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**SURVIVOR**

**YRACEMA RIVAS**  
*Antelope Staff*

In his life he has seen the unthinkable. "If you live, you live to see it all," Nebraska businessman and author, Milton Kleinberg says about his journey from the Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939 through his years in war camps and his post-war emigration to the U.S.

Kleinberg will share his dramatic tale of survival from his book "Bread or Death" Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. in the UNK Student Union Ponderosa Room.

UNK graduate Chad Carstensen, (2005) now a team leader for Kleinberg's Omaha company Senior Market Sales Inc., has worked with Kleinberg since the first rewrite and publication. He believes that this event holds a distinctive

## Kleinberg to speak Sept. 8 on his book, Holocaust experience

purpose because there are similarities with Kleinberg's story college students can identify with.

"While Milton's story and past circumstances are far more severe than most people can comprehend, there are several similarities that college students can relate to. College can be a very stressful and difficult time for many," Carstensen said. "Students undergo so much change in such a short time. Perseverance, dedication and hard work are values that all successful students must possess."

"This event will be special, and I don't know how many more times we'll be able to do this. Most stories of the Holocaust are focused on what happened in Europe at that time. The experiences on the Russian half are few and far between. Also, Milton's life after the war is quite remarkable. He is

a very likable person," Carstensen said.

Senior lecturer Jake Jacobsen has been impressed with Kleinberg since they first met through Carstensen, who kept in touch after completing Jacobsen's UNK Advanced Communications class. He encouraged Jacobsen to read the book, and Jacobsen became determined to bring Kleinberg to UNK.

Jacobsen said, "What I met was a man with a purpose—a man who was like anybody's grandfather except when he opens his mouth and tells you about his life... When you meet him he is just like your grandfather."

Kleinberg is very special, Jacobsen said. He has seen the worst, yet through all of that he didn't let all it affect his

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## Five Things To Do When You're A Freshman



**RACHEL SLOWIK**  
*Antelope Staff*

The transition from high school to college can be tough. I know first hand. First there is the whole saying goodbye to mom and dad on Move-In Day. Then there is the first day of classes, and it feels weird going to three classes each day, instead of the eight classes you had in high school. Then finally you're saying goodbye to the best friends you made in the past nine months. You learn a lot about yourself in the first nine months of college. You find things you wish you did or things you wish you didn't do. When I look back on my freshman year, I realize there are many things I'm so glad I did and many things I wish I did. I have compiled those things into a list, so here is some advice for all those who are new to college.

1. Go to class. It's simple, all you have to do is sit, listen and participate. You can ask your friends for notes, but you really don't get the experience you would have gotten if you had gone to class yourself.

2. Meet as many people as you can. Meeting people is essentially one of the best parts of college. The friends you make in college can last a lifetime. So, say hi to all those familiar faces!

3. Don't spend your money on things you don't need. Do you really need that new shirt from Old Navy? Probably not. Save that \$20 for the textbook you didn't get at the beginning of the year.

4. Go to philanthropy events. Whether or not you're in a Greek organization or some other student group, participating in a philanthropy event is highly beneficial. In the end, working together for a cause is

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## Take a new turn

*New Lopers share reasons they chose to go UNK*

**JESSICA MADRON**  
*Antelope Staff*

For UNK students who are returning, making new friends, reconnecting with old ones and setting high goals as the semester begins, this experience is anything but boring. In fact, it's exciting, maybe a tad stressful, and even nerve-wracking. Here is what two new UNK students have to say about their first experience on campus.



**Pat Frary**  
Freshman  
Undecided  
Auburn

New to campus, Frary decided to go to UNK because of its central location, and so far so good. "Pretty good, I had a class canceled so that was cool."

Worries? He said he doesn't enjoy public speaking, so he's not quite sure how his speech class is going to go this semester. However, if there is one thing he is sure about, it's college football. He's a big Husker fan, and we can appreciate that.

