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Oprah’s Big Give Comes to Nebraska

▼A new person, community or charity is helped each week.

BY SHELLY FOX
Antelope Staff

What would you do if someone gave you a load of cash?
The only catch is...you have to give it all away.
Welcome to the world of Oprah Winfrey’s new reality series “Oprah’s Big Give,” airing Sunday nights on ABC.
On the show, people from all across the country are given a large amount of money in order to help total strangers and, according to Oprah’s Web site, “feel the high of giving.”
The contestants are followed for eight weeks and, in the end, the biggest giver wins.
Now, “Oprah’s Big Give” has come to Nebraska.
Oprah Winfrey sent money to her affiliate stations across the country so they can conduct their own version of her reality show.
NTV-ABC in Kearney received \$10,000 to give away to its viewers in need.
UNK’s Director of Media Relations and International Communications, Renee Ballenger has been involved in the process of bringing the *Big Give* to UNK.
“The creative thinkers and givers at NTV came up with the idea to have the neighbors be the judges as to who would receive the money gifts, and they thought UNK students, exclusively, would make ideal judges,” Ballenger said.
As of now, the board of student judges includes Pat Ackerman, Megan Boss, Travis Checketts, Cade Craig, Lisa Elson, Emma Fahrlander, Tim Hruza, Amber Lewis, Brooke McGee, Monica Mueller, Denis Oelsigle, Criss Salinas and Cody Waldman.
“During the judges meetings, the students read together each nomination and discuss its parameters,” Ballenger said.
The judges will award four gifts of \$2,500 over the next four weeks with their final meeting on Sunday, April 13.
“NTV will be filming the judges, the winner and ‘the story’ of the winner’s need,” said Ballenger, “as well as how the judges are going to fulfill, and possibly inflate, the \$2,500 gift.”
NTV FOX 4 & 17 KCWL Promotional Manager Anita Wragge said that NTV has been working on this promotion since March 3, and that commercials were placed on the air asking viewers to submit their ideas.
Beth Sloan of Kearney was the first winner. In her entry Sloan wrote, “When I heard about this opportunity, I just cried, finally I thought this might be our chance. I am so very excited and hopeful.”
The money awarded to Sloan will be used to expand the room for the Life Skills Program at Kearney High School. The student judges presented the check to Sloan at Bico’s on Sunday.
Viewer nominations will be accepted through April 7.

Wrestlers bring home hardware

9 National Qualifiers | 8 All-Americans | 2 National Champions



Photo by Nicholas Hauder
Junior Keenan McCurdy of Lincoln rejoices with assistant coach Ty Swarm and Josh Ericson after a victory during the second session of the NCAA Division II Wrestling National Championships. McCurdy became an All-American for the first time after placing eighth at the NCAA Division II National Wrestling Championships in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

BY HANNAH HOTOVY
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Seven months of training, thousands of pounds lifted, countless calories denied and gallons of sweat have finally paid off for the Loper wrestling team as they win their first-ever team national title.
The national championships held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on March 14-15 never saw a more happy and enthusiastic team as the UNK Lopers when they won the team national title after heavyweight Tervel Dlagnev beat Central Oklahoma’s Dustin Finn in the final championship round, 4-1.
Coach Marc Bauer has been the UNK wrestling head coach for nine years and was an assistant coach for four years before that. The win at nationals was a team goal he had been working toward during those 13 years, but he wasn’t sure if this year would be the one.
“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 having Brett Allgood until the second semester,” Bauer said.
Despite the adversity that the Loper wrestling team went through this year, they came out as the champions, winning the national title by only a half a point over Minnesota State University.
Bauer mentioned that one thing stuck out as the main factor in winning the title compared to all the other years he has been coaching at UNK.
“There were a lot of little things that helped us win. The thing that I noticed that made the biggest difference this year at nationals was that no single team got on such a roll and took off so far ahead of everyone that nobody could catch up with them. All the top teams lost some guys in the first round and throughout the tournament,” Bauer said.
The emotions a coach experiences while watching his team win something as huge as a national title are practically indescribable, but Bauer tried to put it into words.
“It’s a fantastic feeling. You know how hard these guys have worked, and it was just great to celebrate with these guys 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 hopeful to possibly 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 summer. No one is willing to commit like these guys. They are solid-core individuals who have been to nationals. We, of course, will have our challenges,” Bauer said.
Challenges this year’s team has proven can be overcome.



