Two women, similar advice

Hill, Johnson both say look to past

Former slave Eliza Galloway was the only black woman in the city of Kearney from the late 1880s to the early 1930s. She was a freed slave who first ran her own catering business, then was the cook and chief of staff at the now historic Frank House while she lived at 517 West 28th, near Harmon Park. At the time of her death in 1936, Galloway was still the only African-American resident in Kearney.

BY ADAM MCLAUGHLIN
Antelope Staff

Barbara Johnson and Toni Hill arrived at UNK from opposite areas of the country. Johnson grew up in Georgia, and Hill was born and raised in Omaha. What meshes these two African-American women together is their passion for education.

Johnson and Hill shared the same obstacles in their path to higher education: overcoming both gender bias and racism. Because of the history of the civil rights movement, and in particular Martin Luther King Jr. in the 1950s and 1960s, Johnson and Hill were both inspired to do more in the decades to follow.

Hill encourages in all students, especially students of color, to seek higher education, to seek a field of study for which they possess passion, and to connect to that field through mentorship and scholarship activities.

She notes students of color have the added challenge of finding mentors who understand their unique challenges. She welcomes the chance to step into that role when needed.

In speeches given for Martin Luther King Day in Copeland Hall, the key concern from both Johnson and Hill was reducing the barriers African-American students must face.

They urged an audience of 40 not to be blinded by the issues of racial inequality. They also told their own stories about education and work ethic.

Johnson overcame disadvantages through education. She says the value of education was stressed an early age by her father who would check her homework at breakfast.

"He instilled in me from a time when..."

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Fischer's friends will remember her as 'Young, wild and free'

BY CAITLIN OSTBERG
Antelope Staff

“What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us.”

This Helen Keller quote looks back from the glass walls of CTW’s second floor lounge as a comfort and reminder of Rebecca Fischer, a friend and classmate who passed away March 31 from injuries suffered in a one-vehicle car accident.

The floor seems empty and contemplative following the loss of one of its most vibrant residents.

“It’s a lot quieter,” said Taylor Stowater, freshman biology major from Wayne and one of Fischer’s close friends.

Fischer was a freshman from Hartington and a 2011 graduate of Hartington High School. She was undecided in her major, but her friends said she was looking into speech pathology.

Though shy at the beginning of the school year, friends say Fischer quickly opened up and showed her true personality that, Stowater said was “young, wild and free.”

“She really was one of those people who would walk into a room and just light up a room,” said Leah Nelson, senior graphic design major from Deshler and Fischer’s resident assistant. “Just a social butterfly, so carefree about everything.”

According to Nelson, Fischer was very active in CTW and would attend all of their programs. She participated in CTW’s Homecoming Lip-Sync by doing everyone’s hair for the event.

“She was always doing hair,” said
Omar challenges illegality of marijuana

BY JAY OMAR
Antelope Staff

It doesn’t make sense. It is a hole in the system. How can a 21-year-old college student head to the bars on a Friday night, consume multiple alcoholic drinks, stumble home and still be looked at in better light than someone who stayed home and smoked pot?

There is no reason for marijuana to still be illegal. I do not argue this for personal reasons but from a realist’s perspective. Let’s start with the reasons going to the bar on a Friday night is far more dangerous than getting high.

The U.S. Center for Disease Control reports that over 37,000 people a year die from alcohol related deaths. The CDC doesn’t even have a category for marijuana deaths. Why not? Because compared to other dangers in society, marijuana can’t even hold a candle. People die every day from alcohol poisoning while you have to smoke your body weight in cannabis to overdose. This is nearly impossible.

The point I am making is what should be illegal is legal, and what should be legal is condemned. Marijuana use has such an unfortunate label that it will never be viewed as accepted in society.

I understand the argument that it can be abused or used as a gateway drug, but what can’t? Most first-time marijuana users are drunk at the time, which in turn would make alcohol the gateway drug. It just doesn’t add up.

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Nelson, “I think that was something she was actually looking into.”

Rebecca’s friend Adrienne Massie, freshman undecided major from Gothenburg, said that she remembered telling Fischer she was really good at hair, encouraging her to look into it.

