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## Medical school construction begins

By Ashley Marquis  
The Dakota Student

Construction of the new \$124 million, 320,000 square foot, four story UND Medical School building began two weeks ago while many students were out of town over spring break.

“We have been working on this project for 43 weeks with a large team of architects and engineers,” Associate Dean for the School of Medicine and Health Services, Randy Eken said. “We are pretty excited construction has started.”

The first step in the construction process is pile driving, which involves putting steel piles — which look like large pipes — into the ground to support the floor and the base.

In November, test piles were installed to ensure the vibrations from the piling would not affect existing structures in the area. Currently, there are 350 pile wings that need to



Construction of the new Medical School building begins. Photo by Jennifer Friese/The Dakota Student.

be put in place that go 160 feet into the ground. Swingen Construction Company is scheduled to continue piling until mid-May.

Because the noise of the piling is loud and causes a continuous

pounding sound, the construction manager at risk notified the residents and businesses about the noise before it began.

“We recognize that there are students studying, but there is a job

to do and a deadline,” Eken said.

Eken said as of now, there have been no complaints about the noise.

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## Frozen Four trip funds denied

By Emmy Erbes  
The Dakota Student

Senate did not approve a bill that would fund a charter bus for UND students to travel to the Frozen Four hockey tournament in Philadelphia on April 10-12.

The bill would have allocated \$9,800 to make the bus free for students, leaving them with a cost of approximately \$500 to cover the ticket and lodging. The trip would have been open to the first 47 students who signed up.

President Nick Creamer worked with the Ralph Engelstad Arena, Nodak Nation and the Athletics Department to author the bill. Although most of the senators recognized the trip

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## Gorecki hosts first Higher Education Day

By Megan Hoffman  
The Dakota Student

The first Higher Education Day was held at UND on Wednesday in the Gorecki Alumni Center and featured faces from around the state.

Among those in attendance were President Robert Kelley, Grand Forks Mayor Michael Brown and North Dakota Lt. Gov. Drew Wrigley.

There were also other representatives from around the

state, faculty, staff and students present at the luncheon put on by Student Government as a way to thank legislators for their support of higher education.

“You have done a lot for UND students, and we are grateful for everything you’ve done,” Student Governmental Affairs Commissioner John Mitzel said.

Vice President for Health Affairs Dr. Joshua Wynne gave a presentation highlighting the new medical school that just started construction. The new building will allow for more

students to be accepted into the program, more faculty and staff and the expansion of the residency program. The residency program will take students to

rural areas around North Dakota that are not able to replace doctors who are retiring or leaving.

“One of the important parts of this building is we wanted to

be a connector,” Wynne said. “A connector to the rest of the university, and a connector to

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Students and faculty gather at the Gorecki Alumni Center for the first Higher Education Day. Photo by Keisuke Yoshimura/The Dakota Student.

I thank you for all that you have done to fight for students, but more so, call on you to continue fighting, because we can always do better for students of this great state.

Nick Creamer  
Student Body President

## Student to run for ND representative

Staff Report  
The Dakota Student

UND student Shelby Wood is looking for the Republican endorsement to run for a seat in the North Dakota House of Representatives for Grand Forks’ District 43.

Wood, a Bismarck native, is the chairman of UND’s College of Republicans and is majoring in political science and accountancy.

The Republican endorsement convention will be held at the Canad Inn in Grand Forks on April 1.

The Democrat running for the seat has yet to be chosen.