Photo by Nicholas Hauder
In addition to the excitement of winning his first NCAA Division II national championship, Coach Marc Bauer also received the honor of being named Division II’s Coach of the Year. This is the second time Bauer has received the honor. He received his first Coach of the Year award in 2003.

Five say farewell to a team, family

Loper wrestlers graduate, but will never forget memories shared

BY HANNAH HOTOVY
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The winning of a national title was the perfect way for the five seniors of the Loper wrestling team to end their wrestling careers.
The emotion that exploded from all of them after winning the national title on March 15 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at the NCAA Division II National Championships was the fulfillment of a dream that they all had when they came into the UNK wrestling program their freshman year.
The original three seniors, Joe Ellenberger, Tervel Dlagnev and Jeff Rutledge, were at once drawn together after meeting for the first time during their freshman year at UNK.
“The ‘trifecta’ immediately

hit it off and became best friends from the first week of school,” Rutledge said. “I remember a fire drill at two in the morning, and it was raining outside. Tervel and I decided to go for a run. We went running throughout all of campus in our wrestling stances, and I realized how fun college was going to be.”
“Jeff, Tervel, and I were the original ‘trifecta.’ Anywhere you saw one of us, you would see the other two. When we came in as freshmen, we wanted to be NCAA champs,” Ellenberger said.
Brett Allgood and Cody Lambotte, the two additional seniors, joined the program later on, but quickly found their places on team.
“The addition of Brett was awesome,” Rutledge said. “I was a little skeptical about how he

would fit in since he was a very successful high school wrestler. When he came into the program, I was immediately impressed with how he cared and that he was in it for the team and not just for himself. He has a very caring heart.”
Although Lambotte was unable to wrestle in the national championship, he has found his own niche in the Loper lineup as a workout partner for both Allgood and Rutledge. At nationals, Lambotte was continually seen drilling with Allgood and pumping him up for his matches.
“Cody Lambotte was an outstanding addition to our graduating class and Loper wrestling family,” Rutledge said. “He’s driven me to be a greater wrestler. His intensity and work ethic are second to none. He’s a true team member. He had the talent to be an All-American.”

At the national championships, the seniors realized more and more how bittersweet their career endings were. Ellenberger and Rutledge were unable to obtain the individual national titles that they had been dreaming about, but realized how much more a team title meant.
“Obviously, I would have liked to have won an individual title, but winning the team title was more satisfying,” Ellenberger said. “It was an even trade-off to have a team title and watch my teammates like Keenan McCurdy beat the number one ranked wrestler Zach Lee from Western State, to become an All-American.”
“It couldn’t have been more perfect how everything ended,” Rutledge added. “Winning by a half a point and celebrating with my brothers when we finally

achieved our goal, all the sacrifice, hard work and time finally paid off.”
The difficulty that the UNK wrestling team had gone through this year has also made the team title even more rewarding for the seniors.
“Going through all the adversity we did and watching our lineup go from practically unbeatable to a team that was beat often was hard. The best thing was how we overcame it,” Rutledge said.
Rutledge also realized that the recent national team title has been the product of the UNK Wrestling Program as well as the achievement of a goal that past teams have been aiming for.
“This program has given me a sense of accomplishment. I feel this program has just been aiming for this goal for awhile, and to

know that I was able to help accomplish this goal has been a great feeling. It makes me feel grateful for all the previous wrestlers who have been working towards this goal. It is the success of them as well,” Rutledge said.
Looking back at the national championship and as the seniors prepare to finish up the semester and move on with their lives, they realize that the wrestling program was more than a team of wrestlers.
“As I was looking at every other team at nationals, it hadn’t occurred how much of a family we really were. Other teams would just watch their teammates, but all of us were there to help and cheer each other on. That’s awesome,” Ellenberger said.

Run-off election puts Hruza and Reynolds on top

Hruza and Reynolds squeek by with 53.6 percent of overall votes

BY DANIEL APOLIUS
Antelope Staff

The student body was able to flex its democratic muscles on the March 12 run-off election for Student Body President/Student Regent and vice president. The candidates were engaged with voters until the last minute and gathered a total of 829 votes for the run-off.

From as early as 9 a.m. and as late as 7 p.m., students filed by the booths and marked their favorite candidate.

At the end of the count, Tim Hruza 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 Craig finished with the remainder of the votes with 385 or 46.4 percent.

