THANKSGIVING: a time for family, food, celebration in both US, South Korea

BY ADRIANNA TARIN
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Hyeona Lee, a senior international student of Anyang, South Korea spent Thanksgiving with her roommate, Jillian Stoumbaugh’s family in Westminster, Colo.

Millions of miles from home and a week off of school, what is an international student to do?

Every year it seems like even though UNK turns into a ghost town for Thanksgiving, it can seem like a long time. For the fortunate who have friends to take them to their homes for the holidays, they get to experience the real American Thanksgiving.

“For Thanksgiving break, my roommate Jillian Stoumbaugh took me to her home in Westminster, Colo.,” said Hyeona Lee, a senior international student from Anyang, South Korea. Lee, who is majoring in hospitality and tourism, was given the American Thanksgiving experience with the Stoumbaugh family.

“This was the first time I ever had real turkey, homemade cranberries that weren’t canned, homemade stuffing that wasn’t from a box, eggnog and pumpkin pie,” Lee said.

Lee’s week away from school involved a spread of Thanksgiving dinner, traveling around Denver and Black Friday shopping.

“I got to help Jillian’s family with cooking the Thanksgiving dinner and they even took me to an Asian market so that I could make them Korean food,” Lee said.

“I really enjoyed my time, and I hope they liked my food as much as I liked theirs.”

BY EMILY DAVIDSON
JMC 220

Nick Talbott, a senior family studies major, has big aspirations. Talbott is graduating this December, and unlike his fellow classmates, he will be searching out different music venues on an album tour instead of hitting the pavement for job openings.

In the meantime, though, he will be plenty busy with local events including the CD release show at the Kearney eFree Church Nov. 30.

The Talbott Brothers, an alternative blues/rock band, recently completed their first album, “Leaving Home.”

“It’s about leaving home and just all the experiences that we had,” Talbott said.

“We started recording in March and did it all ourselves with a record label (Cabin Fever Records) here in town. It made us appreciate the authenticity of our music because we don’t have all of the fancy computers,” Talbott said.

Without taking lessons, Nick became very interested in music at a young age. “I got a plastic guitar from my parents when...
Here comes Santa... What's a turkey to do?

Thanksgiving didn't stand a chance with Christmas decorations the day after Halloween

BY MARIE BAUER
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I was wandering into a store last month, and I encountered a frightening sight.

No, it wasn't the leftover clearance Halloween aisle. I walked into the store, and I was attacked by Christmas.

Tiny little elves must have mysteriously appeared the previous night, deciding it was most definitely Christmas time, a perfectly acceptable time to decorate for the holiday season.

There were Christmas dishcloths, Santa toilet seat covers, wrapping paper, Christmas trees, Christmas tree ornaments, strings of lights, tinsel, the whole ordeal.

I kept up a brisk pace, hoping it was all a dream. Surely it could not be December yet. Last I remembered it was only November. Thanksgiving hadn't even happened yet. Finals week had not happened yet, had it? Where had the time gone?

I looked down at my phone to see the date. It was Nov. 1, the day after Halloween, and once again Thanksgiving did not make the cut. The stores had skipped over Thanksgiving all together to make room for Christmas.

I cannot remember a time when Christmas has not proceeded Thanksgiving. Every year Christmas comes earlier and earlier and earlier until Christmas is arriving in September. Hobby Lobby seems to be the biggest offender. They decorate for the holiday season in July. A rule of thumb, Hobby Lobby, when I can wear shorts, Christmas decorations should not be up.

Nonetheless, by the time Christmas season has finally arrived (the start of the Christmas season starts the day after Thanksgiving in my book), the magic of the holiday season has significantly depleted.

The aisles look picked over like a yesterday’s garage sale. The Christmas spirit is so drawn out, that there simply is not enough Christmas spirit to last that long. Something is only magical in small doses.

I suggest a simple remedy for this lack of Christmas spirit that seems to occur once December hits. Let’s hold back on Christmas until after Thanksgiving.

Wait, I am willing to compromise. Christmas can come up Thanksgiving Day since most people will not witness the mutilation of Thanksgiving’s good name because they will be spending time on this American holiday the way it should be spent, enjoying the company of family and friends.

Thanksgiving seems to just be a lead in holiday for the main attraction of all the holidays: Christmas. However, Christmas is not just about the time to relax and enjoy family. It has turned into an ugly beast that wants to consume everyone’s paychecks. The emphasis on Christmas presents is simply enormous.