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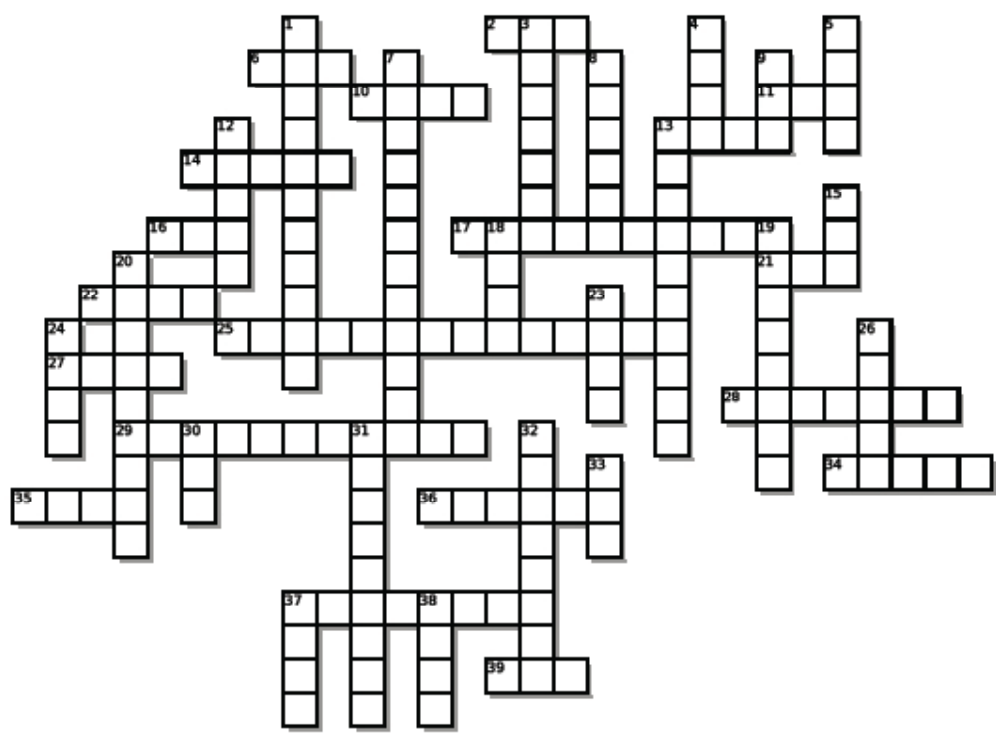
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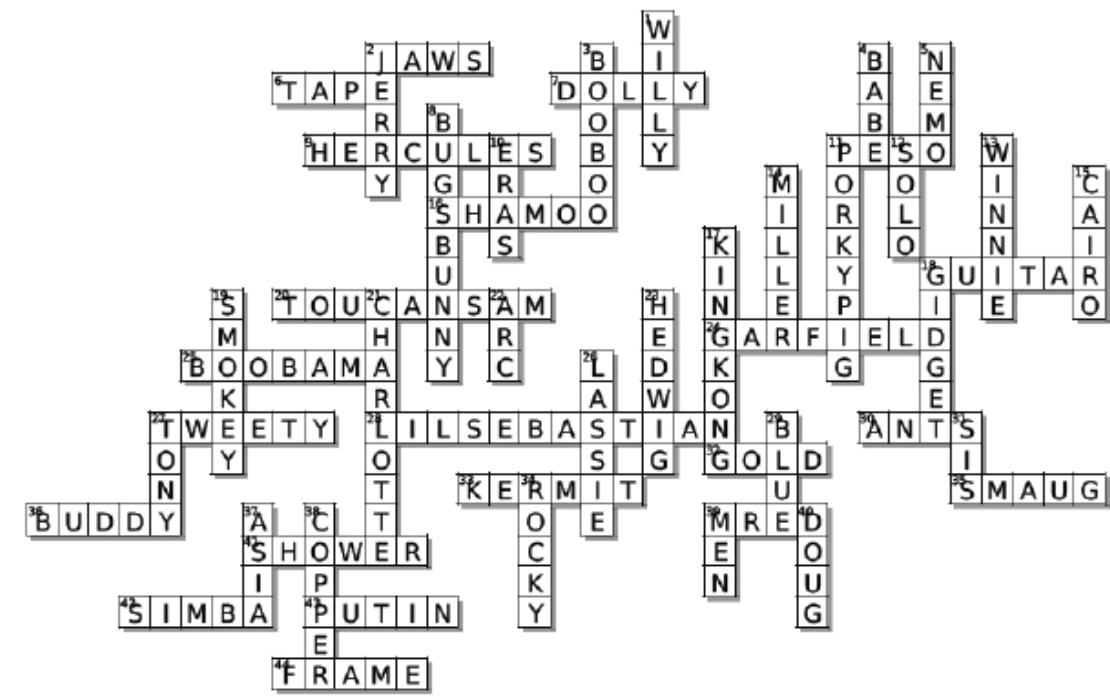
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Last week's crossword answers:

Famous Animals



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The next step in the construction after the pile driving is completed will be to construct a pad for the floor using the piles. There is currently a bid package out for the job.

Physical therapy major Natalie Gleason takes classes in the current medicine and health services building and said that the changes will be beneficial if the physical therapy program would like to increase the size of its classes, since right now the amount of students in the classes are at capacity for the room size.

However, Gleason said she

likes that all of her classes are in one spot, and in the new building the plan is to have classes spread out instead of being located in one department.

"I like having the department just for us," Gleason said. "I like that everything is in one spot and that we hardly have to move around the building. Its a very homey atmosphere."

Construction on the new building will continue until the summer of 2016.

"We are on time and on budget," Eken said.

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Law professor Paul Lebel and Dean of Law Kathryn Rand also made a presentation on the plans for the addition and renovation of the law school in the coming months. The law school is 90 years old and recently was reaccredited for another seven years with the American Bar Association.

“You can see the existing building,” Lebel said. “It is grand, it is majestic and it screams academia.”

Over the last 10 years, the law program has gained an additional 40 students without gaining new space for professors, students or classrooms. Rand said one of thing that allowed the school to be reaccredited was the plans for the renovation on the school.

University Police Chief Eric Plummer also spoke about campus safety initiatives he has put into place in the last year and a half he has been on campus.

One of those initiatives is the

Adopt-a-Cop program that has each residence hall and Greek house assigned a UPD officer as a resource to students living in those places.

Another recent initiative is the vehicle assistance program that started in October. The program allows students to call UPD for assistance if their car doesn’t start or if they’ve locked their keys in their vehicle.

“Since the program started, we’ve helped approximately 200 students and saved them about \$10,000 in out-of-pocket costs,” Plummer said.

The luncheon ended with Student Body Vice President Lexi Hanson and Student Body President Nick Creamer speaking about projects around campus including the new Wilkerson complex remodel and student concerns such as tuition rates.

“I thank you for all that you have done to fight for students,” Creamer said. “But more so, call on you to continue fighting, because we can always do better for students of this great state.”

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as a good opportunity to promote UND athletics and school spirit, several senators had concerns about using such a large amount of money for only a small amount of students.

“This money could be used in much better ways,” said senator Philip Jensen. “I hate to be against UND hockey, but this is irresponsible.”

Sen. Kyle Thorson also expressed concerns with the bill, but he offered an alternative route.

“I would love to put money towards a viewing party for all students on campus, but I can’t support this.”

Creamer defended the bill because of the high interest from students.

“I see where the arguments of opposition are coming from, but this is an opportunity for this body to make a difference in students’ lives this year,” he said. “The amount of funding is similar to the amount we have provided for other trips, and the students will still be taking on a majority of the cost.”

Despite an amendment proposed by Sen. Brett Johnson to allocate \$60 per student, or \$2820 total instead of \$9800, the bill was not passed.

Spring Jam

University Programming Council Chair Kristina LeMire updated the Senate on the progress of the Spring Jam concert, which is being planned for May 3. The acts have not been announced yet because contracts are still in the process of being signed.

“The moment we get the contracts signed, students will be able to get tickets,” LeMire said.

