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Nebraska prisons need reform now
Officer safety outweighs Rickett’s concerns over raising taxes

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Imagine for a moment a job, a very special job that needs to be done for the foundation of society. The workplace environment can often be violent; life and death are real factors you have to be concerned with every moment you are at work. Your average salary is just over twenty dollars an hour, and your coworkers are being let go all around you for cost saving measures.

This is what correctional officers for prisons face around the country and in our state daily, and that scenario may only get worse.

Nebraska has 10 state prisons and 63 county jails with almost 9,000 inmates between them. The number of incarcerated persons has increased eightfold across the nation since the 1970s with the War on Drugs, mandatory minimums and other practices that have impacted our legal system.

Our population for the prison system alone is dangerously overcrowded, with all but two state prisons facing overcrowding. Some of those buildings are supporting a population of 140 percent more than they were intended for.

It’s not only the physical locations that are being overburdened; it is the staff as well. The budget for states usually has education and prisons on the top of the list of programs to receive cuts in funding. Cuts in funding lead to closed buildings and lost jobs. Across the nation, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) estimates that the occupation of corrections officers and bailiffs are expected to decrease a total of 8 percent nationally. To save money it is more feasible to cut personnel rather than locations.

According to the Omaha World Herald, the state had to pay over $13 million in overtime last year and vacancies for positions in the ‘protective services’ have increased to 23.5 percent. Vacancies like that make overtime not just a suggestion but a necessity to function, and if employees are pulling sixteen hour days consistently, burn out will happen.

There are legislative bills that would aim to cap the overtime requirements, but that is not going to solve the reason why such overtime is needed in the first place. Very few people are going to put their lives on the line doing a thankless job for very little pay, especially if they have to be trained for months to do that job.

“There has to be a better way for what we as citizens can do to resolve a problem that has been building up for decades. Possible solutions will not fix problems overnight, but simply cutting funding in an idea to have these organizations learn to cope with loss is not the way forward as one out of every 100 Americans are incarcerated at this point in time.

Recidivism is a key concern, with the national average being 50 percent. So in essence, we are paying a program that only works half the time. Recidivism can come from a multitude of sources such as unemployment and poverty, so there will be no one solution for this challenge. Possible solutions have been proposed for businesses to receive tax breaks if they hire released inmates and expand prison education.

We cannot just continue to ignore this problem; it needs to be addressed through decisive and drastic changes. It is going to cost money, more than the $450 million we spend right now on our prisons. I doubt that, with his distaste of unions and raising taxes to pay for needed programs, Governor Ricketts will act on this looming crisis.

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Kent, Schultis take the ballot

The student body elections bring in a fresh perspective for UNK

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At 6 p.m. on March 7 in the atrium of the Nebraskan Student Union, the results of the 2019 Student Government election were announced to a crowd of students, faculty, and candidates.

A total of 1,169 votes were cast for student body president and vice president. This was a slightly lower turnout than last year’s 1,377 votes, which was the second highest voter turnout rate at UNK since 2011. This year’s election was between Paige Kristensen and Gabe Crocker, and Nicole Kent and Katie Schultis. Collecting 730 votes, or 53 percent of the vote, Kent and Schultis have been named the next student body president and vice president.

Nicole Kent is a junior biology major with a health sciences major from Benkelman. Katie Schultis is a junior biology major from Diller.

“We were completely overwhelmed and humbled,” said Kent after hearing of the news. “Paige Kristensen and Gabe Crocker ran an outstanding campaign, and I don’t think anyone really knew what the outcome would be.”

Kent and Schultis decided to run after seeing problems around campus, but, instead of just complaining about them, they wanted to work to improve them.

“We talked a little about running last semester, but almost as a joke,” Schultis said. “We didn’t officially decide to run until a few weeks before campaigning, and we actually decided to run for student body president and vice president before we even decided which one of us would fill which position.” According to the ballot, Kent was elected to student body president and Schultis to student body vice president. But the two plan to work as a team on nearly every issue.

Upon announcing their run for office, Kent and Schultis proposed the creation of a new executive cabinet office, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Kent and Schultis heard from many students, notably minority students, that the activities of student government were shrouded.