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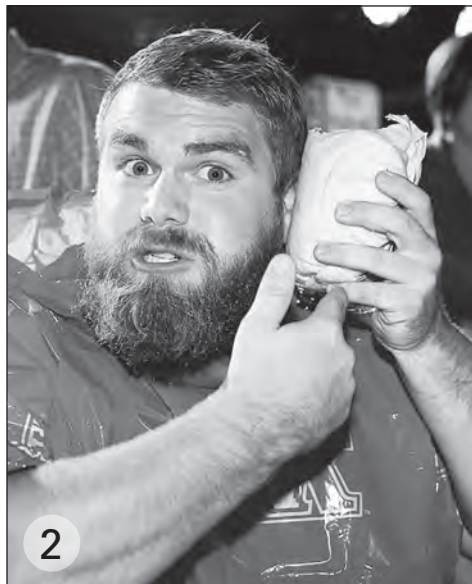
**Studying international studies, Hazama came to UNK because there are a lot of classes that count toward her major** Coming from a large city, Hazama flew to Nebraska on Sunday, Aug. 23 just in time for classes on Monday. She enjoys her communication classes and when asked about her plans this weekend she said, "I plan on eating Thai food across from campus."



**Akemi Hazama**  
Freshman  
International Studies  
Osaka, Japan

# Destination Downtown

*Downtown Kearney welcomes UNK students to a new year with games, contests, prizes and a fun night on the bricks.*



3: Freshman Marshall Glock isn't afraid to get a little dirty as he devours a cake for the food eating contest.

4: Senior Taylor Kittle embraces her inner child on a tricycle as Louie Loper looks on.

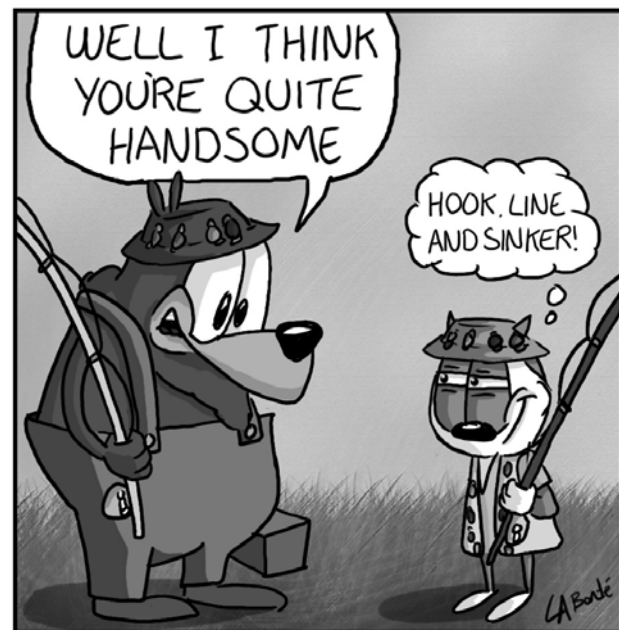
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1: Senior and Sapphire dance team member Meghan Forsgren shows her school pride as she takes a selfie with Louie the Loper.

2: Michael Griffith, a senior from Columbus, takes a moment to pose for a picture with the jumbo burrito donated by QDoba at the food eating contest.



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# Coming to America

*'I was only nine at the time, but I knew things were about to change for my whole family.'*

KATEE DALY

JMC 406, Spring 2015

The bells at UNK are chiming, everyone is rushing to their next class. Text books are being carried, and the buildings are standing tall. However, one thing stands out to Juanita Guadalupe Alonso: the freshness of the land. Everyone takes for granted the things they have, but Juanita thanks God every day to be here, working for what she wants her life to be like.

Juanita was born in Mexico, and coming here was a challenge for her family. She recalls Mexico with dusty air, dry land and rain being rare. Juanita says, "Sometimes I remember hearing the drums of the Indian reservation, and doing rain dances with my siblings. We did this just to add hope of maybe a little rain. Plus the dance was fun for me and my siblings. It was a relief to have fun once and while."

Making a living was hard especially with the environment the way it was. Juanita recalls living in her grandparents' shed not knowing if things would ever get better.

She woke up every morning, milked goats and did whatever needed to be done to help support the family. Her dad was gone a lot to come to America and earn money for her family. Sometimes he would be gone for months at a time sending money back as soon as he got paid.

"Mexico wasn't all bad, I knew I had



Photo by Staff

**Juanita Alonso was born in Mexico and moved to America when she was nine-years-old. After becoming involved in high school and applying for scholarships, Alonso earned the opportunity to better her future even more.**

family and friends there." In fact Juanita recalls one girl in particular who was pretty much a sister to her, and her name was Lupita. "I don't know if I ever knew her full name, because we both went by the same nickname. She and I used to do everything

together, from working to playing, it didn't matter, we always found a way to have fun, but when we left for America I didn't even get to say goodbye."