Because of issues with budgeting, the opening act has been cut from the concert lineup, but will be brought to campus for Welcome Weekend next fall instead.

UNDIA Powwow Funding

The UND Indian Association asked the Senate for an additional \$4,000 to fund a community buffalo feed at their annual powwow that will take place April 11-13. The senate previously allocated \$20,000 to the organization for the event, but it was not enough to cover the costs of the buffalo feed. Several senators were concerned that too much money was being given, so the bill was amended to \$2,000 instead of \$4,000, and passed.

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# COMMENTARY

## DSVIEW Walking

— Close calls on University Ave. remain a problem due to driver irresponsibility.

By Sam Wigness  
The Dakota Student

Driving through campus on University Avenue in the middle of the day can be a pretty unenjoyable experience. You might find yourself crawling by at 20 miles per hour and stopping at every single crosswalk. However, it is important to remember that no matter how frustrating the drive is, you are driving through the middle of a college campus attended by over 15,000 students.

As a veteran campus-walker, I've seen some close calls on University, and I've been a part of a few myself. I've even had friends that have been hit by cars as they cross UND's main stretch. If you're wondering, no, the university does not cover your tuition if you get hit on campus, but drivers should be, and are, held responsible in these events.

My closest call came when I crossed in front of a stopped shuttle bus and almost had my toes flattened by a car going well over 30 miles per hour around the bus. The car missed me, but I was close enough to slap its bumper before it busted through the next crosswalk too.

In four years at UND, I have spanked four moving vehicles while crossing University. In order to spank a car, two things need to happen. First, a pedestrian needs to be brave (or stupid) enough to walk across University without breaking stride. Second, a driver needs to be impatient (or stupid) enough to drive passed a crossing pedestrian without slowing down.

I'm not condoning unsafe University Avenue crossings or damaging passing cars, but it's funny to see how much certain drivers value their time over pedestrian safety. The "car spank" also lets drivers know they should have stopped.

Still, there are two sides to every close call and accident on University. On one side, students do not always look both ways before crossing, and there are not crossing guards at each crosswalk to guide us to safety — not that there should be. On the other hand, it's clearly stated by the law that pedestrians always have the right-of-way, especially on crosswalks and especially in a school zone.

Then, there is the undeniable fact that the speed limit drops to 20 miles per hour on campus, which many drivers care to ignore.

I take offense to drivers that violate this speed limit because they are usually the cause of the close calls and accidents on campus. With all the signage, lights, traffic, crosswalks and ice on University Avenue, there is absolutely no reason to go above 20 miles per hour, yet drivers still do.

If you are in such a hurry that you need to go faster than 20 miles per hour, try Highway 2 or Demers Avenue, both of which are within a mile of University and have 40 miles per hour speed limits. If not, enjoy the crawl down university and watch out for bumper spansks.

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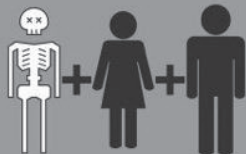
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## MARRIAGE

MAN + WOMAN  
(NUCLEAR FAMILY)  
Genesis 2:24

- wives subordinate to their husbands
- interfaith marriages forbidden
- marriages generally arranged, not based on romantic love
- bride who could not prove her virginity was stoned to death



MAN + BROTHER'S WIDOW  
(LEVIRATE MARRIAGE)  
Genesis 38:6-10

- widow who had not borne a son required to marry her brother in law
- must submit sexually to her new husband

MAN + WIVES + CONCUBINES

Abraham (2 concubines), Gideon (1), Nahor (1), Jacob (1), Eliphaz (1), Gideon (2), Caleb (2), Manassah (1), Solomon (300), Belshazzar (> 1)

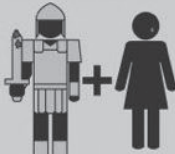


RAPIST + HIS VICTIM  
Deuteronomy 22:28-29

- virgin who is raped must marry her rapist
- rapist must pay victim's father 50 shekels of silver for property loss