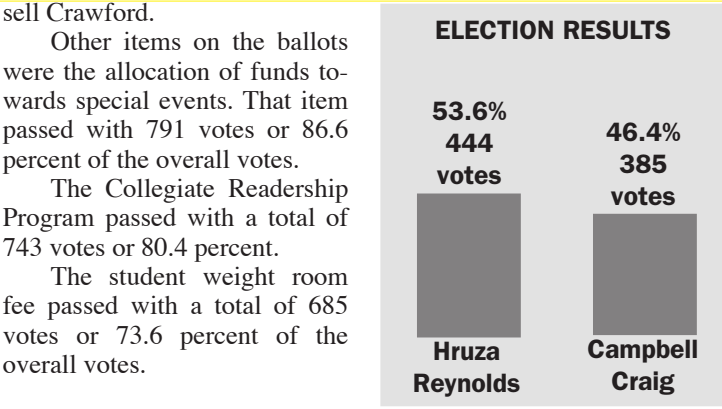
When asked about the run-off election, Brandon Pettigrew, the Election Commissioner, said, “The turnout was really good. It was a combined effort from both parties campaigning, and in turn it brought a lot of people to the polls.”

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 Lindsey Wendt and Caleb Chvatal.

Brandon Flanigin, Cory Shield, Nate Summerfield, Brooke Young and Ryan Bastian will fill the Senate seats for Business and Technology.

For the Natural and Social Sciences, Bennett Dixon, Jordan Gonzales and Andrew Proski were elected. Finally, a seat in Education will be filled by Russell Crawford.



► 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.”
Jeremy Nordquist

BY LAURA LARSEN
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Chances are, when you think of the typical Nebraska state senator, a young twenty-something is not the first thing that comes to mind.

With his bid for the Nebraska Unicameral, Jeremy Nordquist is setting out to dispel the typical stereotype.

At 25, Nordquist is slightly older than the minimum age required to run by the state constitution. According to the rules that are in place, any registered voter 21 or older can run for a spot in the state legislature. In the current session, the youngest senator is 28-year-old, Amanda McGill of Lincoln.

Omaha native Nordquist is currently campaigning for the seventh congressional seat in Omaha. The district covers downtown and southern portions of Omaha. Currently, the seat is served by Sen. John Synowiecki.

For the past four years, Nordquist has worked with Sen. Synowiecki as a legislative aide.

“We have fought to improve the lives of neighbors in downtown Omaha. I decided to run for Legislature because I am not ready to give up that fight,” Nordquist said.

Before making his way to the state capitol Nordquist earned a bachelor’s degree from Creighton University. He relates to many college students as he spent his college career working part-time jobs to help cover costs.



Jeremy Nordquist
Photo courtesy of www.jeremynordquist.com

In the Legislature, I will fight to create good jobs that pay a good wage, so that hardworking, middle-class families can make ends meet.”

Nordquist is a firm believer that the future of Nebraska rests on the shoulders of the state’s young people. He has stated his commitment to making education affordable and creating additional employment opportunities for the state’s young people.

“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,” Nordquist said.

Nordquist is aware that many young people throughout the state may not be paying attention to happenings at the state capitol. Although young people may not be paying attention, there are a number of issues that Nordquist feels will impact the future of young people. These issues include the role of the economy and the state of the environment.

“I am confident that Nebraska has the potential to be a leader in the development of alternative energy. In the Legislature, I will fight for incentives to develop and expand our capability to produce renewable energy,” Nordquist said.

This young candidate has voiced his excitement about bringing more young people into the process. According to Nordquist, the best way to get involved is to volunteer on campaigns.

“In local races campaign volunteers become the candidate’s inner circle,” Nordquist said.

The seventh district seat is also being sought by Christopher Moles. Voters will have the ultimate say in general election next November.

FAST FACTS ABOUT JEREMY NORDQUIST

- Youngest of six boys
- While in high school, he worked as an auto mechanic to earn money for college
- Graduated with honors from Creighton University

Information courtesy of www.jeremynordquist.com

Long stretch of road games takes toll on Loper baseball team both on and off the field

BY GRIFFITH WATSON
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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 tune changes when the trip is made almost every weekend for five straight weeks.

The Lopers started out their schedule for the 2008 season with their first 18 games on the road. The season started on Feb. 9 at Metro State in Denver, and the Loper nine did not play a home game until March 14.

The team did not take well to playing on the road, ending the long stretch of road games with a record of seven wins and 11 losses.