Juanita recalls being awakened in the middle of the night and walking across the Rio Grande bridge, with a book bag and paperwork in hand. "I was only nine at the time, but I knew things were about to change for my whole family."

"Growing up we lived mostly in Nebraska, but we started out in Texas. My dad worked there for a man, and he loaned us a van so that my dad could get from work to home."

She remembers living in a small three-room trailer house with two other families. Each of these families got one room. "My family consisted of: my father, my mother, my little sister, my older brother and my twin brother all in a tiny bedroom. We didn't have much, but it was already a step up from living in Mexico. We were finally able to make a living and have our own place."

The hardest part of coming here for her was learning how to speak English. "When we moved to Nebraska we moved to Fairbury, and I was a seventh-grader. I was a lot better at speaking English, but some things were still not grammatically correct. I remember one boy making fun of me and the whole class laughing. It feels like yesterday, that we were in this science class, and I said 'How much' instead of

'How many'; the boy then said, 'Speak English!' After that I swore I would try to never screw up on my grammar again, and I worked really hard and eventually, I did get better."

Juanita says her family moved around a lot, until they finally settled in the small town of Diller, Nebraska her sophomore year. "I wasn't sure how well this school would work out for me, but I ended up loving it. I made some lifelong friends there."

For the first time my life was pretty normal. I joined clubs and went out for sports. Then graduation rolled around, and I didn't think I was going to be able to go into anything. I figured I would just start working right out of high school like the rest of my family, until my guidance counselor got me to apply for a scholarship known as Susan Thomson Buffet Foundation Scholarship. I didn't really think I had a chance of getting it, but when I did everything was looking up for me. Not only was I living my life here in America, but I also now had a chance at an even better future. A future no one could have dreamed of, and it was within my grasp now."

Some people didn't believe she could make it, but this only made Juanita work harder. "I worked at a local job during my senior year of high school, and after announcing I was leaving, most of my

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Tune in or stream online to hear the weekly podcast when KLPR hosts Nick Stevenson and Andrew Hanson air “Antelope Speaks.” Stevenson and Hanson will break down the major stories from The Antelope each week.

Also coming this fall, for a second season, is The Antelope Speaks: Sports Spotlight. Join Stevenson and Hanson each

week to recap what’s going on in Loper athletics.

Each week during the football season, Hanson will bring an exclusive interview with University of Nebraska at Kearney head football coach Josh Lamberson. A podcast of the interview will be available in The Antelope’s podcast section.

## ‘Live Action Clue’ Sept. 8



Courtesy

The Frank House located north of West Center will be hosting a live game of Clue.

### BAILEY BOND

On Tuesday, Sept. 15 the Frank House will be hosting Live Action Clue from 6-8 p.m. Guests that play will receive light refreshments, and winners will earn prizes.

Students will also get the chance to see the Frank House and interact with characters in full costume. The characters, weapons and suspects in the game will all be based on the Frank House’s history and tenants.

The program is free to all UNK students. Games will start every half-hour and will last approximately 25 minutes.



Courtesy

At the exhibition performance on Aug. 21, UNK’s Pride of the Plains Marching Band displays the skills and music they learned during band camp. The Pride performs pre-game and halftime of every home football game.

## Band previews ‘Radio!’ classics

*The Pride of the Plains begins energetic fall performance*

### LAURIE VENTEICHER

*Antelope Staff*

Classic rock tunes lilted out of Cope Stadium on Friday, Aug. 21, but they didn’t come from the speakers. Along with performing the traditional pre-game show, UNK’s Pride of the Plains Marching Band gave spectators a preview of their first halftime show, “Radio!”

Band members spent the week prior to the exhibition learning and memorizing drill (marching formations) and music – a period known to many as “band camp.” For both new and returning musicians, marching fundamentals were a large part of the process.

“This is one of the most energetic bands I have worked with. Their energy really shines through in their overall sound, but also in their visual presence, whether marching or the rhythmic flow of the color guard,” said Dr. Brian Alber, Assistant Director of Bands / Teacher Education.

