BY SHELLY FOX

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The emotion that explicid from when the UNK wrestling team won the national title on March 15 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at the NCAA Division II National Championship meet is the fulfillment of a dream that they have been working towards this whole year. The UNK wrestling program's first NCAA title was a dream come true for the Lopers.

The original three seniors, Joe Ellenberger, Tervel Dlagnev and Rutledge, were at one time together after making the NCAA tournament at the NCAA wrestling championships, and I al-

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Wrestlers bring home hardware

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Seven months of training, thousands of pounds lifted, countless calories burned and gallons of sweat have finally paid off for the Loper wrestling team as they win their first-ever national title.

"It's a fantastic feeling. It makes me feel grateful for all the previous wrestlers who have been working towards this goal. It is the success of them all," Rutledge said.

Looking back at the national championship and as the seniors prepare to finish out the semester and move on with their lives, they realize that the wrestling program was more than a team of wres-

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"At the beginning of the year I knew we had the experience, the leadership, the individuals to win a national title. But as the season progressed, I had my doubts when our lineup was hurt through guys being injured, not making weight and also not beating Buffet Allgood until the second semifinal. Bauer said.

"Despite the adversity that the Loper wrestling team went through this year, they came out as the champi-

"It couldn't have been more

"It's a fantastic feeling. You know how hard these guys have worked, and it was just great to celebrate with them when they achieved the goal they have been working towards for so hard and long. I am very proud and honored to be along for the ride with them," Bauer said. In addition, Bauer was named the Division II Coach of the Year at nationals by the other Division II coaches, a title he was also awarded back in 2003. As Bauer and the UNK Loper wrestling team look to the future, they are hopefully possible win another national title.

"We will be losing four of our top guys, but we will also have six returning All-Americans. We will continue to work and develop ourselves over the sum-

"As of now, the board of student judges exclusively, would make ideal judges," Ballenger said. "I ex-

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Run-off election puts Hruda and Reynolds on top
Hruda and Reynolds squeak by with 53.6 percent of overall votes

BY DANIEL APOLLO
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The student body was able to flex its democratic muscles in the March 12 runoff election for Student Body President/Student Regent and vice president. The candidates were engaged with each other and the student body, and gathered a total of 829 votes for the runoff.

From as early as 9 a.m. and as late as 9 p.m., students held by the booth and marked their favorite candidate.

At the end of the count, Tim Huebsch and Angela Reynolds became the elected Student Body President/Student Regent and vice president. They finished with a total of 444 votes or 53.6 percent overall votes.

Grant Campbell and Cade Grinn contacted their voter with the remainder of the votes with 385 or 46.4 percent.

When asked about the runoff election, Brandon Petrigue, the Election Commissioner, said, “The turnout was really good. It was a combination of both parties campaigning, and in turn it brought a lot of people to the polls.”

In the Student Senate, there were 22 available seats including four possible seats for graduate students. However, candidates filled up only 11 of the total seats, and the rest will have to be appointed.

Senators for the Fine Arts and Humanities are Linda Welth and Chad Christley, Branden Flanery, Clay Curtis, Neil Summerfield, Brooks Young and Ben Bas¬

ular to fill the Senate seats for Businesses and Technology.

For the Natural and Social Sciences, Bennett Devos, Jordan Gonzalez and Andrea Prosser were elected. Finally, a seat in Education will be filled by Brandon Reynolds.

Other items on the ballot were the allocation of funds to wards special events. That item moved with 74 votes or 8.4 percent of the overall votes.

The Citizenship Leadership Program passed with a total of 745 votes or 84.3 percent of the overall votes.

The student体重 room was free with a total of 863 votes, for the student体重 overall.

ELECTION RESULTS

Hruda
Campbell
Reynolds
Grinn
53.6
46.4
444
435
385

Young faces hope to shape up Nebraska politics

“We don’t have to wait for our time to come; our time is now. Young Nebraskans are taking a leadership role in our state.”

BY LAURA LARSEN
Antelope Staff

Getting out of Kearney in February to head for Colorado may sound like an ideal weekend for a lot of college students, but for the UNK baseball team, the time changes when the trip is made almost every weekend for five straight weeks.

The Lobos started their schedule for the 2008 season with their first 18 games at home.

