Frank House sponsors ‘Titanic’ dinner

by Amanda Harvey
Antelope Staff Writer

Time travel is possible in Kearney with the use of a little creativity, a lot of imagination, a few motivated volunteers and a beautiful historic home.

Last Friday and Saturday night right fighters gathered in the Ramada Inn at 5:30 p.m. to travel back in time to April 1912, in order to experience an authentic 19th-century dinner complete with a remuneration of the public response to the sinking of the Titanic.

Contributors paid $150 a plate to participate in this event which was designed to help raise money and continue to preserve and continue to restore this historic home on the western edge of the UNK campus.

Gloria LeDroit, project chair, woman for “A Night to Remember” R.M.S. “Titanic,” said this event was motivated by the 1996 book “The Last Dinner on the Titanic.”

This book contains recipes for period-authentic dishes that were actually served aboard ship, and the cooks used those recipes to prepare this “Titanic” dinner.

LeDroit said, she that she thought a “Titanic” dinner would be suitably impressive.

The Frank House is a home built to impress, so why not find dishes that were built to impress LeDroit said.

The food at this event was designed to duplicate not only the dishes but also the setting; the first rate style for first class diners aboard the “Titanic,” LeDroit said.

The dinner consisted of eight courses including lobster, filet mignon, an asparagus salad, cream of barley soup and, of course, a dessert, which was peaches in champagne jelly.

Two wait staff personnel in formal livery, aided by two runners and multiple others contributed to preparation, served the meal to six contributors on Friday night.

While the contributors were eating, LeDroit and other volunteers endured them by playing the “Titanic” music.

LeDroit played the part of the chief of staff of the household complete with period appropriate costume and props.

“My desire is to preserve the meals and keep order among the staff,” LeDroit said.

Bryce Long, a part-time UNK student, played the role of the hotel’s sales officer.

“I’m selling packages for the return voyage of the “Titanic,”” Long said.

He said that throughout the right contributors would send telegrams to people currently aboard “Titanic.”

“Sometimes during the night, I will announce that Titanic has sunk, and at the end of the night, we’ll find out if the people we’ve been talking to is long,” LeDroit said.

Virginia Lund, Frank House curator, sit dinner with the contributors and shared details about the features and furnishings in the Frank House.

Lund said the house had light fixtures done by various industries that are either from the 19th century or designed to be 18th century or designed to be individually that are either from the 19th century or designed to be correspondingly.

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Graduation bash at Ramada Inn to be cancelled

by Doug Carroll
Antelope-Prince Writer

It is the final graduation, all graduates have walked across the stage and received their degrees and it is off to the real world, but there are still students to get one last hurrah at the Ramada Inn.

The Semi-Annual Graduation Bash at the Ramada Inn last year was out of control, wild party is taking over the Ramada Inn and bars are hanging out and not to have worry about the donated door home after a night of drinking.

This year many students will head out only to find out that the Graduation Bash has been cancelled for this May’s graduation and every graduation thereafter.

“Just put to get to too many people, the situation gets out of control and we [the hotel staff] can’t monitor the state of mind of the people drinking,” says Michael Williams, General Manager of the Ramadas.

“Having been many instances over the years and thanks to me not having been able to put a control on the hotel staff is the safety or all guests that stay under the roof,” continued Williams.

Letters were sent out to every student that had a room reserved for this May 12 stating that no ticketing will be tolerated, no outside alcohol will be allowed on the premise, and that there will be no security guards on the site and all the “driving rules,” namely eight security officers and four duty police officers. “We have hosted the event the past several college graduations and have experienced some trying moments,” states the letter.

The countless numbers of doors, windows, and walls that have been damaged through the years along with the three to four clean-up day that is requested after each graduation bash takes its toll on the property. The physical damage is fixed every year.