It is ironic that the day after Thanksgiving, a holiday we spend time being grateful of all that we have and the good stuff in life, many choose to spend the day pushing and shoving, getting the best deal on the latest toy? Half of the Black Friday shopping is people shopping for themselves.

Christmas spirit is about being selfless. Hello, the classic Christmas story, “A Christmas Carol”? Ebenezer Scrooge gained the Christmas spirit and bought a turkey for his employee from the goodness of his heart.

Believe it or not, I actually love Christmas time, but it has to have some limitations. It is simply getting out of hand. Not many people LOVE Thanksgiving. Yeah, it is an excuse to eat a lot, but I love Thanksgiving. It is such an easygoing holiday. There is no need for a ton of decorations. With Halloween there is pressure to come up with an epic costume; Christmas is all about spending money on presents.

Thanksgiving is a nice little break from the chaos. If Thanksgiving was a hippie, he would be like, “Come on man, eat some turkey. What you thankful for? … That’s cool man. Have some cranberry sauce.” Thanksgiving wants us to slow down, eat food and be happy. Why are we fighting that?

Perhaps if we celebrate Thanksgiving the way it was supposed to be celebrated, Christmas would not be so overwhelming. If the entire month was spent getting ready for Thanksgiving instead of Christmas, we would not be so burned out of the holiday cheer. So this November, I started a new tradition around Thanksgiving time. I just ate turkey and was happy, and I definitely did not going to worry about Christmas yet.

Turkey Trivia

In the U.S., about 280 million turkeys are sold for the Thanksgiving celebrations.

Each year, the average American eats somewhere between 16 - 18 pounds of turkey.

Californians are the largest consumers of turkey in the U.S.
SENIOR ART SHOW JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Kylie Hauer, visual communication and design major from Merino, Colo., examines her results after sandblasting wine glasses with the logo she designed. The wine glasses are part of her senior show. Hauer is creating an Alice and Wonderland themed dinner theatre. She will be creating a table setting with all Alice and Wonderland inspired dinnerware. Her senior show will soon be displayed in the Walker Art Gallery in the Fine Arts Building.

Photo by Marie Bauer

CAMPUS CRIME LOG

Nov. 12: A male subject reported the theft of nine international flags from east campus.

Nov. 13: A male subject was issued a written warning for defective taillights and rolling through a stop sign.

Nov. 16: A UNK custodian reported toilet paper rolls being stolen from Bruner Hall of Science.

Nov. 16: Two entry doors to Cranwood Inn main house were broken into and it appears the rooms were recently occupied.

Nov. 16: Three male subjects were cited for minor in possession of alcohol after a traffic stop at 28th street and 8th avenue.

Nov. 20: A male student reported the theft of items from his vehicle at University Heights.

Nov. 20: A liquor violation was called in, however the subject was out of town. The subject will receive a citation upon return.

Nov. 23: A male subject reported the theft of two Kindle E-Readers and a USB from his vehicle parked in lot 31.

Nov. 25: A female subject was issued a citation for speeding 41 mph in a 30 mph zone.

Sudoku ★★★★★☆

How to play:

Sudoku is a placement puzzle. The aim of the puzzle is to enter a numeral from 1 through 9 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.

Find answer on page 10  www.sudoku-puzzles.net
NO NEED FOR DRUGS

Stolzer concerned with reliance on drugs to treat depression despite missing evidence of chemical causes, effectiveness of treatments

BY MANDY HINRICHS
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During research Dr. Jeanne Stolzer, associate professor in family studies became concerned with the way Americans look at drugs as treatment for depression. Stolzer has been researching topics of psychotropic medications for 12 years now.

In the last 20 years, the number of people diagnosed with depression has skyrocketed. Depression is now the leading cause of disability in American women aged 18 to 44 years. “I just want to know how we have convinced a whole generation of Americans that these are disorders of the brain and require dangerous drugs,” Dr. Stolzer said.

Stolzer has found that the United States is one of only three countries that will allow antidepressant commercials.

Through Dr. Stolzer’s research, she says she finds that the secret kept from the American public is the data says antidepressant drugs are no more effective than active placebos in combating depression.

“The fact of the matter is there is no way to identify chemical imbalance, nor is there any scientific proof that a monoamine deficit exists.” Dr. Stolzer said.

Dr. Stolzer says that she really just wants UNK students to know the dangers of taking antidepressant medications and consider a better way of handling depression without the use of dangerous drugs.

Depression symptoms have been defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders as difficulty thinking and concentrating, sadness, helplessness and disinterest. Depression is diagnosed by a checklist that documents some of these particular feelings and behaviors.