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**La Loteria, or Spanish bingo, raises cultural awareness**

*Images randomly displayed game board, or a tabla, with 16 different pictures of people significant to the Hispanic culture. Each player has a card that is used for the game.*

**Inc. sponsored a night of “La Loteria,” which translates as “Lottery” or “Buying.”**

*Danny Granillo, a junior psychology major from Lexington, coordinated the event. Granillo sees La Loteria as a way to promote Hispanic culture.*

*The idea for the evening came from a suggestion by some fraternity brothers as a way to promote Hispanic cultural awareness.*

*The game gives some cultural background since the images are symbols that are important to and promote our culture,” Granillo said.*

**Emily Vencill, a junior business major from Kearney says she enjoys filling out brackets for La Loteria.*

*“I usually fill out about three or four,” Vencill said. “I usually like to change things up a bit on each of them, and I love cheer- ing for the underdog.”*
Elite Eight brings national exposure to UNK

NCAA Division II tournament stops in Kearney for the second time

BY VICKI ALTHAGE
Antelope Staff

The University of Nebraska at Kearney is set to host the 2008 NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Elite Eight March 26, 27 and 29. This will be the second year UNK has had the honor of hosting the nationally televised event.

“We are honored the NCAA has afforded UNK and the city of Kearney the opportunity to host this premier women’s college basketball event. We will make sure the participants and their respective fans enjoy a first-class championship experience,” Jon McBride, UNK Athletic Director, said.

Preparation for the event has been going on for three years, including everything from rezoning land to marketing the event.

The first three rounds of the 64-team tournament were held on various campuses.

This week, the eight remaining region winners are making their way to Kearney for a chance to play for the national championship.

The national semifinals on March 27 will be carried live on ESPNU and ESPN2.com at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. CST, with the title game live on ESPN 2 beginning at 9 p.m. CST on March 29. Quartefinal games on March 26 will be webcasted by the NCAA.

"UNK receives national recognition and exposure through games being televised on ESPN, which solidifies the campus as being proactive and in tune with student tournaments," Shawn M. Fairbanks, Assistant Athletic Director/External Affairs, said.

The Health and Sports Center will not see any familiar faces or fans from the 2007 Elite Eight, as eight new teams square off this year for the highest honor.

The Wingate Bulldogs, representing the South Atlantic Conference, beat out the last remaining RMAC teams on March 26 and 29 as UNK hosts the Division II Elite Eight Tournament.

The winner of the Delta-II Elite Eight trip. Tonight, they'll face the East Region champions California University of Pennsylvania (31-1) make their first and only Elite Eight appearance because they move up to Division I next season.

The Lady Blues of Washburn (26-6) are the fourth seed from the Great Lakes Region. Northern Kentucky University will be making its fourth Elite Eight trip.

Rounding out this side of the bracket are Franklin Pierce (29-4) and the University of Alaska Anchorage, a team that lost to Nebraska-Kearney earlier this year.

Our student body, faculty and staff are able to take part in a national event that brings a diverse audience to campus."

Shawn M. Fairbanks, Assistant Athletic Director/External Affairs

"The band is gonna bring the house down with Loper pride by making Loper antlers with their fingers."

Mike Foulk and senior Melissa Gilstrap show off their Loper pride by making Loper antlers with their fingers.

"Women’s basketball is a great example of sportsmanship and values, and kids need to be a part of this positive inspirational event.”

Fairbanks said.

Single session tickets will not go on sale until the day of the tournament. Individual session passes will go on sale the day of the game. There will be a total of four sessions as the tournament. Per session tickets will be $10 (adults) and $8 (students/seniors). All seats are general admission.

Photos by Stacy Laue

TOP LEFT: Dylant Cardenas, a sophomore music education major, stands triumphantly to the crowd.
ABOVE: Members of the UNK Pep Band perform tunes for a crowd at the Feb. 2 men’s basketball game.
LEFT: Tom Carter, Adam Grazier, Mackenzie Cochran and NCAA mascot Lil’ Jumper get a little crazy and drum up some excitement for the Lopers.
BETWEEN: Student Andrea Foulk and senior Melissa Gilstrap show their Loper pride by making Loper antlers with their fingers.

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