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Celebrating Service

The National Residence Hall Honorary hosted a banquet on Sunday to induct new members and honorary members, handed out recognition prizes, and recognized those who have made large contributions in the residence halls, by the University of Nebraska - Kearney.

Frank Hall was in charge of catering the “Titanic” event, and has catered many other events at the Ramada Inn.

Asif Hashim, one of the servers and a recent UNK graduate, said, “This is quite an experience.”

Tanya Abdullah, another server, and UNK student, said that she knew a lot about the history of the “Titanic” and found the event to be very interesting because it gives people a chance to look back on this great historical tragedy.

Lori Andrzej, another Frank Hall’s employee, said that this “Titanic” dinner wasn’t an easy one.

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Wednesday, April 21: Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society, 7:15 p.m. in the Fine Arts Mira...nt>30-685-8149, or Michelle West, Director of Public and Media Relations, SIEF at 417-375-5117 or visit www.SIEF.org.

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Student Government

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Molly Albrecht was named the new editor of The Antelope. Albrecht began work on The Antelope last year as the news editor. 新闻编辑

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The Loper baseball team watches the action from the dugout. UNK split home games against CSU-Pueblo.

A seven-run sixth inning by the Lopers gave them the lead they needed to hold on for the win. Tressner blasted a grand slam in the seventh inning and added a three-run jack in the seventh to put the Lopers up 18-10. Hastings added four runs over the last two innings to wind up at three and set up the game winning opportunity. Sophomore catcher Matt Fisher drove in Bucher with a single to score. Bucher drove in two runs with a double down the right field line. The Lopers seemed to be intimidated by CSUP's stats coming into the series, batting up at the plate.

"They came out and pitched very well," said head coach Damon Day. "I thought our guys played timid the first game... and I thought our guys were just kind of going through the motions... The Lopers seemed to be intimidated by CSUP's stats coming into the game, batting over .380 and putting up more than 10 runs a game (10.5)."

The fourth and final game of the series, on Sunday, and the UNK hitters took advantage. Homers by Crosetto, Miller, Lasner, first baseman Travis Kerkman, pinch hitter Mik Dickson, and pinch hitter Adam Krueger helped put up 19 runs, the most since a 2001 game against Regis. Blake Beebout earned the win for the Lopers, pitching 3.1 innings and allowing one run. The highly touted pitching didn't show up for CSUP on Sunday, and the UNK hitters took advantage. Homers by Crosetto, Miller, Lasner, first baseman Travis Kerleman, pinch hitter Mick Dickens, and pinch hitter Adam Krueger helped put up 19 runs, the most since a 2001 game against Regis. Blake Beebout earned the win for the Lopers, pitching 3.1 innings and allowing one run while fanning three in relief of starter Jason Miller.

Coach Day was happy with his teams performance in the four game set. "We need to learn to spread those runs out over four games," yoked the coach, referring to the 19 run fourth game. "I'm very proud of our guys. Our guys deserve to be commended for what they accomplished this weekend. It hasn't been an easy year of transition. A lot has been expected of them and they've answered the challenge.

Kicking off the second ranked team in the nation twice in a row has give a team a quick one-word answer. "Yes."
UNK Theatre presents Macbeth

by Scott Layton

The concept of a band or a structure...
Who’s the man?

Bottorff takes “Big Man” title

The Phi Sigma chapter Alpha Omicron Pi held their annual Big Man on Campus fundraiser on Wednesday, April 14. The competition included categories such as talent, formal wear, swim wear, best pickup line, and the best idea for a romantic date.

The men were selected from campus organizations: They were Adam Zrust, Albion; Asa Poole, Denver, Colo.; Nate Modlin, Grand Island; Mike Nyffeler, Kearney; Sean Bottorff, La Vista; Jeff Rutledge, Lincoln; Jesse Cain, North Platte; Nick Lemek, Omaha; Colin Conway, Omaha; and Jeff Siepmann, Papillion.

Sean Bottorff dominated the evening, winning the competition and taking home the title of Big Man on Campus.