However, Massie said Fischer wanted her college degree. “Do you know how hard I tried to get into UNK?” she said, “I’m here, I’m not leaving.”

Rebecca’s confidence and fierce loyalty permeated every aspect of her life, including the relationships with family and friends. “Her family and friends meant the entire world to her as pictures of her family members, high school friends, and college friends covered the walls of her room,” said Makenzie Leonard, freshman undecided major from Gothenburg.

Fischer’s personality was also infectious.

“You couldn’t be around her without smiling. It was impossible. She always had a smile on her face,” said Stowater.

Leonard added, “Her unmistakable sarcasm, heartwarming smile and humor, and ability to make anybody happy were just some of her amazing qualities.”

But now Fischer’s absence is glaringly obvious for the second floor CTW community.

“When I’m doing rounds during the day and I walk past her door, I think about her the whole time I’m doing rounds. It’s tough to walk past her door sometimes,” said Pierre Jefferson, a junior family studies major from Lincoln, one of the resident assistants.

“I think it’s made a lot of kids think,” said Nelson. “They would say, ‘It could happen to anyone,’ or that they’ll think twice about some of their choices and actions. I think a lot of people are still in shock.”

“It’s one of those things where you reflect on your life and everything that happens and you see where you want to be and where you are,” Jefferson said.

Though Rebecca is dearly missed, friends say the lives she impacted while at UNK will never forget the vibrant, witty and carefree girl who made a lasting impact on their lives.

“Without a doubt, I’ll never forget her smile,” said Stowater.
Sudoku

How to play:
Sudoku is a placement puzzle. The aim of the puzzle is to enter a numeral from 1 through 6 in each cell of a grid. Each row, column and region must contain only one instance of each numeral. Completing the puzzle requires patience and logical ability. The puzzle initially became popular in Japan in 1986 and attained international popularity in 2005.

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March Madness winners collect

Senior Kari Connot of Ogallala and Shawn Arkle of Kearney, both business administration majors, won The Antelope’s March Madness Bracket Competition and received gift cards from The College Store/Antelope Bookstore. Arkle won first place and a $50 gift card, while Connot received second place and $25.

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Sudoku ★★★★★

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**Op/Ed**

**Women under fire**

*Why do male politicians unite to fight birth control with 'misinformation, ignorance?***

**BY BROOKE ALSTROM**  
Antelope Staff

The current election year has thrown one issue into the ring that hasn’t been largely addressed for years: birth control. While I understand that state budgets are in crisis, why are health services for women taking the heat? The right to birth control is something Margaret Sanger fought hard for in 1914, and some states are about to set women’s rights back almost 100 years.

While the idea of abortion was widely addressed in previous presidential elections, the issue of birth control has been taken to a whole new level. Between Obama’s ruling that health insurers should cover contraception and GOP candidates criticizing him for it, birth control has become a big issue for this election year.

While I have strong opinions on the issue of birth control, I think it’s important to present the facts. This will be the first election I can vote in and personally, I want to be informed.

Republican candidates, Santorum and Romney, have accused Obama of violating religious liberties with his mandate, a part of what Republicans disparagingly call “ObamaCare.” The Catholic Church is also outspoken, saying that religious hospitals and colleges shouldn’t have to comply as they are against all forms of artificial birth control.

Outspoken Republican Nebraska Attorney General, Jon Bruning, is leading the charge of states organized to fight this mandate. He asked his counterparts across the nation to join a legal challenge to the new requirement in the federal health care law that forces church-affiliated groups to cover birth control for their employees.

Bruning has said that the federal health care law “unconstitutionally expands congressional authority and infringes upon individual liberty” protected by the constitution.

Nebraska U.S. Senate candidate, Don Stenberg, also a Republican, has said he supports opposition to the mandate because of religious beliefs and moral convictions.

“I strongly support legislation that would protect our religious liberties which are endowed by our Creator and guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States,” Stenberg said. Stenberg said requiring health insurance to provide contraception in virtually all health plans is an attack on our religious liberties.