Sophomore pitcher Nick Hall, a construction management major from Lincoln, feels that playing on the road can have an effect on the way the team plays.

“Being on the road so much can definitely affect the team’s focus,” Hall said. “We will never use being on the road as an excuse for not playing well, but sleeping four in a room in hotel beds for five straight weeks really takes a toll on you mentally and physically.”

While playing all of these games on the road is a disadvantage to the baseball team on the field, the travel also puts a strain on the student-athletes off the field. All of the players on the team must carry a course load of 12 credits as mandated by the NCAA. Balancing the importance of school work and focusing on being competitive on the field is tough as well.

“Most of the time I try to bring some homework with me on the road,” Hall said. “A lot of the time though, it’s tough to be able to find the space and time to get it all done either on the bus or in the hotel.”

As far as completing tests and other assignments that need to be finished in a classroom, Hall seems to have found a strategy that works for him. “I try to get almost all of my tests and in-class assignments done before we go on the road,” Hall said. “That way I don’t have to worry about it when we come home.”

With the longest stretch of road games behind them, the Lopers have finally been able to play some games at home. The team has played nine games at home, winning five of the contests.

“It has been really nice to be able to sleep in my own bed the night before coming to the ballpark,” Hall said. “I’ve been able to get things done for school that I couldn’t have done on the road.”

With the home games, more Loper fans are able to attend the games as well. Hall’s parents are able to make the drive to Kearney from Lincoln for some of the weekend games.

“Having your family come to the games is always a plus,” Hall said.

Even though the marathon of road games did not turn out as well as the baseball team had hoped, the long stretch of away games is something that is almost unavoidable.

“With the season starting in early February, there is no way we can fill our schedule and not go on the road early in the year,” Hall said.

Although Hall said that being on the road is tough both on the team and on his schoolwork, he does admit that travelling isn’t all bad.

“Being with your teammates for those long road trips really helps the team come together,” Hall said. “You also get a chance to play in some new parks and see some interesting places.”

The Loper baseball team takes to the road again this week with their longest trip of the year to Grand Junction, Colo. They take on the Mavericks of Mesa State in four games over the weekend.

The team returns to Kearney for a game against Hastings College on April 1 before the RMAC-leading Metro State Roadrunners come to town for three days starting on April 4.

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La Loteria, or Spanish bingo, raises cultural awareness

▼ Sigma Lambda Beta fraternity hosts event; loteria is similar to bingo but played with images.

BY KRISTEN BROCKMAN
Antelope Staff

If you heard the word loteria, you'd probably think someone just won the lottery. In this case, the word is used in a little different context.

The men of Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc. sponsored a night of "La Loteria," or in this case, Spanish bingo.

Loteria players use images instead of numbers. The game originated in Italy in the 15th century before beginning the game in Mexico in the 18th century.

The game uses cards with 54 different pictures of objects or people significant to the Hispanic culture. Each player has a game board, or a tabla, with 16 of the images randomly displayed on the board. One person serves

as the announcer and draws the cards one-by-one from the deck.

The announcer then identifies the image on the card for the players; this is sometimes done in a riddle form or humorous manner. A player can win by getting four pictures in a row horizontally, vertically, diagonally or another specified way and shouting "loteria" (lottery) or "buena" (good) to end the game.

Danny Granillo, a junior criminal justice and psychology major from Lexington, coordinated the event. Granillo serves as cultural awareness and community service chair for the fraternity.

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

"The game gives some cultural background since the im-



Photo by Kristen Brockman
Players pay close attention to announcer Jorge Ortega, a sophomore math education major from Grand Island, during a championship round of "Loteria."

ages are symbols that are important to and promote our culture," Granillo said.

Since the game is normally played with money, prizes were awarded throughout the night

instead. Antelope Bookstore, Jimmy John's and Follett's Bookstore donated a variety of prizes for winners.

The event was a success as participants could be seen



Photo by Kristen Brockman
Senior Horacio Alvarez-Ramirez, a chemistry and health science major from Lexington, center, serves as announcer during a round of "Loteria."

enjoying themselves during the games. Jennifer Lopez, a student at Sunrise Middle School, attended with her dad Dr. Sam Lopez, associate professor of HPERLS.

"This was my first time playing," Jennifer said. "I won, but I didn't get a prize."

Granillo said that the fraternity plans on sponsoring the event again next year.