“I was asked to be in the contest. They wanted somebody funny. I thought the title would be cool but I didn’t think that I had a chance as a freshman. A freshman winning shows that anything is possible,” Bottorff said.

The proceeds from Big Man on Campus will go to the Arthritis Foundation, which is the international philanthropy of Alpha Omicron Pi. Arthritis affects over forty million Americans and is not limited to a certain age group. Arthritis causes pain, disability and disfigurement. Little is known about what causes arthritis but one out of six people in the United States are living with it. In Nebraska there are 263,000 people with arthritis. Another 285,000 children have a form of rheumatic disease. Monetary Donations to the Arthritis Foundation fund medical research, public education and specialized training.

Campus rocks with Sig Ep show

UNK was rocking on Tuesday night with four Omaha bands when the Nebraska Gamma chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon brought back one of their most entertaining philanthropic events.

“Courtyard Concert is a philanthropic event that worked well for Sigma Phi Epsilon in the past, so we decided to bring it back,” Craig Moore, Omaha freshman, said.

Moore and company hand selected these punk and rock groups, bringing only the best to Kearney.

“From my experience and what I’ve seen, these are some of the best bands out of Omaha,” Moore said.

Headlining the event was Grasshopper Takeover, a group that has proven to be a K-town favorite over the years, frequently playing in various Nebraska three-piece groups that began playing live shows in 1997. The group now tours coast to coast and has released five albums in addition to two limited edition CDs. Also on the docket was Straight Outta Jr. High, a band that played Courtyard Concert last year. SOJH, which was formed in the spring of 2000, is known for their punk antics and high-energy shows. The group now tours coast to coast and has released two CDs and are set to have another out this summer.

Trippin’ DeFault took the stage on Tuesday to display their hard-hitting rock style. The group was formed in 1997 and began performing together in 1999, they claim to blend aggressive rock with funk grooves and emotional lyrics to create a distinct sound.

The crowd also got a listen of funk-rock group AnchondO. This four-piece band was formed in 2001 and has expanded a fan base in Omaha, Lincoln, Chicago, Kansas City, and St. Louis.

With a cover charge of two cans of food or three bucks, the fraternity had no problem raising funds for the Kearney Area Food Bank with this jam-style soundtrack.

“The event went well, and the crowd had fun,” Moore said. “We were glad to see UNK and Kearney come out to support a good cause and hope to keep Courtyard Concerts around in the future.”

by Robyn Sanders
Antelope Staff Writer

by Traci Wiltzba
Antelope Entertainment Editor

by Robert Sanders
Antelope Staff Writer

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Some campus studs displayed their talents last Wednesday evening at Alpha Omicron Pi’s annual Big Man on Campus competition. Sean Bottorff, right, took home the title.
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by Sarah Stuart
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The average lifespan of blood cells is as little as five days for platelets and 42 days for red cells. With this in mind, it is no wonder that donating blood is an important part of a successful life-saving structure.

On March 31 and April 1, Randall Hall sponsored this spring’s annual Blood Wars in the Nebraska Student Union. This year’s blood drive was recorded as being the best ever said on UNK soil.

Jody Elson, president of the Randall Hall Council, had the event’s main organizer. “This is the best blood drive that the Red Cross has had since they’ve been at UNK. About 35 volunteers had a hand in the event. We had approximately 140 units of blood altogether. We collected enough blood to save 450 lives,” Elson said. The Curtis native also had some promising news about the type of blood collected. “Fifty-one percent of the units collected were Type O Blood. This of course is the universal blood type that can be given to anyone. This is important because the Kearney area has been having a recent blood shortage,” Elson said.

First year graduate student Amy Genter of Lincoln, Colo., said, “I just kind of needed it up by this year. In the past it was solely put on by RAs and staff members. This year we let it up to the Randall Hall Council. We were very excited by the turnout. We exceeded our goals both days.”