A fact that Republicans don’t seem to understand here, is that birth control has numerous medical uses. Rush Limbaugh’s tirade against Sandra Fluke, a student at Georgetown Law School he called a “slut” because she believed Catholic University should provide birth control, is perhaps the best example of this.

Sorry for caring about my reproductive safety and thinking that birth control is important health care. It sometimes seems that men are incapable of grasping the concept of women protecting themselves from not only unwanted pregnancies, but health risks like breast and ovarian cysts. So much ignorance and misinformation drive the decisions that these male politicians are making, it’s enough to get any woman fired up.

What’s worse is that while men grapple over the idea of insurance for contraception, the 99 percent of women who have actually practiced birth control, both married and unmarried, are losing access to birth control as states revoke and reconstruct family planning funds.

Reuter’s March 5 noted that Texas the most drastic changes regarding the issue of birth control and family planning. Last fall, Texas cut funds for family planning by a whopping two-thirds. To put this into perspective, the cut means that just 40,000, compared to the 220,000 women who received this care before the cut, will receive low-cost birth control, cervical cancer tests and diabetes screenings. Texas is not alone in the effort to axe women’s health care.

While I understand that state budgets are in crisis, why are women’s health issues first to the heat? Certainly there are other areas from which funds can be cut. For most women, having integrity and control over their own bodies is a big deal.

If you believe birth control is morally wrong, or if your religion forbids forms of artificial contraception, then that’s your prerogative. And if you think that family planning initiatives aren’t important debate topics—then whatever. But, think about all of the other health issues birth control tackles before you vote to cut government spending on women’s health.

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**THE "MATHEMAGICIAN"**

Dr. Arthur Benjamin, AKA “The Human Calculator,” performed “Mathemagics” in the Ponderosa Room Friday, April 20. During his performance, he demonstrated and explained his secrets for performing rapid mental calculations faster than a calculator.

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Planned Parenthood in Kearney

Projected clinic brings national debate to local level

BY CAITLIN OSTBERG
Antelope Staff

As the debate on birth control continually heats up on the national stage, Kearney has joined the debate after Planned Parenthood announced plans last spring to put a clinic in Kearney.

On a state level, conservative Gov. Dave Heineman continued to speak out against Planned Parenthood with his recent veto on LB 599 because of the potential that it could give taxpayer dollars to the clinic. Though the Legislature overrode the veto of LB 599, conservatives continue to fight against Planned Parenthood itself.

Members of the Kearney community are split on whether or not Planned Parenthood should set up in college towns such as Hastings, Grand Island, Norfolk and North Platte.

The group, A Better Way for Kearney, has been outspoken in opposition to Planned Parenthood establishing a presence in Kearney.

“First and foremost, because they have a philosophy and a business practice that is against human life,” said Ken Vyvlecka, member of A Better Way for Kearney. “Once we start discriminating against who can live and who can die, we’ve lost our connection with reality in that you have a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

According to Vyvlecka, Planned Parenthood is very good at promoting themselves, yet misrepresents the facts.

“Other statistics, they’re quick to point out is that the rate of teen pregnancy is going down in this country,” Vyvlecka said. “What they don’t tell you is that Planned Parenthood’s numbers of abortion are steadily increasing.”

However on the other end of the spectrum, others in the community believe that having Planned Parenthood in Kearney would be beneficial to its community and campus.

“I support Planned Parenthood,” said Dr. Linda Van Ingen, director of Women’s and Gender Studies. “It’s one of the first organizations dedicated to women’s reproductive health and is part of a long history of women’s struggle to gain legal access to birth control.”

Van Ingen said that birth control allows women and men to take control of their reproductive lives.

“Becoming a mother or father is a big, life-changing responsibility, and it’s in people’s interest to plan for it,” Van Ingen said. “Given the complex world we live in, most young people want to get their educations and gain some career experience before having children. Birth control is an important part of that planning.”

Currently, Planned Parenthood has made no moves to officially set up residence in Kearney because of the need for more funding. However, one UNK student who would speak only if her name was not used said she believes that Kearney might not be ready for Planned Parenthood, but a woman should have a right to choose.