The band’s “Radio!” show features: “Journey to the Center of the Mind” (Ted Nugent); “Handbags and Gladbags” (Rod Stewart); “Mr. Roboto” (Styx); and “Bohemian Rhapsody” (Queen). The marching band performs during pre-game and halftime of all home UNK football games.

“The 2015 Pride accomplished a significant amount of music and drill in band camp in a relatively short amount of time and we are already pushing ahead of schedule in our preparations for the first home game on September 3,” Dr. Alber said.

### Performance Dates

Regular performance dates:

**Sept. 3**

**Sept. 26**

**Oct. 10**

**Oct. 24**

**Nov. 7**

Along with home football games, the Pride will be performing at the annual Band Day parade and an exhibition performance at the Bearcat Marching Festival (both on **Sept. 26**). The Pride will be featured with exhibition bands at Harvest of Harmony (in Grand Island on **Oct. 3**) and the Minden Bandfest (on **Oct. 17**).

# Making music in Norway

*UNK marching band travels abroad, see local sights, exchanges cultures*

## UNK COMMUNICATIONS

The UNK marching band took 37 members – and a total traveling party of 44 – to Norway from May 13-19, 2015.

The band participated in a flag ceremony and marched on May 17 in two parades in Sandefjord, which has a long-standing tradition of parades that focus on marching bands.

UNK made the 4,500-mile trip to rehearse and perform with the well-known Haukerød Skolekorps (school band).

Dr. Bierman, UNK Director of Bands, felt the Haukerød Skolekorps program was a terrific exchange of ideas, friendship and musicianship. “These are giant parades. The biggest event of the year for Norway’s school bands,” Dr. Bierman said.

UNK’s band takes an overseas trip every four years, Dr. Bierman said, including visits to France and Italy in past years. This year’s trip to Norway came together with the help of Dr. Bierman’s friend and former college classmate, Martin Olsen, who lives in Norway and is director of Haukerød Skolekorps.

In 2012, Bierman visited Norway and spent 10 days working with Olsen’s band and others in nearby towns as a guest clinician.

“I was approached on that trip with the idea of bringing the entire UNK band back for the parades,” Bierman said. “I thought it was a brilliant idea. We were very honored to have UNK represented there.”

While visiting, UNK’s traveling party did some sightseeing, including visits to Heddal Stavkyrkje, Norway’s largest wooden church constructed at the beginning of the 13th century. The group also visited Mølen, Norway’s largest beach of rolling stones, and Gvarv, a village of 900 people famous for its apples and cherries. Gvarv also hosts a popular pop/rock festival in August. Other stops included silver mines in Kongsberg.

“We’re excited about the musicianship occurred, as well as the chance to learn about a different culture and see this part of the world,” Bierman said. “It’s our hope that we also shared ourselves and left something in Norway, and that their people learned something about us.”



This mine train presses forward through the small town on its way to a mine. UNK senior Logan Gregory, Music Education major, said the train ride down to the mine was the most fun because everyone got to know his or her friends a little better when it started to get dark inside the mine.



Bio-Chemistry major Logan Hansen talks in the circle of band members from Norway. The Kearney sophomore says it was great getting to know the differences between the two cultures and sharing the strong passion that both share for music.



Hickman sophomore Sydni Ziemke smiles big as she stands on the shore of Norway by the Atlantic Ocean. The exercise science major says she loves seeing different ocean views from around the world.



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UNK Band members watched a Norwegian dancing routine during their free day to sightsee in Norway. Cheyenne, Wyoming, senior Chelsea Kennedy said she liked the lifestyle, culture and people in Norway.

*Courtesy Photos*

# Record crowd expected for tailgate, season opener



BY UNK COMMUNICATIONS

The University of Nebraska at Kearney Athletic Department has announced parking, tailgating and ticket arrangements for Thursday's home football game against fifth-ranked Northwest Missouri State.

The 2015 season opener – the First National Bank First Game – is expected to draw a crowd large enough to set a new record for Ron and Carol Cope Stadium at Foster Field. In the 2005 opener, 8,823 fans watched UNK face Nebraska-Omaha to set the standard.

With the fall semester underway and night classes in session, parking on campus will be limited for the 7 p.m. kickoff. Fans are encouraged to use free shuttle services that will run from Kearney High School

## Student Tailgate

When: Sept. 3

Time: 5- 6:30 p.m.