“The goal of creating this position is to make sure that everyone at UNK knows that they have a voice in student government,” Kent said.

Adrian Gomez, a sophomore public administration and public law major from Lexington, will serve as the Secretary of Diversity and Inclusion. The duties of this office will be to reach out to various groups on campus and speak with all students on campus to make sure that they know what is going on in student government and are able to voice their concerns.

In light of Chartwells’ recent decision to terminate their contract and leave UNK, the university is in search of new options. Kent and Schultis have made sure that this is one of their top policy priorities. The new dining provider will take over on May 21. With a timeline this short, UNK must make quick decisions.

“We are pushing to be a part of the committee that read the RFPs and decides on the next provider,” Schultis said.

The Antelope will report on this matter as more information becomes public.

Another aspect of the Kent-Schultis platform includes tackling parking issues at UNK. The two proposed the addition of a courtesy ticket system with UNK Parking and Police.

“What this means is adding a little bit of grace into the system,” Kent said.

Their campaign heard of a lot of instances that warranted some understanding on the part of university administration and enforcement.

The solution to this problem would officially implement a system where the first ticket each student receives would be waived.

Staying connected to Student Government has been an issue these past few years for students at UNK. Kent and Schultis have acknowledged that and have made plans to improve upon this. Both Kent and Schultis will live on campus next year.

“We will be eating at the [cafeteria], studying in the library, and playing a lot of intramurals,” said Schultis.

Just being active students in a variety of places on campus will help improve this situation. Additionally, they will both have office hours in the Student Regent Office, located on the main
No Limits features UNK students

Students present research, creative activity at women’s and gender studies conference

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Being the Future, Riding the Next Feminist Wave was the theme and motto for the 2019 No Limits Student Conference last week in Lincoln. This one-day conference had over 50 undergraduate and graduate students present, 11 of which were from UNK.

Presentations included topics like feminism, non-binary discussions, sexuality, motherhood, human trafficking, and many others related to women and gender studies, were limited to 15 minutes and were presented as panels with three to four different people in similar areas of study.

UNK was represented by 11 students in seven sessions with wide ranging topics: Historical Legacies and Theories of Race, Human Trafficking, Gender, Policy, and Civic Engagement on College Campuses, Sexuality, Motherhood, and Medicine, Re-Claiming the Body, Emotional Labor and Economic Costs and How We Cope.

Many of the students attended with three faculty members from UNK, Dr. Linda Van Ingen, a professor and the Director of Women’s Studies, Dr. Tasha Dunn, an associate professor in the Communication Department and Dr. Sharon Obasi, an assistant professor in Family Studies.

Jess Moser, a senior dual majoring in English and journalism, attended with Dr. Dunn through her gender communication’s class.

“I thought it was great because it was about feminism, but the sessions talked about a lot of important issues from the negative portrayals of teen moms in television to human trafficking in Nebraska,” Moser said.

In addition to the many interesting presentations from undergraduate and graduate students, 2019 No Limits featured Shireen Ghorbani, a former candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives who was a past student of UNL and was featured on the cover of Time Magazine.

“In part, I ended up on the cover of Time. As the title says, first they marched now they’re running. I’m one of those people who did march, I participated in the women’s march the day after inauguration and found myself in a collection of women really looking around and asking, ‘what can we do,'” Ghorbani said.

Shireen Ghorbani, a former democratic congressional candidate from Utah, gave the keynote address at the No Limits conference. Ghorbani spoke about her experiences on the campaign trail and the stories citizens shared with her.

She spoke of the lessons she learned through running for office while following lines of academia and activism.

“I was so impressed with the keynote speaker, Shireen Ghorbani,” Moser said. “The entire event was so inspiring and made me want to find out what I could do in my community to address some of these issues and what I could do in the future.”

2019 No Limits was co-sponsored by UNL’s Student Alliance for Gender Equality and Sexual Health, the UNL, UNO and UNK Women's & Gender Studies Programs; with additional contributions from the UNL Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor, College of Arts and Sciences and the UNL Honors Program.