“A woman has the right to safe medical care,” she said. “However, Planned Parenthood is expensive, and I can only imagine the mess it would cause for Kearney and the people here who can’t grasp the concept that safe medical care is the right of a woman.”

Only time will tell whether Planned Parenthood will move ahead on plans to have a presence in Kearney or if opposition will drive them away. But as they wait for the decision to become final, Kearney residents continue the discussion in editorials in the local paper The Kearney Hub, in the political arena.
'Rally Around Rebecca' softball tournament big hit
AOII, FSO team up to help

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BY ADRIANNA TARIN  
JMC 215

Holy Hamlet, Batman! It’s been an entire year since I started waiting for “Thor” to finally come out in theaters. I can remember it just like it was yesterday.

It was a beautiful day in May. The birds were chirping. Well, they probably were. I was almost done with my macroeconomics class. There was some epic music playing in the background, probably the “Batman” theme song or some Daft Punk, known for their work in the latest “Tron” movie.

I was ready for summer to begin, and, for me, that always happens when I see my first summer movie.

Sure, I like to spend time outside playing Frisbee golf or flying a kite. I like going for a swim at the lake and going to the local creamery back home for some bubble gum ice cream, but extraordinary movies end up making my summer memorable.

Last year it was “X-Men: First Class,” “Captain America: The First Avenger,” “The Help,” “30 Minutes or Less,” “Transformers: Dark of the Moon” and “Green Lantern.” The list can go on and on.

This year is going to be just as thrilling! I’m looking forward to so many movies coming out this summer that I just want to shout it from the rooftops.

Here are the top movies you MUST see for the Summer 2012.

**Summer 2012 must-see No. 1**

First off, happy graduation to those seniors that will soon be walking across that stage for their diploma on May 4! You will even have a graduation gift from director Joss Whedon.

“The Avengers” is the ultimate superhero team up of our lifetime.

“It’s called the Avengers initiative.”

If you’ve seen the preview, you know that Samuel L. Jackson’s character Nick Fury, director of the international peacekeeping agency known as S.H.I.E.L.D., finds himself in need of a team to pull the world back from the brink of disaster.

He recruits Robert Downey Jr.’s Iron Man, Chris Hemsworth’s Thor, Chris Evans’ Captain America, Jeremy Renner’s Hawkeye, Mark Ruffalo’s The Incredible Hulk and Scarlett Johansson’s Black Widow.

I could start by talking about my rage toward Scarlett Johansson. I’m just not a fan, but let’s talk more about the movie. It is an epic.

Never has a franchise been put together like this.

Director Joss Whedon said in an interview, “It’s completely unprecedented. Marvel is taking all the characters that they are putting in their movies and putting them all together in a team franchise movie, an experience that has never been done before!”


**Must-see No. 2**

I must be stuck in a pattern, but I just can’t help it. I grew up playing dress up or make believe, but I wasn’t dressing in princess dresses or pretending to be Rapunzel in a tower.

I was Batgirl or Donatello rescuing my dog from the trenches of evil. I led the life of a super badass, thanks to my older brother.

As such, I am an avid fan of the comic book adaptation genre and this one is no exception. “The Amazing Spider-Man” comes out July 3 — right in time for your July 4 weekend.

The film stars Andrew Garfield, best known for his work in “The Social Network,” as Peter Parker. This film has caused some controversy because the latest of the films with Tobey Maguire was only made five years ago.

However, this is a story that has not been told. It takes place in Peter Parker’s high school years.

If you are well acquainted with the comics, you know that since Peter’s parents disappeared, he lives with an aunt and uncle and he has struggled to find his purpose in life. This is the story of how Parker finds a clue that might help him understand why his parents disappeared when he was young.

The thing that many comic book fans will like about this adaptation is the fact that they don’t use Mary Jane Watson as the other movies do, but rather Gwen Stacy played by Emma Stone. In the comic books and the movie, Stacy is Parker’s high school girlfriend. I think this will give a new drive to this popular franchise.