Location: Foster Field

(3610 6th Ave.), West Campus and The Buckle screen printing lot. These shuttles will start to pick up at 4 p.m. and run for one hour after the game ends. See the campus maps (shuttle #1 & shuttle #2/ parking map) for more details about the route.

Fans are encouraged to buy their tickets early to avoid long lines the day of the game.

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# Top 5 NFL teams of 2015

*Patriots and Seahawks look to live up to the hype*



DAVID MUELLER  
Sports Editor

With 25 seconds left in Super Bowl XLIX, the Seattle Seahawks were down 28-24, with the ball on the Patriots' one-yard line. Rather than handing it to undoubtedly one of the best running backs in the league, Marshawn Lynch, they opted to pursue the air.

New England's Malcolm Butler intercepted the pass on the goal line to seal the victory and left the hearts of Seattle's fans broken. With such an incredible finish to last season's Super Bowl, it only makes this season that much more valuable to follow.

After the 2015 NFL draft, experts came together to rank all 32 teams in the league based on a number of different factors.

At the No. 5 seed sits the Indianapolis Colts. Since quarterback Andrew Luck was drafted by Indianapolis as the first pick in 2012, the Colts have been rejuvenated. Luck has given the franchise a reason to be hopeful again since the departure of veteran quarterback, Peyton Manning. Also, the Colts managed to acquire wide receiver, Andre Johnson – who happens to be a top-tier receiver in the NFL. As far as defense is concerned, the Colts finished 11th overall in the category – allowing 23.1 points per game last year. It's safe to say that Indianapolis is a serious threat.

The Denver Broncos captured the fourth slot in the NFL power rankings. Any team that Peyton Manning plays for will always be a legitimate super bowl contender. Although Manning is aging, he still remains one of the best quarterbacks in the league – throwing a total 4,727 yards, including 39 touchdowns in 2014. Other offensive threats include wide receivers Demaryius Thomas and Emmanuel Sanders, who combined for over 200 catches and just over 3,000 yards in

2014. On the opposite side of the ball, the Broncos have a stout defense – finishing third overall in the regular season.

Next, the Green Bay Packers captured the third position for 2015. Behind the arm of quarterback Aaron Rodgers, the Packers averaged 273 passing yards per game, and 357 total yards in the 2014 season – placing them in the top five for each category. The Packers' secondary was also known for causing issues for their opponents' quarterbacks – securing 18 interceptions last season. Although Green Bay's primary receiver Jordy Nelson will miss the entire season due to a knee injury, don't doubt Rodgers' and Green Bay's capabilities.

The Super Bowl XLIX champion New England Patriots were chosen for the second spot. The Bill Belichick and Tom Brady combination has been deadly over the last 11 years in the league – winning three out of five championships. Statistically as a team, the Patriots don't necessarily put up impressive numbers, but they know how to win games. With targets like Rob Gronkowski and Julian Edelman – Brady has reliable receivers to get the ball to. Although Brady will miss four games due to the "deflate gate" controversy from last year's super bowl, don't sleep on the Patriots. New England has proven its worth for some time now, and may have a shot at repeating championships for the second time in its franchise.

And last but not least, the Seattle Seahawks are given the best chance to win Super Bowl 50. The Seahawks have a plethora of threats on both sides of the ball – making them an easy No. 1 selection. Quarterback Russell Wilson can put it on the ground and attack in the air. Wilson completed 63.1 percent of his passes and threw 20 touchdowns in 2014. Running back Marshawn Lynch rushed for over 1,300 yards, while averaging 4.7 yards per attempt. Finally, Seattle's defense is a force to be reckoned with. The defense finished first in for the least amount of yards per game with 267. All in all, Seattle has a very good position to make a run for the championship.

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Log on to [www.lopertickets.com](http://www.lopertickets.com) to buy single-game or season tickets. Around 2,500 tickets have already been sold, and the majority of UNK's 2,000 on-campus students are likely to attend.

Gates to the stadium will open 90 minutes prior to kickoff (5:30 p.m.).

This year UNK is offering a separate gate for fans with purses or bags. The Express Zone will be Gate B and the Bag Check line will be Gate C. Both gates are located on the west side of the stadium. Fans are allowed to bring in unopened bottles of water. With temperatures expected to be in the mid-90's, fans are encouraged to do so.