Let the March Madness begin

UNK students go 'all out' during NCAA tournament

BY KELLY BERNT
Antelope Staff

It's that time of year again—when seemingly sane persons gamble, superstitions rule, and grown men cry. Is it madness? Well, March Madness to be exact.

While the nation gets caught up in the hype of brackets, parties and marathon game viewing, the UNK students find themselves in the same boat.

March Madness has always been a large part of UNK sopho-

more David O'Neill's life. The industrial distribution major from Kearney says he has enjoyed watching basketball since he was a child.

"When I was younger, my dad used to shut me up by putting basketball on TV," O'Neill said. "I'd sit and watch it for hours."

O'Neill says he gets a little crazier than normal during March Madness.

"I always fill out brackets," O'Neill said. "I get into at least five pools."

A Kansas fan, O'Neill says

he loves the upsets, with the exception of those that involve Kansas getting beaten.

UNK junior, Jake Hanshaw, enjoys the NCAA tournament as well.

"Other than the Super Bowl, it's the biggest sports event," Hanshaw said. "It lasts so long, and so many people get into it."

The organizational communications major from Beatrice says he enjoys filling out brackets.

"I usually fill out about three or four," Hanshaw said. "I like to change things up a bit on

each of them, and I love cheering for the underdog."

Hanshaw also loves getting together with friends during the tournaments.

"It's fun because each person has different teams, and they get into arguments," Hanshaw said.

While everyone gets a little crazy, UNK student Benn Dixon takes March Madness to a new level. A diehard Duke fan, Dixon said he wears his Jon Scheyer Duke jersey with the same undershirt for every Duke game.

"I usually wear the same

shorts or jeans on the day of the game, with the jersey," Dixon said. "On top of that, I don't wash my jersey or shirt until Duke loses," Dixon said.

When his team loses, he said he'll either blame it on the refs or admit they were outplayed.

Dixon said he enjoys the competition of March Madness.

"The amount of high-quality games played in such a short time period is definitely the best part of the tournament," Dixon said.

As a rabid fan, Dixon said he gets a little emotional during

the games.

"I generally lock myself in my room and scream obscenely loud at the TV while my team is playing," Dixon said. "If they aren't, I just like to gather with friends and watch as many games as possible. We usually get as crazy as jumping up and down on the couch and attempting to re-enact phenomenal plays."

As the tournament progresses, expect to see students acting a little crazy around campus.

NRHH awards 'Of the Month'

BY ALISSA ROBERTS
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Emily Vencill, a junior business major from Grand Island, became involved with National Residence Hall Honorary when

she was nominated to join the group her freshman year.

"I had a few friends who were in NRHH, and I decided to become involved because I thought it sounded like fun," Vencill said.

Vencill said NRHH was established by National Association of College and University Residence Halls. Chapters of NRHH can be found nation wide. The group is composed of one percent of student leaders on college campuses. Leadership development, service and recognition are the three pillars of the group's philosophy.

Vencill said a major way that NRHH satisfies these three pillars is through the Of the Month award, which is commonly known as the OTM.

Vencill explained the steps required to nominate someone for an OTM. Anyone can submit a nomination for an OTM. A person simply creates a profile at <http://otms.nrhh.org>. After an account is created and verified, a person writes up a nomination in a word processing document and pastes it into the form on the Web site.

Vencill said several different types of people can be nominated for an OTM. The categories are advisor, community, community service project, diversity program, educational program, executive board member, first year student, organization, resident assistant, social program, spotlight and student.

Vencill said that four of the nominees from UNK have received regional OTM awards. The recipients were Annastashia Malcolm, Nov. 2007 Advisor Of The Month; Meggan Heigert, Sept. 2007 First Year Student Of The Month; Cup Stacking, Dec. 2007 Social Program Of The Month and Bernie Lyons, Sept. 2007 Spotlight Of The Month.

NRHH participates in several other campus activities.

"We practice leadership development by hosting the LEAD (Leadership Education And Development) workshop each fall. The LEAD workshop is targeted to hall council members, resident advisors and any other upcoming student leaders. NRHH serves the community of Kearney and UNK through a variety of events.

Previous events have included The Giving Tree, Campus Cleanup, and participation in Relay for Life. Perhaps one of the most significant areas of participation for NRHH members is through recognizing others and their achievements through OTMs and our annual recognition banquet," Vencill said.

Vencill said NRHH was currently selecting members for the 2008-2009 school year.