The film directed by Marc Webb, a coincidence I’m sure, comes from a screenplay written by James Vanderbilt, based on the Marvel Comic Book by Stan Lee and Steve Ditko.

**Must-see No. 3**

Who is Batman?

I’ve saved the best for last ladies and gentlemen. I simply cannot put into words how excited I am for this one. It’s so epic that I might just die.

Two words: Christopher Nolan. The director of some of the most epic movies of our generation including “Inception” and the previous two Batman movies, is at it again with his third installment of the series. Nolan co-wrote this screenplay with his brother Jonathan Nolan.

Following the death of District Attorney Harvey Dent, also known as Two-Face, Batman assumes responsibility for Dent’s crimes to protect Dent’s reputation as he is subsequently hunted by the Gotham City Police Department. Eight years after the events of “The Dark Knight” (2006), Batman returns to Gotham, where he encounters the mysterious Selina Kyle, played by Anne Hathaway, while battling “one of Batman’s most formidable enemies,” Bane, played by Tom Hardy.

“Holy Hamlet, Batman!” is right! I can’t imagine spending my summer any other way.

It’s true. I’m a huge nerd and I’m proud.

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**RELEASE DATES FOR MUST-SEE SUMMER MOVIES**

- May 4 – ‘The Avengers’
- May 8 – ‘Dark Shadows’
- May 18 – Battleship, ‘What to Expect When You’re Expecting’
- May 25 – ‘Men In Black 3’
- June 1 – ‘Snow White and the Huntsman’
- June 8 – ‘Prometheus’
- June 15 – ‘Rock of Ages’, ‘That’s My Boy’
- June 29 – ‘Magic Mike’
- July 3 – ‘The Amazing Spider-Man’
- July 20 – ‘The Dark Knight Rises’
- Aug. 3 – ‘The Bourne Legacy’, ‘Total Recall’

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**MUST-SEE SUMMER MOVIES**

- May 4
- May 11
- May 18
- May 25
- June 1
- June 8
- June 15
- June 22
- June 29
- July 3
- July 20
- July 27
- Aug. 3
If Kenny G and The Situation had a baby, that baby would be Matt Corey. The performer with “two turntables and a saxophone” entertained an audience with swag and talent on April 20 in the Nebraskan Student Union.

For whatever reason, the location of the concert moved from the Ponderosa room to the smaller dining area downstairs, which made for a more intimate and fun atmosphere. Less than 20 students had gathered when he started, but as the night went on, more and more students filled the area.

Corey let his tenor sax do the introduction as he started with Usher’s “OMG,” and moved into Cee Lo Green’s “Forget You.” Students trickled in and started to cheer and sing. Other popular songs included Michael Jackson’s “Don’t Stop ‘til You Get Enough” and Katy Perry’s “California Girls.”

Originally from Canton, Ohio, Corey said that he pursued a degree in classical saxophone, and went on to write classical pieces as well as the original saxophone pieces he performs. He admitted he really loves popular music, but that he “can’t sing or rap,” so he found a way to do the same thing with his saxophone.

Corey started touring with a “Dave Matthews-esque” band and said he has been in many places and situations since then. He now tours the college circuit and everywhere in between. He was just named Star County’s most interesting person (in Ohio), which he admitted is “probably only interesting to my mom.”

Later, he surprised the audience with a nod to Nebraska. Corey said he only knew a few songs, including our Husker fight song, but that he’d try something different. He said this particular song’s lyrics were changed to suit every state after it came out on the radio, but Corey said, “We all know it’s about Nebraska.” Of course, the song is Lady Gaga’s “You and I.” I wasn’t disappointed.

To get the audience involved, Corey started a “name that tune” game. He challenged students to figure out songs based on just one note, played from his electronic sax. After perplexed faces showed the audience had no idea what the tune was, he added a few more notes, and the song turned into Lil’ Wayne’s “Lollipop.” Corey made the audience laugh when he finished saying, “I wish I could rap so bad.”

This one-man show was a treat for UNK. Corey talked to the audience like friends and created an easy, fun atmosphere.