2020 No Limits will be at UNK and the date is to be announced.
Peer Health hosts alcohol workshops

Office leaders present safety tips, promote awareness

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For many students first coming to college, there is an expectation of going to parties on the weekends and frequently visiting the bars. UNK Peer Health encourages all students on campus who are drinking and partying to be smart about their alcohol consumption. They hosted free workshops to educate students about consuming alcohol safely.

“I definitely think on college campuses alcohol is something to be focused on,” said Brittany Hanzlik, a student leader of the UNK Peer Health Educators team. “Whether you’re drinking or not, you probably know someone who is affected by alcohol in some way. We’re not here to tell you what to do or to lecture you, we just want to provide you with the best information to give you an education to make the smartest decisions.”

The main focus of the workshop was to educate students on how bodies process alcohol. The liver can only get rid of one drink per hour, so drinking more than that amount leads to a rise in blood alcohol content. The legal blood alcohol content level in Nebraska is 0.08 percent, but this workshop warned the only safe blood alcohol content to drive with is zero.

“I’m an OMA scholar, so I need to be going to educational events around campus, and this was one of them offered and I thought it was pretty cool to learn a little bit more,” said Luis Cordova, a student at UNK.

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Brittany Hanzlik

Alaini Priebe and Brittany Hanzlik, student leaders in the UNK Peer Health office, present their “What’s In Your Cup” presentation to students on March 5. The Peer Health Education held three different workshops over the week to educate students on the safe consumption of alcohol.

“We’re not here to tell you what to do or to lecture you, we just want to provide you with the best information to give you an education to make the smartest decisions.”

Brittany Hanzlik

Students who attended this event said that they learned things about alcohol consumption that they had never heard before.

“The biggest thing I learned was the euphoria dysphoria, I actually did not know about that effect so I thought it was pretty cool personally,” Cordova said. This effect was described using an economics chart. The point of diminishing returns is a point when drinking that individuals start laughing and feeling great, and people think that in order to keep feeling good they need to keep drinking, which is not the case. The greatest someone will feel is at about blood alcohol content of 0.059 percent, and if people keep drinking in hopes that they will keep feeling better, the more they will start to experience dysphoria. They can only ever get back to the point of euphoria if they stop drinking and let their blood alcohol content go back down.

To find out more about safe alcohol consumption, reach out or visit the UNK Peer Health Office in the Memorial Student Affairs building.
Poker tournament supports women’s heart health

Alpha Phi’s 14th annual Red Dress Poker Tournament brings in community, adds something new

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For $12, there is a better chance to win amazing prizes such as an apple watch and a large flat screen TV than going anywhere near big casinos, thanks to Alpha Phi’s 14th annual Red Dress poker tournament. It supports the Alpha Phi Foundation for women’s heart health education and research. Usually garnering just under $10,000 for research each year, the UNK Alpha Phi chapter has one of the most recognizable philanthropy events to date on the campus.

At 5:30 p.m. on March 7, people of all ages flooded into Cushing Colosseum to try their luck at winning some big prizes by ending with the highest dollar amount of chips by the end of the night. For 14 years, Texas hold’em has always been the usual go to, until this past year when $8 Pitch was added for students and people who might not like to play the typical large stake gambling card game.

“I served on the event management team for this year’s Red Dress Poker Tournament and this year, with addition to pitch, we raised over $7,000 for Women’s Heart Health research,” said Miranda Miller, a sports management and coaching major who also acted as a dealer throughout the night.

“For pitch prizes, we had a lot of coolers filled with tailgating essentials or a tv,” Miller said. “These prizes were awarded to the top 6 teams for pitch or the top 25 players for Texas hold’em.”

Miller explained that the last hand was dealt at 11 p.m. after starting close to 5 p.m.

“I got out around 7:30 because as time went on, big blind and small blind were increased to wean out anyone who wasn’t going to win so I bet a lot and lost a lot,” said Dylan Wells, a junior health science major with a biology minor. “The dealer I had along with many others even knew more than I did so the games went by in a good pace and the environment was fun, so it was a good time. It makes you want to come back.”

Miller said, “We hope to be doing this for many years to come and we are looking forward to the growth of involvement from the community and the campus.”
Top Left: Madi Casper takes on a pitch table at Alpha Phi’s Red Dress Poker Tournament.