MAN + WOMAN + WOMAN'S PROPERTY  
Genesis 16

- man could acquire his wife's property including her slaves

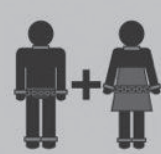


MALE SOLDIER + PRISONER OF WAR  
Numbers 31:1-18, Deuteronomy 21:11-14

- under Moses' command, Israelites kill every Midianite man, woman and child; save for the virgin girls who are taken as spoils of war
- wives must submit sexually to their new owners

MAN + WOMAN + WOMAN + WOMAN...  
(POLYGAMY)

Lamech (2 wives), Esau (3), Jacob (2), Ashur (2), Gideon (many), Elkanah (2), David (many), Solomon (700), Rehoboam (3), Abijah (14), Jehoram, Joash, Ahab, Jeholachin, Belshazzar



MALE SLAVE + FEMALE SLAVE  
Exodus 21:4

- slave owner could assign female slaves to his male slaves
- female slaves must submit sexually to their new husbands

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## Marriage often misconstrued

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It's baffling that anyone still opposes gay marriage. It's a position born out of nothing but pure hatred.

There are plenty who claim otherwise. Some say they're merely supporting traditional marriage, which they will often define as biblical marriage. Many people tend to use biblical marriage and traditional marriage interchangeably. However, those terms are not interchangeable.

If you define tradition as what has been most accepted historically, then you are certainly not defending traditional marriage. In most older societies, including ancient Greece, Rome and China — some of the most advanced civilizations of that time — homosexuality was not looked down upon at all. There were varying opinions depending on the specific culture, but homosexuality by itself was not considered wrong or evil.

In fact, it was only through the introduction of various Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Islam, Christianity) that homosexuality was demonized.

The second, more accurate term that describes the anti-gay marriage position is biblical marriage. People who defend this have no idea what the Bible actually has to say about traditional marriage.

You might often hear the phrase "one man, one woman" as the definition for what constitutes traditional marriage. However, this is not what the Bible says.

Consider the story of Jacob, whose children eventually ended up becoming the nation of Israel. In the book of Genesis in chapters

29 and 30, we read about exactly where his children came from.

For those who are unfamiliar with the story, Jacob falls in love with a girl named Rachel and works for her father for seven years to win her hand in marriage.

Turns out her father ended up being a bit of a tool and tricked Jacob into marrying Rachel's younger sister Leah. He then said that if Jacob worked for him another seven years, he could marry Rachel too. Oh, and did I forget to mention that both of these girls were his cousins? Seriously, their father was Jacob's uncle (His mother's brother, Jacob 29:10), therefore making them both his first cousins.

Currently there are 24 states in the US that make marriage between first cousins illegal as well as another seven that only permit it under special circumstances.

If you really wanted to support traditional or biblical marriage, you should also be fighting to make that legal as well.

That's not the end of the story, though. Jacob loved Rachel more than Leah, and God decided because of this, Leah got to have children and Rachel didn't. Rachel was upset by this and decided to give Jacob her servant to bear children with. Leah saw that, thought it was a good idea and did the same. Then the next time Jacob was with Leah, she ended up having another kid and said "God has given me my wages because I gave my servant to my husband" (Genesis 30:18). Rachel did end up having kids as well.

The point of that story is that people complain about gay marriage because they claim, "how am I supposed to explain how Susie has two mommies to my kids?"

According to the Bible, the children who would eventually become the nation of Israel had four mommies, only two of which

Jacob was actually married to. It seems that according to the Bible itself, traditional marriage included multiple partners, incest and polygamy.