“These behaviors have been documented across all cultures and have only recently been classified as psychiatric disorders. The majority of Americans do not know that illnesses such as depression, ADHD and bipolar are voted into existence by the American Psychiatric Association,” Stolzer said.

Along with those findings, Dr. Stolzer says that depression has been defined as a chemical imbalance of the brain.

“I just don’t know how they can determine that because there is no MRI, CAT scan or blood work test that can measure the chemical imbalance of our brains,” Dr. Stolzer said.

Dr. Stolzer says that when she was a child there weren’t people taking antidepressants, but today it is very common.

“Antidepressants work by increasing the levels of synthetic serotonin in the brain,” Dr. Stolzer said.

But, with any medications there are negatives to taking it as well as side effects. Some side effects that are common with the antidepressants include suicidal thoughts, anxiety, hostility, liver disease, vertigo and death.

“These medications can become very addictive and many people don’t know that if they just wake up one day and decide to stop these medications they could die, these medications need to reduced and stopped slowly,” Dr. Stolzer said.

With such harmful side effects, Dr. Stolzer says that there has to be better choices and options for people.

“Everybody has ups and downs in life, but as a country we need to do better with handling these emotions,” Dr. Stolzer said.

The power of knowing

Queer Straight Alliance, UNMC College of Nursing host HIV/STI screening

BY AMANDA ARNOLD
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UNK’s Queer Straight Alliance (QSA) is hosting its second annual “Spread Love Not Disease” HIV/STI screening with the help of the UNMC College of Nursing Nov. 29 from 2-8 p.m. in the Nebraskan Student Union, Room 310.

This event is expected to be uniquely lighthearted and will feature multiple types of games with prize rewards. Food will be provided at the event for those participating in the screenings.

It may seem unlikely to have HIV or STI, but the statistics say otherwise. One in every five people in the United States that are living with HIV don’t even know it, and over 1 million total people in the U.S. are dealing with HIV infections. About 50,000 new people become infected each year, and the responsibility to get tested and find out rests on the individuals’ shoulders.

QSA, an organization designed to promote tolerance and acceptance between people of different sexual orientations, had a lot of success last year with the screening and are back to do it again for the sake of knowledge. Students can be certain that they will receive professional and confidential care during the entire process of the screening, with unbiased support from the organization when needed.

A common misconception about HIV is that it is solely sex-related. While the highest percentage is related to sexuality, 11 percent of HIV cases stem from injection drug users. In rare instances, innocent people have been exposed to HIV simply by touching needles used by infected people.

UNK’s QSA encourages everyone to come to the event to get screened, because not knowing or deciding to not face it can prove deadly. Knowledge is the strongest weapon to combat HIV and STIs, and the first step can be taken on Nov. 29.

The objective of the Queer Straight Alliance is to promote awareness and education, as well as provide a safe place for discussion between LGBTQ persons and allies. The organization regularly organizes other events such as movie nights and training workshops as well as a “Support Love” week. Meetings are scheduled for Thursdays in Room 312 of the Nebraskan Student Union. Membership with the organization is free and the only record of membership is the sign-in sheet at the meetings, which are kept confidential.

For more information about QSA or the screening, contact QSA adviser Matthew Mims at 308-865-8625 or mimsmj@unk.edu.

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Victorious in MIAA, Lopers head to Regionals

Third seed Lady Lopers pitted against Washburn

BY AARON URBANKSI
Antelope Sports

It has been a season of impressive streaks for the UNK volleyball team, who capped off the regular season with the program’s first MIAA Conference Championship and a 14th-straight postseason berth at the Health and Sports Center earlier this month.

With the win, the Lopers finished the regular season with a 33-2 (16-1) record and have now won a share of a conference title every season dating back to the 2003.

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Face it; these aren’t your daddy’s Huskers. Nor have they been for quite some time. But following a 13-7 win over the Iowa Hawkeyes (4-8) on Black Friday, the Cornhuskers (10-2) are now just one win over the Wisconsin Badgers in the Big Ten Championship game away from securing the team’s first conference title since 1999 and the team’s first BCS bowl game since playing for the National Championship against Miami in 2001.

The scenario seemed unlikely, especially after a decade of mediocrity and a 63-38 beat down by the Buckeyes in Columbus, Ohio, just six weeks ago. At the time the team was 4-2, the offense was inconsistent, the defense forgot how to tackle, and Head Coach Bo Pelini appeared to be going senile in his postgame press conference calling for the Huskers to win out.