Top Center: Kylee Werner and Miranda Miller snap a photo in front of the tournament’s backdrop. Werner and Miller are members of the sorority who helped organize the tournament.

Right Center: Andrew Riddell deals the cards for a poker hand as an amused Brady Pryzmus looks on.
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floor of the Nebraskan Student Union, and will be keeping their social media up to date with news and information about student government on their Facebook page Kent-Schultis 2019.

“Nicole and I have a wonderful team behind us who will push us and challenge us to work our absolute hardest for the good of all UNK students,” said Schultis.

A new Student Senate was also elected in this election. Freshmen senators will be elected in the fall. All colleges are represented within the Student Senate, as it serves as the legislative branch of UNK’s governmental structure. The student body will wait to see what the new senate takes up as its top priorities. Due to 13 duplicate votes, the senators for the College of Business and Technology were not announced and a new election was scheduled for March 11 through March 12. The senators serving UNK next year are as follows:

College of Arts and Sciences
- Jack Clark
- Laura Fisher
- Madison Parshall

College of Business and Technology
- Trevor Daubert
- Makenzie Dusher
- Emily Baxter
- Truman Locke
- Jacob Nutter

College of Education
- Olivia Slater
- Riley Sheer
- Morgan Daubert
- Emily Eairleywine

Besides the election of Senators and student body president and vice president, this year’s ballot contained one additional referendum measure. This referendum measure involved the request to reallocate existing funds. These funds are a part of the University Programming and Facility Fee (UPFF).

The measures requested approval of the allocation by Student Government of a portion of the UPFF funds to support a campus speakers program. Students voted on a similar measure during the election last year to establish this program. The referendum passed with overwhelming support.

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at the weight in 2018.

In the finals, it was a hard-fought match between Andrew Dunn of Kutztown and Hinrichs. Dunn won the match by a 2-1 decision, because of a stalling call on Hinrichs in the first period.

“I was overall very pleased with the way the other three finalists performed,” Jensen said. “Josh, Wesley, and Jarrod all wrestled above their tournament seed. Fortunately, they all have more opportunities to compete at the NCAA tournament.”

The two seniors for UNK, Zach Stoddern and Calvin Ochs, didn’t reach the medal stand. Stoddern went 0-2 at 174 and Ochs was 1-2 at 165.

As a team, the Lopers placed fifth overall with 71 points. Winning for the second year in a row was St. Cloud State out of Minnesota with 95.5 points.

“Having four national finalists in one year is amazing,” Jensen said. “It’s even better when you realize they are all returning next year. If we can develop a couple other All Americans into our lineup, next year will be a very tough team.”

Annual Food and Culture Festival

International Student Association hosts 42nd International Festival

Around 1,500 guests attend the festival each year. Students perform dances and demonstrations to share their culture while guests can enjoy food from a dozen countries.

Photos by Jiyoon Kim
Theater of the Mind wins in NYC

Radio show ‘The Story of Eureka’ recognized as best drama

**Ian Kahler**
Antelope Staff

UNK’s team behind Theatre of the Mind recently took a trip to New York City for the College Media Awards and placed nationally.

Theatre of the Mind is a UNK student organization that writes, directs and produces original radio plays and dramas and they won best radio drama for their show “The Story of Eureka”.

Billy Deardoff, a senior Graphic Design and Theater major at UNK, said that he never thought the show would reach this point.

“Having the chance to go to New York for Theatre of the Mind is an amazing honor,” Deardoff said. “An honor I never would imagine I would have back when I was a freshman at UNK. It was more than a surprise when we won, since we never were told it was possible until it was announced.”

Theatre of the Mind has had a variety of shows since their start in 2016. They did 2 seasons of Drifting Beyond, The Roy Chronicles, The Untold Odysseys which was an ICB Nationalist winner, The Disgraceful North and more.

“The Untold Odysseys is a group of Theatre of the Mind writers that have been working together as a team,” Deardoff said. “Theatre of the Mind’s future is to make more radio plays as well as to start Theatre of the Mind programs at other colleges and universities.”

Ford Clark is the general manager of KLPR 91.1 and a Communications professor on the UNK campus and went along with Theatre of the Mind to New York.