This is not the only instance of God-approved polygamy in the Bible. Many important figures from the Bible had more than one wife, including Esau (Genesis 26:34; Genesis 28:6-9), Abraham (Genesis 16:3, Genesis 21:1-13, Genesis 25:1, Genesis 25:6), Moses (Exodus 2:21; Exodus 18:1-6, Numbers 12:1), Gideon (Judges 8:29-32) and David (1 Samuel 25:39-44; 2 Samuel 3:2-5; 2 Samuel 5:13-16).

There are also other factors to a traditional marriage in the Bible most people don't consider. Deuteronomy 22:28 to 29 along with Exodus 21:21 show that women were basically viewed as property with Exodus 21:7 even giving explicit instructions on how to sell your daughter into slavery.

The fact that women are no longer viewed as property and that polygamy and incest are no longer legal, means that we have already redefined traditional and biblical marriage.

Now the only real objection you have are your own personal religious beliefs. Most of the opposition to gay marriage in this country comes from Christians, but there are Christians in all different denomination supporting gay marriage.

You're welcome to have your own beliefs, but what you're not allowed to do is insist that legislation be made based on your own personal religious beliefs despite the religious beliefs of others. It's the exact opposite of religious freedom, no matter how you try to spin it.

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# Students take longer to graduate than expected

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I've known since I started college that I'd be here at least five years. Now, it'll be six.

This has been a point of shame for me because my graduation date seemed to somehow measure my worthiness as a student.

By not being able to get done in four years, I felt I was doing something wrong. It didn't matter that my GPA was good or that the classes I've taken make me an attractive candidate for graduate schools. In my eyes, I was taking too long.

When I first set out to write this, I was going to discuss how, even though we're few, those of us who are graduating late are no better or worse than those who will finish "on time." I didn't expect to find out I was wrong in my argument.

I was assuming the norm is a four year degree. It's not. Accord-



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ing to TIME magazine, a four year bachelor's degree only happens for less than 40 percent of entering freshmen. Sixty percent will take six years. Suddenly, I didn't feel so bad.

When I started school, I dreamed of going pre-med and studying abroad. Neither worked out, but they were the reasons I was going to be here at least five years. I've always had plans to go beyond my bachelor's degree, though now it's to a graduate program rather than a medical school. I just assumed more of the

years would be spent in post-bachelor work rather than getting through undergraduate.

I could go on about why it takes more years to get a "four" year degree. We have more expected obligations than in the past. Tuition costs have risen as well. Extra-curriculars need to be on our resumes and CVs in order to make us attractive candidates. Life sometimes gets in the way of school. Courses are offered on a rotating basis that can complicate scheduling.

With all the reasons and excuses,

the fact remains that most of us will be here for six years. Whether or not the extended time is ideal isn't relevant.

Then why is there such a stigma? Every time someone introduces themselves as a "super senior" or a "super duper senior," there is a tinge of shame in their voice. It's as if they are apologizing for being here too long.

I know I always play it off with humor when I confess that I'll be here at least six years. "Well, I just like the

winters here so much, I thought I'd stay an extra few years!"

This isn't dislike for UND. I'd feel the same frustration at any school. I truly love learning and rarely dislike a class. And I still respect the need and use for the classes I dislike. I can't avoid the feeling of being stuck though.

It boils down to this is the longest we'll have spent in school. High school took four years, middle school took three, elementary school took five and kindergarten one. Six years is new to all of us. We're used to moving on in less time.

University life as an undergraduate is designed to be temporary. Residence halls are not where you want to spend the rest of your life. The system is designed to be a stepping stone onto bigger things, whether that's a job or more schooling.

In the end, the goal — and the result — is the same: graduation. Frankly, that's a worthy enough goal for a couple of extra years.

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## Barriers cut student interest

By Margaret Upton  
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As each semester begins, essential studies classes fill up, and wait lists and standing room only become students' best options.

Slowly, throughout the semester, students vanish only to resurface around mid-term tests. Once again, they disappear like a retreating wave, which rolls back into the classroom a few weeks before finals. This wave action leaves one wondering, where do all the students go? Why are they not in class as responsible, diligent students should be?