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Elite Eight brings national exposure to UNK

NCAA Division II tourney 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 this event has been going on for three years, including everything from reserving lodging to marketing the event.

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

This week, the eight re-

maining region winners are making their way to Kearney for a chance to play for the national championship.

The national semifinal games on March 27 will be carried live on ESPN U and ESPN360.com at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. CST, with the title game live on ESPN 2 beginning at 5 p.m. CST on March 29. Quarterfinal games on March 26 will be video webcasted by the NCAA/CSTV.

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

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

The Wingate Bulldogs, representing the South Atlantic Region, beat out the last remaining

2007 Elite Eight team, Clayton State, Monday.

"There are always teams that travel better than others, and we didn't have too many of those teams qualify last year. The deeper those teams go in

"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 tournament, the better the crowd," Fairbanks said.

The top-seeded Bulldogs will be taking on Northern Kentucky Norse (25-8), 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 and 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," Fairbanks said.

Both schools are making their first Elite Eight appear-

ances and finished strong in the Sweet Sixteen beating out previously undefeated squads Monday night in the finals.

The University of Alaska-Anchorage Seawolves (29-4) qualified for the tournament after beating out Seattle Pacific. As the second Alaskan team to qualify, the state of Alaska has two lines of attack to bring the ultimate trophy back to the Last Frontier state.

The Delta State Lady States-

men from Cleveland, Miss., are the only unbeaten team at 32-0, and are making their eleventh Elite Eight trip. Tonight, they'll face the East Region champions California University of Pennsylvania (27-6). The Vulcans won the 2004 national title and also advanced to the 2003 Final Four.

The winner of the Delta-California (PA) game will return to the court to face either South Dakota or Washburn, the two schools in the closest proximity to Kearney. The South Dakota Coyotes (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 second seed in the South Central region and are hoping a 2005 national title and four Elite Eight appearances will be enough to put them on top.

The eight region winning teams began arriving Sunday, and Monday and each club had a one-hour practice, open to the

public and media, on Tuesday. The team practices will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We have been working on promoting the event because many have it on their calendar but need a last minute reminder," Fairbanks said.

Tournament passes are currently on sale for \$35 for adults and \$25 for students and seniors (ages 60 plus). For those who buy passes early, a special NCAA commemorative gift may be available.

"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 in the tournament. Per session tickets will be \$10 (adults) and \$8 (students/seniors). All seats are general admission.

Pep band rocks the house with Loper pride

After supporting the Lopers on the road in Colorado, pep band will rev up their spirit and enthusiasm to perform at the NCAA Division II Elite Eight Tournament in Kearney March 27 and 29

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WANTED: quirky, spontaneous, energetic students with musical skills. This ad might as well be printed on all the members of the UNK Pep Band.

Over the years, the pepband has held the honor of providing musical, as well as vocal entertainment at all Loper basketball games. "Louie, Louie," "Hey, Baby!" and "American Band" are a few of the UNK Pep Band's

favorite tunes.

Members of this prestigious group live the life of a normal college student. This means going through the routine of waking up, getting dressed and going to classes, but when the clock strikes six, the pepband is ready to rock n' roll.

Before the game even begins, members are set up and ready to go. Some might even play a few random notes that sound like garbled music as they drift through the gym.

When the action starts,

members of the UNK Pep Band jump up and down, cheer with the cheerleaders, and do whatever they can to support the Lopers in their quest for success.

Wherever the basketball teams travel, the band often follows. About thirty members followed the men's and women's teams to Pueblo, Colo. for the RMAC tournaments on March 7-8.

The band acted as the main cheering section for the Lopers, and also received national

attention. Photographers, news cameras and Division II Athletics mascot, J.J. Jumper, all had something to say about the pep band.

Members will be in attendance this week on March 27 and 29 as UNK hosts the Division II Elite Eight Tournament. Listen for the music and the band will be found.

"The band is gonna bring it," says junior pep band member Mackenzie Cochran. "We know the Lopers will too."



Photos by Stacy Laue
TOP LEFT: Dayvid Cardenas, a sophomore music education major, blasts his trumpet 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 Carlson, Adam Grazier, Mackenzie Cochran and NCAA mascot J.J. Jumper get a little crazy and drum up some excitement for the Lopers.
BELOW: Freshman Andrea Foulk and senior Melissa Gilstrap show their Loper pride by making Loper antlers with their fingers.