Six games down, six wins later; Bo apparently still knows best. But what changed this team from a sloppy mess on the field to a hard-nosed contending squad heading into December? Perseverance. “They never quit. They never die. I think it goes back to who they are,” Co-Offensive Line Coach John Garrison said in a recent interview with the Lincoln Journal Star. “I don’t know if we’re the most talented group of guys, but we’re pretty dang tough.” Tough enough to come from behind on the road to secure wins against Michigan State, Northwestern and Iowa. Tough enough to avenge blowout losses from a year ago against Wisconsin and Michigan at home.

But are they tough enough to beat Wisconsin twice in the same season? Despite finishing third in the Leaders division behind ineligible Penn State and Ohio State, the Badgers are looking to secure their first Rose Bowl berth in three years under Head Coach Brett Bielema. This may not be Bielema’s best squad in recent years, but it’s the same team that almost walked away from Lincoln with a victory in October if not for the second greatest Husker comeback in school history resulting in a 30-27 win.

Oh by the way, the Badgers still have the greatest scoring threat to ever play at the college level lined up in the backfield in Monte Ball and the offensive line has gotten better since firing former Assistant Coach Mike Markuson midway through the season. Believe me, the Badgers are tough too.

No doubt Nebraska’s road to success has been many things this season. It’s been exciting, gut wrenching, painful, but never dull. With a Big Ten Championship and an appearance in the Rose Bowl, Nebraska may find a signature win that puts this team back on the national radar with voters and much needed recruits moving forward.

Ultimately you’ll never really know what to expect from this Husker squad. They’re unpredictable, yet effective as a result of come-from-behind wins and persistence. Maybe this is why they’re not your daddy’s Huskers. Whatever it is, it’s been entertaining to say the least.
KOREAN FESTIVAL LOPER STYLE

RIGHT: Bo-seong Kim, junior business major from Jeju Island, South Korea, performs NANTA at the Korean Festival. NANTA is a nonverbal performance that integrates traditional Korean rhythms, modern music and comedy. NANTA debuted in 1997, and is now a world famous event because people of any language can understand it.

BELOW: Mia Malcom from Minden had her face painted “I love Korea” for the Korean Festival held Nov. 18, at University of Nebraska at Kearney. She has four Korean friends who are her host siblings. Mia said “I want to visit Korea and my friends when I grow up.”

CENTER: In addition to food and fun learning culture at the festival sponsored by Korean Students Association Kearney (KSAK), groups of students performed for the crowd. Over 800 people enjoyed the Festival, which lasted from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.
LEFT: Jung Mo Ryu from Busan, South Korea, breaks a board using Taekwondo, a martial art originating from his country, at the Korean Festival at UNK. More than 20 Korean students performed Taekwondo by breaking boards and doing sparring. Taekwondo has been an Olympic event since 2000.

Photo by Hyeonji Amy Lim

BELOW: Hyesoo Chang paints the face of Daniel Gibbs during the Korean Festival on Sunday, Nov. 18. Hyesoo is a senior graphic design major from Korea and is studying English at UNK. Daniel, from Kearney, is studying music education, music performance, and food science.

Photo by Cami Christman

ABOVE: Boram Kim, junior education major from Jeju, Korea, and Jeong Hyun-Boo, junior geography major from Jeju, Korea, worked at the calligraphy station at the Korean Festival. There were eight different stations to learn more about the Korean cultures and five performances by Korean students.

Photo by Adrianna Tarin
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BY BRYCE DOLAN
JMC 215

After 50 years of MI6 espionage, the 23rd James Bond movie "Skyfall" has been released and is drawing in the public. The most recent "James Bond" has been played by Daniel Craig, and according to Rolling Stone, Craig is "The baddest Bond yet."

I do not disagree with Rolling Stone. He is bad in the good way. But, I do not believe Daniel Craig is the best Bond that has ever been on screen.

Over a span of 50 years, the role of James Bond has been played by numerous actors: Sean Connery, George Lazenby, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton, Pierce Brosnan and most recently, Daniel Craig.

I grew up watching Pierce Brosnan in his movies "Die Another Day," "Goldeneye" and "The World is Not Enough," and Brosnan always had a very slick modest look with dark brown hair and eyes. Brosnan fit the right description of a British man, only fitting since James Bond is a British secret agent. However, even though I am in favor of Brosnan, he takes third place in the Bond rankings. Craig falls into a solid second place only behind the legendary Sean Connery.