LPAC’s Vice President Pierrie Jefferson even cut loose, showing all in attendance his skills as the musician played “Teach Me How to Dougie.” Everyone could tell that Corey loves what he does, playing songs everyone knows, but putting his own spin on them and making for an unforgettable performance.

Corey closed out the night playing more Michael Jackson with “Starting Something.” He encouraged everyone to get online, be his friend and download his iPhone and Android app for “music and stuff.”

Kudos to LPAC for bringing this performer to campus. Hopefully he’ll make his way back soon.
Congratulations to all students and organizations that were recognized!
How many children out there will tell you that when they grow up they’re going to the NFL, NBA or MLB?

If you took a survey that number would be huge. Keep that survey for 15 years or so and see how many of those kids actually get a shot at that dream. The list may be microscopic, but for Steve Goodin that dream is about to become reality.

The 6’6, 310 pound offensive lineman from Hastings was one of those kids with a dream. “I’ve imagined playing in the NFL since I was little, but honestly never thought that I would get a shot. It is a dream that only over the last couple years I began to realize might be possible,” Goodin said.

You may be thinking to yourself, what happened within the last year for Goodin to say that? Goodin was a part of a very good Loper team/offense that amounted more than 39 points per game along with a whopping 518 yards of total offense per game. If you see those numbers, only a couple things should fly through your head. Hopefully one of them is about how good the offensive line must have been.

But, getting back to the dream. After the senior season of college football, college athletes can attend something that’s called a pro day. During this pro day athletes compete in drills that showcase speed, strength and agility, as well as knowledge. Goodin worked out in front of only two teams, but it apparently went really well because since then he has received phone calls through an agent that he, as well as many others, could only dream about growing up and loving sports.

No one knows better than Goodin what that call feels like. “It feels good any time I get to talk to team scouts because it shows that they have at least some interest. The most exciting call came last week, when I got a call from an offensive line coach from the Giants.”

One thing that is for certain is that it is more difficult for a Division II football player to make it to the NFL than a Division I player because of politics. Politics state that the lack of competition that a Division II player may face in college is far less superior to what a Division I player competes against.

This is true, but there are a ton of NFL players currently in the league with productive resumes who came from small Division I schools or even Division II schools. Goodin hopes to be one of the players, and if you ask him he says, “It’s a big step to the NFL from whatever division you come from. The players are better than anyone I have played against, but I look forward to the challenge and am confident...”
BARBARA JOHNSON

I was five years old how important education was,” Johnson said. “I really loved school. I embraced school.”

When she was five, Johnson knew she wanted to be a teacher.

But soon the naysayers came. Even Johnson’s family doubted her.

“They didn’t think it was necessary for women to go to college,” Johnson said.

“When they said ‘no’ to me, that made me dig in my heels and made me prove I could do this.”

Johnson picked up determination and work habits from her ancestors. Within the woods of a highly segregated community in Thomasville, Ga., Johnson says she stands on the shoulders of her ancestors who were so influential.

“They always had a very positive outlook on life and knew that if they continued to work, it would pay off,” she said.

As vice chancellor of business and finance, Johnson officially works to promote academic excellence, fiscal responsibility and public accountability for the university, one of three vice chancellors working with Chancellor Doug Kristensen.

Away from the numbers, she supports students through events such as the Martin Luther King event. Johnson says learning is always unfinished business. She has never taken her education for granted.

She earned her bachelor’s degree in business education from Hampton University in 1972 and her master’s degree in business administration from Atlanta University in 1982. She eventually wants to earn her Ph.D.

Dr. Hill, an assistant professor of family studies and interior design, didn’t know what to think about Kearney before accepting a job at the university.

Born and raised in Nebraska, Hill grew up in Omaha and always felt in the minority. Around 86 percent of Nebraskans are white, and she was concerned that moving to a city like Kearney with a 1 percent African-American population would make her feel out of place.

But Hill said she was inspired by the story of Eliza Galloway. She told herself if Galloway could do it, then so could she.

Galloway was a prominent woman in Kearney, the only black women in the city from the late 1880s to the 1930s. Hill looked at Galloway for inspiration.

