesses for next year. If anything, I would expect maybe more of the same we got from this year. Hatred of the press, hatred of immigrants, hatred of anyone who does not believe your political beliefs, hatred for people who worship differently than you do. I imagine that will be a reoccurring theme for the next year. The vocal minority will yell, “Be afraid, and do unto others before they can do unto you”.

Hopefully I am wrong. Maybe we can keep the extremists out of true power, keep them as a distraction on the periphery of our notice. I hope that is the case, but based on this year, it is wise to expect the unexpected.

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DC presents league of problems



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After the release of the fantastic Wonder Woman film, many fans were hoping DC's cinematic quality was steadily on the rise, with their movies improving day by day. Alas, it is not so, because Justice League fell short of the mark. Actually, this latest film almost misses that elusive mark completely, rather like the cast's blows coming up short on the film's big bad, Steppenwolf. Of course, there were several factors that made this movie about as entertaining as "Dawn of Justice" (which by the way, was not), but its main issue was obvious: DC hardly had any original content in this film. Ensemble cast, terrifying box for a weapon, snarky leader with too much money? I was unaware I had paid money to see the first Avengers film on the silver screen yet again.

While the cast was filled with huge names, many of which the DC universe has used before in previous movies, including Ben Affleck, Jeremy Irons and Gal Godot (who, as always, is a highlight, but was lost in the chaos), some of the newbies just didn't pack a hard enough punch. Jason Momoa's Aquaman, while badass and intimidating, was basically just that, badass and intimidating. The character had no depth, even though I quite excited

Were admission prices really justified for latest 'Justice League' superhero ensemble?



I miss the days when one's biggest concern was exploding wind-up penguins.

to see his character on screen. Ezra Miller's quips as the Fastest Man Alive added a thin layer of occasional hilarity to the movie, but more often than not, the jokes were as mistimed as the film itself. The pacing was entirely off. In the beginning, during which events unfurled much too slowly, I kept waiting for things to pick up, but by the time the credits rolled, I just sat in my chair thinking "... What? That's it? That wasn't an ending!" Sure, it leaves the option for more movies, especially as audiences see Bruce Wayne making plans for a conference room for the six superheroes, "with room for more." But after sitting through two hours of poor jokes, excessive use of slow motion and some characters audiences don't even

get the time to care for, would they really want to sit through yet another movie akin to this one? The plot itself was fairly simple, but it was a rehash of many previously released superhero films from the get-go. The cell phone recording of Superman that took place before the title sequence was an evident copy of "Spider-Man: Homecoming," and it certainly didn't pack the humorous punch that the Webslinger's latest film did. And then there was the inclusion of Superman himself—the disappointing driving force of the whole movie, at that. It just so happens that the weapon which Steppenwolf is after, the three Mother Boxes, have the potential of bringing back

people, even The Man of Steel, from the dead. How convenient for this struggling band of heroes! Just when all seems lost at the end of the film, Superman swoops in to save the day in a battle that audience members were hardly invested in the first place. Overall a lackluster tale, "Justice League" presents an array of problems

for the usual superhero film fanatic. Of course, my world is Marvel-centric, but even putting that bias aside, what happened to the brilliance present in the last DC film? Or was "Wonder Woman" just a wonderful fluke? Either way, you certainly don't have to be as fast as The Flash in racing to see this film.

Top three box office sales

DC v. MARVEL



Which do you prefer?

The Dark Knight (2008)

\$533,345,358

The Avengers (2012)

\$623,357,910

The Dark Knight Rises (2012)

\$448,139,099

Avengers: Age of Ultron (2013)

\$459,005,868

Wonder Woman (2017)

\$412,563,408

Iron Man 3 (2015)

\$409,013,994

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