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Dear Bears,

After what seems like forever, we are finally back to school as of the 24th of August. The guys are all settled in after the first week of classes, with selective training picking back up this week. We are looking to improve upon our excellent academic showing last semester and continue to excel in the classroom this year, with modified or online classes giving our guys a little more flexibility with their schedules. With so many questions circulating around collegiate athletics and this program, I wanted to take a moment to give an update on current happenings in the program.

We welcome a large group of newcomers to campus this fall, bolstered by the arrival of two graduate transfers and a handful of top recruits. We are excited about the continued growth of our program through our recruiting efforts. In total, we welcome 13 new bears to Greeley this fall. [You can read our media release from earlier this summer HERE](#)

The outlook for the season remains a mystery, however we are committed to getting our guys back in a timely, but safe manner. We have proposed a plan that eases back into training, with the ability to cross train with strength and conditioning for now, and on the mats sometime later this month. As the picture on our season becomes clearer, we will have a better idea on our competition schedule. The NWCA has recommended a tentative Jan 1 delayed start. The Leadership Group of which Coach Nickerson is the chair of will continue to discuss this on a biweekly basis if any new information arises. Tentatively, we open our dual season with Western Colorado University at home for Alumni night November 2nd. We have a great home slate this season, bringing in Oklahoma State in December, Oregon State, Fresno State, and South Dakota state in January before wrapping the dual season with Air Force in February.

In the meantime, two of our current student athletes are planning on competing at the Senior Nationals in Iowa City, IA October 10th-11th. Andrew Alirez will be competing at 65 KG in Freestyle and Mosha Schwartz at 60 KG in Greco-Roman; both have a great shot to do some very big things at this tournament and have been training at a very high level on their own for quite some time now.

The importance of support from fans, donors, and alumni cannot be overstated, as the effects of COVID-19 have started to show themselves long term across the collegiate athletics landscape. Understanding that this has been a difficult time for all, donors and program backers are vital in a time of uncertainty for the wrestlers. They provide stability to the program in a time when return to the mat is full of obstacles. Because of this support, we can continue to give the best opportunities to our guys, by developing UNC into a self-sustaining athletic program. With that being said, we thank you for your continued support of the program, and ask you continue to do so as we continue to move towards the goals we have laid out in front of us, regardless of the season outlook.

Finally, I'd like to touch on our newest space for our student athletes, our renovated locker room. The project was completed back in July, and we are thrilled with the outcome. Coach Kiley has done an outstanding job walking this project down the line to completion, even with the quarantine period putting a damper on things. The space has all the bells and whistles you'd expect from a program that competes for Big 12 and National spotlight. Here are some images we pulled from our twitter page:





We hope that as we move closer to our proposed return to the mat, we can continue to keep you informed as possible on the outlook of season. The year is early, and we cant wait to get into the full swing of things and pick up right where we left off last year. Go Bears!

Best Wishes,

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