“She really knew what it was like to be a minority in Kearney,” Hill said. “I am really fascinated by her story,” Hill said during a MLK Day speech.

Galloway was a cook at the Frank House for the Frank family.

“I can’t imagine the trials she must have experienced here in Kearney,” Hill said of Galloway, an ex-slave.

Hill liked the ties at the Frank House to Galloway, which influenced her decision to accept her current position.

Just like Johnson, Hill focused on educational achievements obtaining several degrees. Hill earned her bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and her Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

She teaches classes such as Aging Adult, Human Sexual Behavior, Intimate Relationships and Marriage and Family Relationships.

Hill says education has always been important for most students of color it is necessary to address inequality issues in many facets of life.

Hill said she attributes every strand of grey hair to her hard work. She is grateful for the knowledge she received obtaining her formal education, but also the education she gained from her years of professional experience working with and for families.

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When she was five, Johnson knew she wanted to be a teacher.

But soon the naysayers came. Even Johnson’s family doubted her.

“They didn’t think it was necessary for women to go to college,” Johnson said.

“When they said ‘no’ to me, that made me dig in my heels and made me prove I could do this.”

Johnson picked up determination and work habits from her ancestors. Within the woods of a highly segregated community in Thomasville, Ga., Johnson says she stands on the shoulders of her ancestors who were so influential.

“They always had a very positive outlook on life and knew that if they continued to work, it would pay off,” she said.

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Away from the numbers, she supports students through events such as the Martin Luther King event. Johnson says learning is always unfinished business. She has never taken her education for granted.

She earned her bachelor’s degree in business education from Hampton University in 1972 and her master’s degree in business administration from Atlanta University in 1982. She eventually wants to earn her Ph.D.

Dr. Hill, an assistant professor of family studies and interior design, didn’t know what to think about Kearney before accepting a job at the university.

Born and raised in Nebraska, Hill grew up in Omaha and always felt in the minority. Around 86 percent of Nebraskans are white, and she was concerned that moving to a city like Kearney with a 1 percent African-American population would make her feel out of place.

But Hill said she was inspired by the story of Eliza Galloway. She told herself if Galloway could do it, then so could she.

Galloway was a prominent woman in Kearney, the only black women in the city from the late 1880s to the 1930s. Hill looked at Galloway for inspiration.

“She really knew what it was like to be a minority in Kearney,” Hill said. “I am really fascinated by her story,” Hill said during a MLK Day speech.

Galloway was a cook at the Frank House for the Frank family.

“I can’t imagine the trials she must have experienced here in Kearney,” Hill said of Galloway, an ex-slave.

Hill liked the ties at the Frank House to Galloway, which influenced her decision to accept her current position.

Just like Johnson, Hill focused on educational achievements obtaining several degrees. Hill earned her bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and her Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

She teaches classes such as Aging Adult, Human Sexual Behavior, Intimate Relationships and Marriage and Family Relationships.

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Marijuana from page 2

For years marijuana has been illegal and the older generations have turned a deaf ear to the positives of making it legal.

Here is what people chose to ignore. Marijuana is a natural drug that can relieve pain and help anxiety. Yet still only 16 states have legalized it for medical purposes. Marijuana is in high demand across our country. For those of you looking for the way out of our national debt, it’s growing in a basement in Denver.

Over 42 percent of all drug offenders are incarcerated for selling marijuana. Taxpayers’ money goes to keep people in jail for selling a drug far safer than what is sold at the corner liquor store.

The bottom line is that marijuana is viewed as a problem, while no one ever views it as a solution. Few view marijuana as cheaper medicine for the terminally ill, advocate legalizing it or try to sell citizens on the merit of the incoming taxes.

The facts are there to make a push to decriminalize marijuana, but half the country refuses to listen. Until people stop viewing a fairly safe drug as poison, legalization does not stand a chance.

Goodin from page 10

that I can take my game to that next level.”

Goodin says when athletes learn about big news like this, it becomes more than just about you because then the family comes into play.

Goodin said he immediately thought about his brothers. “My family is very excited about the possibility of me playing in the NFL. My younger brothers play sports and look up to me, so this would be a huge deal for them.”

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