Jenlya Stahla, a junior from Lexington, also had a hand in organizing the drive. “My duty was making sure there were rewards for the donors,” said Stahla. Most of these rewards came in the form of Easter candy or gift certificates from local businesses.

Elson had more information on the approximate 250 donors over the two days. “We gave prizes to the top participating organizations here on campus. Randall Hall and Martin Hall each received two DVDs for their participation UNR received one DVD, as did Sigma Phi Epsilon. The Chi Omega sorority earned themselves a free pizza party,” she said. “It really makes you feel good when you help out with something like this that can save a life, even maybe one of your loved one’s or even your own,” Stahla said.

There will be nada at Ramada

From Ramada, page 1

The wear and tear on the docks, carpet, beds and other furniture does not always get fixed. Ramada is geared toward the families that want to have a small get together after graduation, not the graduation parties that have happened in the past,” says Michael Hartman, front desk supervisor for Ramada Inn.

Ramada is one of the last Rubidoux properties that is able to allow parties like we have seen in the past,” Williams remarked. Each hotel that has a bar or property has a liquor license and this license means that the establishments that hold those licenses have exclusive rights to the liquor that is handled on that property. With that comes the liability of the people that drink alcohol becoming too intoxicated and doing something harmful to other property or themselves. That liability was just too much for this year’s graduation bash.

There are many things that the graduates can do that might be a little better option than the bar around town. Reining out space at the fairgrounds might be one option, the bars around town will certainly be open that night, or the night club/hotel party might be the other option. just keep the party up or the past many years. “Most hotels do not tolerate the room parties like we have seen in the past,” Williams remarked. Each hotel that has a bar or property has a liquor license and this license means that the establishments that hold those licenses have exclusive rights to

Seek Student Support Services

by Molly Albrecht and Heather Bunson

What do first-generation college students, students on academic probation and non-traditional students have in common? At UNK, they are all candidates for a program known as Student Support Services. This program strives to help eligible students meet their academic goals.

There are a variety of factors that qualify students to utilize Student Support Services, ranging from social, financial and cultural factors to academic factors. The first set of criteria is that the student is a first-generation college student; the student is eligible for a Pell Grant, thus meets income guidelines, and the student can document a disability that interferes with academic performance.

“Student Support Services is a federal TRIO program that was initiated during the Great Society programs of the 1960s. The federal government identified two aspects of society that often hindered students from getting into, and then succeeding in, college: being low-income and/or first-generation,” Brandon Benitz, academic advisor for Student Support Services, said.

“In the 1970s, students with disabilities were likewise identified as a segment of the population that were struggling to get into, college. So they were added to the criteria. Student Support Services was started as a way to encourage those students to enter college, then as it acts as a support mechanism while they are there,” he said.

Students may take advantage of many different services such as the Freshman Seminar Program, which is available to students from academic mentors, auxiliary advising/counseling, time management/stress reduction, financial assistance information, skills assessment, individual referrals to appropriate Student Support Services, personal advocacy, special needs assistance, cultural orientation, graduate school exploration, and other general studies areas. The program also offers advice in a student leader on campus.”

The Student Support Services Mentor Program is an excellent way for students to find some academic support. This program offers tutoring in math, natural sciences, English and other general studies areas. The program also offers advice in how to study sufficiently and helps in making students feel at home at UNK.

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There will never be another like the Ramada Inn throw after every graduation for the past many years. “Most hotels do not tolerate the room parties like we have seen in the past,” says Williams. Each hotel that has a bar or property has a liquor license, and this license means that the establishments that hold those licenses have exclusive rights to

There are many things that the graduates can do that might be a little better option than the bar around town. Reining out space at the fairgrounds might be one option, the bars around town will certainly be open that night, or the night club/hotel party might be the other option. just keep the party up or the past many years. “Most hotels do not tolerate the room parties like we have seen in the past,” Williams.