“It’s really cool to see an older art form being revived and honored on KLPR,” Clark said. “Our audience seems to like the shows that the kids produce, and they have a blast working on it as well. It’s a unique thing that not a lot of stations do so it makes us stand out.”

Theatre of the Mind is planning on producing four new radio shows this semester. Two are in the works right now with The Untold Odysseys: Voice of Separation and Drifting Beyond season one (remake) coming soon.

“Theatre of the Mind has so much in the works that I am super excited about,” Deardoff said. “Between radio plays and potential expansion to other schools, what will happen next is endless and exciting. We as a group are all but ready for what the future holds.”

“The variety Theatre of the Mind adds to our radio station programming is invaluable” Clark said. “We play a lot of music of course, but it’s awesome that we can do this one unique thing for our listeners that nobody else does that adds variety and makes us stand out from the rest.”
Intramurals bring fun back to sports

Former athletes have opportunities to continue sports on campus

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Every year the intramural office has almost 1,250 students that participate in at least one event. That’s nearly a quarter of all active students on campus. Keeping those students engaged and coming back can be a challenge, but the intramural staff, led by assistant director of Campus Recreation Andrew Winscot, continues to create events that students partake in.

“Over half of those students participate in more than one event every year,” Winscot said.

For many students, intramurals are a way to stay active and continue the same level of participation that they had in their rural communities.

“I think having students on campus that come from smaller high schools are a tremendous asset to the intramural program,” Winscot said. “These students are statistically known for being involved in more extra-curricular activities. Many of our students have an open mind and enjoy trying a new sport or even non-traditional sports that haven’t heard.”

The question remains, why intramurals? Many of these students have turned in their cleats and knee pads from high school, yet continue to turn out in high volumes for events such as volleyball, football, basketball, and even non-traditional sports such as ping-pong, bubble soccer, and badminton.

Without the glamor that comes from being an athlete, there’s still the desire to play an organized sport that many of these students have participated in since they were toddlers.

Mike Young and Zach Martins, graduate assistants that work for the intramural program, oversee the full range of students, from experienced players to newcomers.

“A lot of these guys come in and just want something to do,” Young said. “All they’ve known for so long is class in the morning, practices in the afternoon and then games on the weekends. Now in college they just want to find that rhythm again.”

Sometimes it’s as simple as needing a new way to stay active. Many of these students aren’t regulars in the wellness center, but instead have found a way to continue to be active playing an intramural rather than running on a treadmill.

“We know that each student on campus is going to have different levels of interest in fitness,” Winscot said. “We have to be creative in our programming in order to cater to everyone’s unique interests.”

Although the cameras and flashy scoreboards may be gone, the athletes continue to play and make UNK’s intramurals the largest on-campus organization. The students are what keeps the games going, and what gives the intramural office more ideas as to how to keep growing.

“Students choose intramurals because of the culture of the events,” Winscot said. “Hanging out with friends, friendly competition, and getting to know new people.”

Photos of the Week

Students evacuated the Union twice, Wednesday March 6, due to flooding in the Market at 27th and the hallway near the office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Photos by Jiyoong Kim and Kosuke Yoshii
Lady Lopers set sights on next season

After tournament loss, women’s basketball has lots to be hopeful for

The UNK women’s basketball team fell short on Wednesday night to Missouri Western State with a final score of 47-55. The Lady Lopers finished with a record of 15-14 and 8-11 in conference play. Although their season is over, there is plenty to be optimistic about in regards to the future of Lady Loper basketball.

With six freshmen joining the broken Loper team last August, spectator expectations were low heading into the season. Elisa Backes, the 6-1 freshman from Kansas, talks to the reader about her mentality coming into the season.

“My expectation was to learn a lot,” Backes said. “As an incoming freshman I needed to improve both physically and mentally to compete at the collegiate level.”

Backes, who had a career high of 18 points against Manhattan Christian and Southwest Baptist, says the real improvement came on the defensive end of the court.

“I think as a unit our team has gotten better defensively and created good habits,” Backes said. “Those good habits, along with a good scouting report from our coaches allowed us to play a unique defensive style every week.”