Craig did not always get such great reviews from the movie critics. After his last movie as Bond, "Quantum of Solace," Craig took a beating from critics claiming the movie was "the worst Bond movie ever made."

"Skyfall" is Craig’s savior. With action-packed scenes full of dangerous stunts and explosions, Craig has now possibly made one of the best espionage films in the Bond series.

“I expected the movie to be great, but that was one of the best movies I have seen in a long time,” said Cinema 8 manager Casey Stangl, “The story line just blew me away.”

James Bond movies generally have a similar plot, but Craig’s new film has twists and turns throughout the whole movie. Instead of preventing world domination or world mass destruction, MI6 is actually attacked from the inside.

Early in the film, the terrorist release a video on YouTube revealing the secret identities of MI6 agents currently on undercover missions resulting in their deaths. MI6 headquarters are directly attacked in the movie as well. The word Skyfall itself has a very deep emotional tie with Bond, which you learn at the very end of the movie.

Overall, I would have to agree that Daniel Craig deserves to be in the top three greatest Bonds of all time, and "Skyfall" is undoubtedly one of the best Bond films ever made. "Skyfall" is still playing in theaters, and I suggest buying a ticket as soon as you can.
Learning more than just language
Abundant opportunities wait in Peru — students recount valuable experiences

BY YIFEI ZHAO
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Learning language was one of goals senior Kathy Venteicher wanted to gain from from study abroad in Peru. However, after returning home, she found she ended up just loving Peru.

“I am studying to become a Spanish and ESL teacher, so I wanted to become fluent in Spanish. I’ve always wanted to study abroad, and Peru was a great opportunity because it was the same price as a semester at Kearney,” Venteicher said. She is a secondary education major with endorsements in Spanish and English as a second language from Pierce.

“Study in Peru is much less stressful than study at UNK,” Venteicher said. She said the students slowed down and learned from Peruvians.

“My life in Peru was a lot less stressful than my life here,” Venteicher said. “I envisioned spending my free time in Peru meeting other Peruvians and traveling. I ended up doing both. We took two class trips to Machu Picchu and Ica, and then a small group of us went to Iquitos in the Amazon Rain Forest at the end of our trip.”

Another senior student, Stephanie Metzger majoring in pre-dental hygiene and Spanish from Kearney, said she experienced a fantastic trip in Peru.

“I had many interesting things that I did in Peru, so it’s tough to choose which one is the best. I hiked the ruins of Machu Picchu, sand boarded the sand dunes in Ica, swam in the Amazon River, went whitewater rafting in Arequipa and even ate some interesting foods such as crocodile and guinea pig,” Metzger said.

Studying in a new culture can be interesting and exciting, but it also can be confusing and emotional. Mary Stuart, a junior elementary education and Spanish education major from Kearney, said she experienced many emotions while adapting to a foreign culture.

Stuart lived with a big family in a big house in Peru. Living with a big family made life interesting.

“I lived with 12 other people. My house in America is a typical American house. When I was in Peru, the house I lived in was probably three times the size of my house in America. It was grandma and grandma’s sister—and she has four children. There were grandmas, children and grandchildren,” Stuart said.

Some customs in Peru are very different.

“The first time we headed out with Peruvians to the zoo, it was supposed be at 10 in the morning. We are all there ready to go. The Peruvians showed up at 11:30 a.m. They did not understand why we were annoyed or upset. We were upset, because they run an hour and half late.”

“It’s different,” Stuart said. “If you are an American and you agree to meet someone at 10 in the morning, you would probably be there at 10 in the morning. But in Peru if you agree to meet at certain time, just add an hour or so extra.

That’s what people really mean,” Stuart said.

Other customs were different. “When you are greeting someone in Peru to say hello, you always greet him or her with a kiss on the cheek. The first time, it was so different for me. We would never do that in America,” Stuart said.

Study in Peru was also a great opportunity to learn how to deal with a moment of difficulty in an unfamiliar situation for Venteicher.

“I went to Trujillo, a city about 15 hours north of Lima, to visit a friend’s host family. On our way back, our bus was stopped due to a protest. The protest of the illegal miners lasted for three days, so we turned around and were helpless for 48 hours. We finally made it back safely back to Lima, but now I pay closer attention to all of the political happenings in Peru,” Venteicher said.

“When I first got there my Spanish was not the best, and there was a lot of confusion between my host family and I,” Metzger said. “But that is the purpose of studying abroad. It teaches you how to deal with unfamiliar situations and to step out of your comfort zone in order to learn how to become independent and overcome your problems.”