Next, UNK fans will be allowed to tailgate in "Loperville" beginning at 4 p.m. This expanded area, located in Lot 12, will again have food and drink provided by The Cellar Bar & Grill, as well as music and a new student tailgate area.

Northwest fans are encouraged to tailgate (starting after 2 p.m.) in Lot 20 located south of Kearney Country Club (2800 19th Avenue).

During the game, the south end zone area will be turned into "Loperland," an area for children to play on inflatables and Jump-A-Roos.

Also, the student booster group Loper Loonies will make its 2015-16 debut.

Fans who can't attend in person can access live audio, video and stat links on the Loper schedule page.

Northwest is coming off a 10-2 season in which it made another appearance in the Division II playoffs. A talented roster features preseason All-Americans Brandon Yost (defensive line) and Bryce Enyard (defensive back).

The Bearcats have made 11 consecutive NCAA Div. II Playoff appearances since 2004 and won four NCAA Div. II national championships since 1998, including the 2013 title.

The Lopers have 19 return starters, including 2014 All-MIAA honorees Romero Cotton (running back) and Tyke Kozeal (linebacker).

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what everyone wants!

5. Call home. Not just for money or to complain about the major group project you're doing completely by yourself. Call home to see how everyone is doing. Believe me, it'll be something worthwhile.

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co-workers told me congratulations, and gave me a pat on the back. However one woman stood out. She was my manager at the time, and she said, 'You'll be back.' I couldn't believe she said that to me. She made me question every choice I had just made, but I knew she had to be wrong, and I went out to prove it." Even though the odds and some people were against her Juanita moved on.

"I started my college education at SCC in Beatrice, NE. I went there for one year and met some pretty awesome people. I wasn't ready for my time to be up there after the year, but I knew my goals were just starting." Juanita says she went to CCC in Hastings Nebraska next. "I remember it was the summer after I was done at SCC and I went to sign up for classes at my new college CCC. I was so excited to start a new chapter, when I got a phone call. It was my brother saying I needed to come home. Our father, the man I had looked up to

for some time, had decided to call it quits on my family. He told my brother he was leaving, and just like that he was gone out of our lives for good." Juanita was just starting to think things were getting better, but life threw her another curve ball. "I went home and signed up for classes later, there wasn't a lot I could do about my dad leaving, he made a choice, and I had to make mine. I debated if I should even go back to college. I knew my mom couldn't speak English very well, and she didn't have a job. My dad was her support, and with him out of the picture I felt like I should take on more responsibility at home. However in the end I knew I had to do what was right for me, and my mom still had my brothers, and my sister to help her out."

She continued her education at CCC in Hastings for almost two years, and debated about whether or not she wanted to go into Radio Broadcasting. She decided to finish at CCC with her generals and transfer to

UNK in the Spring of 2014. When she looked into what UNK had to offer, she knew immediately she wanted to be an interpreter for the Spanish language. She knew how hard it had been for her to learn and wanted to help others with what she struggled with. "I just feel like if I can make anything easier for people going through what I went through, I want to do that for them." Margaret Spencer met Juanita this year, "I never would have known Juan went through any of this, had she not told me. She always seems so positive and definitely works hard at everything she does. She is an inspiration to us all." Juanita is finishing up her last year here, and plans to graduate in Fall 2015. "With everything my family has went through, I know I will be proud when I wear that cap and gown. I know that people I have met along the way will support me, and I know my family will be there telling me good job. Until then I am going to continue to work for what I have."

**KLEINBERG** from page 1

**Milton Kleinberg will speak in the Ponderosa Room in the Nebraskan Student Union. The event, which is free and open to all is from 7 - 9 p.m.**

life. "He treats people with such respect. He is humble. He is giving. He is the least bitter person even though he has every reason to be," she said.

UNK has had significant speakers each term, but Kleinberg will be the first to address a personal Holocaust story of any sort. Carstensen said he feels that this presentation will have a great impact on the students. He said, "While the college path is difficult, it is almost always worthwhile. Further, your college career will not be the end-all for troubles, stress and tough decisions. It's best to hear this now, understand it fully and take charge of your own life."

Kleinberg is a spokesperson for the Institute for Holocaust Education and talks about his book and experiences as a keynote speaker and at schools and synagogues. His book was originally intended as private gift for family and friends, but after much prodding by the public in general—and four additional years of work—the book was professionally edited and then retitled

"Bread or Death."

