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Super Snyder

Brian Snyder finished fourth at the NCAA wrestling championships last weekend. The Nebraska team finished 15th overall. **PAGE 9**



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Gwyneth in love

The 71st Academy Awards honored Gwyneth Paltrow for her performance in the Best Picture-winning film "Shakespeare in Love." **PAGE 12**

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AIM TO BREEZE

Cloudy and breezy, high 50. Cloudy tonight, low 33.

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Wreck kills UNL student, injures 5

By Ieva Augstums
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A weeklong spring break ski vacation turned tragic when one UNL student was killed, a second paralyzed, and five others injured in a car wreck March 12.

Junior Jason Rose, 22, was killed after the Chevrolet Suburban he was driving slid on the ice on I-80 near Gothenburg, rolled twice and slid into a ditch.

Brian Linnell, a junior music major, was ejected from the vehicle, sustaining spinal cord injuries and a bruised lung.

Sunday, nine days before his 21st birthday, Linnell was in critical condition in the intensive care unit at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney.

Two other University of Nebraska-Lincoln students, who were passengers in Rose's vehicle, were treated in Kearney. One student suffered shoulder injuries and another needed reconstructive ear surgery. Later they were both released.

The other three students, who suffered minor

injuries, were all treated at Cozad and Gothenburg hospitals and released that day.

The group of students were on their way to Jackson Hole, Wyo., when the accident occurred. Rose was thrown from the Suburban and was struck and killed by a westbound vehicle driven by 19-year-old Cozad native Zachery Lebrayere.

The Nebraska State Patrol reported Lebrayere was wearing his seat belt, while Rose and other passengers in his vehicle were not.

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The real emotions have not struck - I haven't seen my brother for over a week.

STEVE LINNELL
victim's brother



HEATHER GLENBOSKI/DN

PHIL KESSLER, A STUDENT at Southeast Community College, and UNL alumna Andrea Rigby perform the Invocation of Lord and Lady on Sunday afternoon at Mahoney Park in Lincoln. The invocation is part of the celebration of Oestara, the Wiccan spring equinox.

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Wiccans must face misconceptions

By JESSICA FARGEN
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Standing in a circle in a Lincoln park at sunset Sunday, Phil Kessler wore a dark purple robe, closed his eyes and chanted spells in a Wiccan celebration of Oestara.

At the center of the circle was a makeshift altar of a cake on a silver platter and a bottle of juice surrounded by five glasses.

As millions of Christians prepare to celebrate Easter and the end of 40 days of Lent, four Lincoln

Wiccans clad in robes and ritual garb joined Kessler at Mahoney Park to celebrate the Wiccan equivalent of Easter.

During the hourlong ceremony Sunday, the group sat as a small circle and meditated while they ate the cake and ale. Then they chanted and swayed their arms and at one point skipped in a circle and sang.

Afterwards, energy abounded.

"I'm ready to take on new endeavors," 24-year-old Wiccan Andrea Rigby said. "It gives me a connection to a higher power."

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Lincoln man found dead

■ **Police are expected today to release further details about the victim, who was reported found with two knives in his back.**

By JOSH FUNK
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A Lincoln man was found dead in his apartment Sunday morning with two knives in his back, neighbors said.

Police would not release any details about the death because the man's family had not been notified, and the crime scene was still being processed early this morning.

The man is believed to have died between 10 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Dan Freimund said a woman and man knocked on his 1635 F St. apartment door at 10:30 a.m. and woke him to call police.

The woman and man knew the dead man and discovered the body when they went to his apartment.

While the woman and man were

in Freimund's apartment, he said, the woman, when asked if she was sure the man was dead, said, "Well he's got two knives in his back."

Police arrived shortly after the call, and after finding the body, cordoned off the area while they obtained a search warrant.

Crime-scene technicians spent more than eight hours cataloging evidence in the third-floor apartment.

Sunday, police also interviewed people who knew the deceased to determine the cause of death.

Freimund, a physics graduate student, said the dead man was in his late 30s.

Another neighbor, who was walking past the building between 10 p.m. and midnight Saturday, said he heard a vocal argument in the dead man's apartment.

"I heard a woman's voice, and it sounded scared and frantic," said Michael Barrett, who could not remember the exact time he walked by.

"What bothers me now is I should have called police," Barrett said. "If I had called, things would be different now."

More information about the death is expected to be released today.

Regents vote down proposed alcohol ban

By JOSH FUNK
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Regents

KEARNEY - The NU Board of Regents refused to adopt a policy banning alcohol at university sporting events in favor of existing policy.

After lengthy discussion, the regents voted down the policy because state law and individual campus policies already address the issue, they said.

At their monthly meeting, the regents also approved the construction of a residence hall on the University of

Nebraska at Omaha's campus and the hiring of two new faculty members.

Regent Charles Wilson of Lincoln said he proposed the alcohol policy to send a clear message.

"It is a grave concern to me that the message we send is unclear," Wilson said.

Part of the impetus for the policy

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