You really stretch your boundaries, Metzger said. “These problems could be as simple as language barriers or the fear of trying new things. It allows you to appreciate what the world has to offer and to experience a different culture other than your own.”
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Hanson also touched on a few of the major setbacks that students face when trying to study abroad.

“A lot of concerns are graduating on time, getting requirements done and being able to afford it. Luckily at UNK there are a lot of ways around that. There are scholarships and ways to still graduate on time. You just have to find ways to make it happen,” Hanson said.

Hanson has spent three semesters abroad and encourages other students to participate as well.

“If you’re younger, there are a lot of ways to make it happen, and there are a lot worse things that you can do than get delayed by a semester of study abroad,” Hanson said. “It was absolutely worth it.”

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*Where do you want to go?*

At the Study Abroad, International Fair, displays were made to represent each country that UNK offers in its Study Abroad Program. Students can choose from over 37 different countries offered in the program.

**Thanksgiving** from page 1

“I liked the pumpkin cheesecake that Jillian made, the most,” Lee said.

Lee got to see many parts of the state while she was in Colorado and experienced new things with those she was with.

“We went to Breckenridge, which is a very popular mountain town in Colorado and drove through the Eisenhower Tunnel, which goes through the mountain,” Lee said. “We went tubing in the snow and went to all kinds of shops. I got to get postcards with pictures of the mountains on one side and the other side has a spot for a note to send to my family.”

Lee noted the many American traditions that she experienced and how they compare to Korean holidays.

“I got the whole American Thanksgiving experience, and after, I got to experience Black Friday shopping,” Lee said. “We shopped for 13 hours from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.”

“Back in Korea, we celebrate Thanksgiving also,” Lee said. “We celebrate it in October and although the American holiday and the Korean holiday are different in a lot of ways, they are the same in many ways too.”

According to Lee, in Korea, they also have about a week break from school and the whole family comes together to celebrate and have Thanksgiving food. This also usually consists of rice cakes steamed on a layer of pine needles, which is called Songpyon.

“About 50 of my relatives usually meet at grandfather’s house and make sweet grilled beef, or Bulgogi, and other foods such as chicken boiled with rice, roasted vegetables and Korean green onion friend pancake,” Lee said.

“Since I’ve been in America, I’ve missed Thanksgiving, Memorial Days, New Year’s Day, Buddha’s birthday and The National Foundation Day,” said Lee. “But I’m glad I got to celebrate Korean Thanksgiving day with my Korean friends in Kearney. We made a lot of Korean food, and before we ate the food, we performed ritual service for our ancestors.”

“I think the American Thanksgiving is very similar as Korean Thanksgiving even though the foods are different,” Lee said. “I especially felt my roommate’s family members love each other a lot, and I really felt as though I was a part of their family.”

“This was a very special American experience for me. I appreciate everything Jillian’s family did for me and really enjoyed it.”

**Talbott** from page 1

I was six years old and ever since then, I’ve really liked music,” Talbott said.

With their love of music so strong, Nick and his brother, Tyler, decided to form the band with drummer Brian Gangwish and bassist Dan Lantzer.

Unfortunately, UNK does not offer a rock star degree, but they do offer a family studies major.

“Family studies is basically a major that teaches you how to live your life in a healthy state and about different people’s lifestyles. I thought it would be great to learn about people and the differences I might encounter” Talbott said.

While attending UNK, Talbott has experienced living on campus, getting involved in campus ministries like Christian Student Fellowship, and he got married.

He says his family has been his biggest support.

“Both of my parents are my heroes. My dad has taught me that I need to work really really hard to get where I want to go. To see his drive has really pushed my brother and I to pursue music” Talbott said.

“Tyler and I are pretty tight. We have a lot of the same views on things, and that’s why our band is where it is. We challenge and push each other. To see our music unfolding before us is hard to believe,” Talbott said. “Sharing the stage with him is an honor.”

The Talbott Brothers can play in a bar on Saturday night and a church on Sunday morning. Their music is so diverse that there is no definitive genre associated with it.

“Our genre is honest, authentic music. We write about our experience and I feel like a lot of music today doesn’t have a lot of honesty to it. We want to bring back the importance of lyrics.”

Though Nick Talbott plans to tour the U.S. next semester, he says his home is Kearney, and he will always have memories from UNK.

“If I could give advice to any student at UNK, I would say to follow your passion and do what you love. The world will tell you that you can’t do things but you have to believe that you can.”

To learn more about The Talbott Brothers go to: http://thetalbottbrothers.com/

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