Besides working to sustain the memory of the Holocaust, Kleinberg is also the Chairman and CEO of Senior Market Sales Inc., an insurance marketing company in Omaha. The company, which was founded in 1982, issues insurance solutions to senior citizens. SMS employs people throughout the United States and Israel, and is one of Omaha's fastest-growing companies.

Kleinberg is a supporter of numerous charity foundations including the Jewish

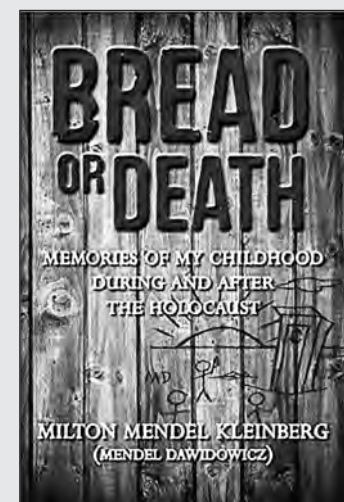
Federation of Omaha, The Salvation Army, Beth Israel Synagogue and Omaha Food Bank.

The event is sponsored by Thompson Scholars Learning Community, the Office of Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, the College of Fine Arts, the departments of communication, family studies, history, the UNK Holocaust and Genocide Education Fund and the Sam and Frances Fried Holocaust Education Fund.

## Book "Bread or Death" Available at Event

Milton Kleinberg's words – "Shine a light on evil" – should be etched on all of our souls. Kleinberg's refusal to become bitter, to never give up, and to never look at himself as a victim – can inspire all of us today.

Books are available at the event and at <http://www.createpace.com/4932908> and on [Amazon.com http://www.amazon.com/Bread-Death-Memories-Childhood-Holocaust/dp/B00WW8IXD4](http://www.amazon.com/Bread-Death-Memories-Childhood-Holocaust/dp/B00WW8IXD4)



# Today, tomorrow, forever Greek

*Best numbers yet: 159 women accept bids in first before-school recruitment*

**JESSICA NICHOLS**

*Antelope Staff*

The University of Nebraska at Kearney received some early inhabitants this year before the first week of school. They were sorority women looking to help incoming freshmen in search of their “home away from home.”

Although in past years recruitment has been the second weekend of the school year, it was moved to the week before classes started to reduce stress during the orientation process each fall.

“Recruitment is a process that takes a lot of time both for the potential new members and the upper-class women who are already members,” said Heather Wolf, Assistant Director of Greek Affairs and Student Activities. “Trying to balance this time commitment on top of one of our core values of scholarship was incredibly difficult. Dedicating the week prior to school to sorority recruitment meant that the women’s focus once the school year began could be completely on their

academics.”

Moving recruitment was a success, Wolf said. Although it has been successful in the past, this year stands out because more women joined a chapter at the end of the week than ever before.

“Chapter numbers continue to rise and we are having a lot of women come to UNK interested in sorority life,” she said.

Out of the 202 women that signed up, 159 new members were welcomed into the Greek system on bid day.

Because of the success, Wolf says they are gathering feedback and are planning for next year’s recruitment. Early feedback indicates both the chapters and potential new members loved recruitment before school. It gave the older women time to focus on only recruitment without having to balance classes, and it gave the new members time to get to know campus and to feel more comfortable, while meeting many new people before school even started.

Wolf also said that they are hoping to keep recruitment the week before school. “Over the next couple months we will be evaluating and planning for 2016, but it is definitely a hope that we are able to keep it before school,” she said.



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1: From Aug. 18-21, 15 recruitment counselors disaffiliated from their chapters to help new members find their letters. This year all chapters were allowed to watch their Pi Chi’s reveal themselves.

2: Emily Hohenstein and Sandra Gomez, members of Alpha Omicron Pi, hold their letters loud and proud before new members get their bids.

3: Gamma Phi Beta members, Alexa Pruss and Demi Higgins, take the opportunity to get their picture taken while waiting for bid day to start.

4: Members of Alpha Phi try to out-chant the other houses. Alpha Phi received 41 new members.

5: Members of Alpha Xi Delta pose for a photo with their new member class. This chapter recruited well and took in 40 new members.