When dealing with player turnover and new faces, finding cohesion is often difficult in such a short span of time. Maegan Holt, a 6-0 freshman forward from Iowa, talks about how surprised she was to see how the team meshed so quickly.

“I have never been a part of a team that has as strong of bond as we do,” Holt said. “I knew we had a lot in common and had similar goals, but the way we just kind of clicked right away was unbelievable.”

Holt, who had 31 points in the Loper victory against Lincoln University, talks about how much their team has improved throughout the season.

“I would say our team has gotten so much better as an overall unit, especially defensively,” Holt said. “All year, we have been working on our transition offensively and defensively and I believe it improved immensely.”

Both Holt and Backes are very excited for the future of their program. The Lady Lopers lose senior Jaymie Bernbeck, but will retain all 12 other players.

“Even though it is hard losing our leader Jaymie [Bernbeck], I am hopeful to what next year has to offer,” Backes said. “We have so many girls coming back and with the help of some eager freshman ready to learn, we could really make some noise next year.”

Holt had similar thoughts.

“I would say we are all super excited for next year,” Holt said. “There are a lot of returning players who have a year under their belt and are ready to get back to work. With the help of some additional young talent, I believe we will make a big impact in the conference.”
Malcom claims national title

Lopers show up strong at NCAA National Championships

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The pinnacle of any college athletes’ career is winning a National Championship.

Matt Malcom experienced what that was like at the Division II National Championship in Cleveland, Ohio. The sophomore from Glenwood, Iowa picked up his first title at the 157-pound weight class for the Lopers.

“Getting four guys into the finals is something that is very special and doesn’t happen very often,” said UNK wrestling coach Dalton Jensen. “UNK was fortunate enough to have done this in 2013 as well. Each of these four wrestlers had outstanding performances at the NCAA tournament and it was amazing for them to experience being in the finals together.”

In his first-round matchup, Malcom drew Nick Boggs (30-7) of Lake Erie University. Boggs was able to go three periods with Malcom, but in the end, fell 8-1.

His next two opponents weren’t as lucky. Malcom used his brute strength and skill on the mat to earn a technical fall over Kevin Almond of Emmanuel and Nate Smalling of McKendree to reach the finals.

There he met Colin Ayers (31-12) of Augustana University. He jumped in front early knocking Ayers to the mat and riding him from the top position. In the end, Malcom walked away victorious after picking up the 9-4 win.

He now joins TJ Hepburn and Ali Elias as Lopers to win national titles at 157 pounds. What has been most impressive about this national title run for Malcom, is the dominance he has displayed along the way.

All five of Malcom’s losses came earlier in the season to Division I wrestling opponents. He also had a 20-match win streak to end the season.

“Matt performed at a consistently high level all year long,” Jensen said. “He wrestles hard every second of every match and is constantly looking to score points. His high pace, ability to score points and confidence make him a very hard man to beat.”

Malcom was not the only UNK wrestler to reach the finals of the two-day tournament. He was joined by Josh Portillo at 125, Wesley Dawkins at 133, and Jarrod Hinrichs at 285 pounds.

Portillo had to knock off the National Champion from two years ago, Brett Velasquez of St. Cloud State, in the semifinals. In a tightly contested match, Portillo earned the 5-3 decision.

In the finals, it was Tyler Warner of Wheeling Jesuit who came out on top over Dawkins with a 4-1 decision.

Jarrod Hinrichs at 285 had the hardest route of all the UNK wrestlers to reach the championship match. After finishing third at super regionals, he was paired with a regional winner right away.

In his first-round matchup, he won 4-1 over Jacob Robb of Mercyhurst. His next two matchups would not be that easy. To reach the championship match, Hinrichs scored to sudden fall victories. The first was over Tristen Weirich of Ashland and then the second was over Terrance Fanning of Wheeling Jesuit, who finished second in the regular season matchup, as Portillo faced off with Carlos Jacquez of Lindenwood. It was a repeat of the regular season matchup, as Portillo fell just short of the title, losing in a 5-3 decision.

At 133, Wesley Dawkins reached the finals by avenging a loss in super regionals to D’Andre Brumfield 6-1. In the semifinals, he knocked off Hunter Bray of Notre Dame with a sudden victory takedown 3-1.