Are the absent students "bad students" for not attending class? The majority of students would answer no. Students across the U.S. and at UND choose not to attend class for three major reasons: cultural language barriers, ineffective communication and lastly, the instructor failing to engage students. These communication issues greatly contribute to the reason students are sometimes unsuccessful during their college careers.

The majority of UND attendees strive to be good students. Unfortunately, the communication situations in most essential studies courses don't allow students to perform as expected — a shortfall I've encountered while attending UND.

Chemistry is an important prerequisite for science and engineering students. This is such an essential class for students, and it's important for the instructor to communicate clearly, concisely and effectively.

I've taken two chemistry courses. All my effort went into trying to comprehend what the instructor was attempting to say, which didn't allow me to obtain a good understanding of the material.

It's obvious instructors do their best to communicate, but if they aren't proficient in English and have heavy accents, the extra effort made by them often isn't enough.

Another example of inadequate communication I've seen was in a required calculus course. During most of the class, the instructor spoke directly to the board, wasn't facing the students, had illegible handwriting and spoke extremely fast. He used words excluded from our book and weren't taught to us in previous math classes.

When an instructor struggles to verbally communicate due to language barriers or an academic level of understanding, they can fill this void by creatively and effectively engaging students on a new level.

When I took the required English composition class, I despised writing. However, my instructor's teaching style was so engaging and creative, she changed my view about writing. She stimulated the class with creative topics and open-ended assignments. She also provided individually assessed and fairly graded feedback.

An error instructors commonly make is neglecting to engage students in the subject they are teaching. Dexter Perkins, UND mineralogy professor, expressed an accurate opinion on this topic in a Grand Forks Herald article.

Perkins pointed out that many instructors use outdated teaching techniques such as chalkboard us-

age or the consistent use of standard slide shows. Neither keep students engaged.

Instructors, as portals of education, need to demand and use updated teaching instruments such as interactive SMART boards and advanced animated slide shows.

I'm in agreement with a statement from Perkins' aforementioned article, "Whatever the cause, we (instructors) have an obligation to teach to the students we have today, not the ones we wish we had or the ones we had in the past. So, we need to do things differently."

Instructors have the responsibility and obligation to reflect on their own teaching performance and offer alternate ways of learning beyond the standard slide show and lecture.

Instructors need to realize that they play a major part in students' lack of interest which ultimately leads to poor grades. They need to restructure their teaching methods to break down communication barriers and look for new ways to engage students.

Stimulated and interested students will lead to better class attendance, higher subject material retention, improved grades and increased student and instructor satisfaction with the university.

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**Students ... choose not to attend class for three major reasons: cultural language barriers, ineffective communication and lastly, the instructor fails to engage students.**

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## Owning pets in college a big task

Stephanie Gartner

The Dakota Student



College is a time where many indulge in foods, drinks or activities they may have not been able to living at home or in high school. One of these is often the purchasing of pets, from a goldfish to a hedgehog to a pile of puppies. Pets are wonderful companions to have in life with their special ability to lower blood pressure from a stressful day and cute company to put smiles on our faces.

To say that college students shouldn't have pets would make me a hypocrite. Having two pets at home, I knew I needed one here, not only because I'm animal-obsessed but also because of the therapeutic quality they provide. I researched for months before adopting my four rascally rats.

Unfortunately, this is not the case with many new pet owners. Seeing irresistible little faces behind windows often result in somewhat impulse-buys of pets. Quickly buying leashes, litter, bowls and toys all in one stop to bring back with their new friend seems exciting, but what's often forgotten are the unseen costs of vet bills, food, grooming, day-cares, cleaning and most of all, time and care.

Time, attention and patience are needed just as much as food, shelter and toys, especially if the pet is young and needs training. Many students don't have time, with class taking up most of their days, alongside homework and paid work. Animals need stability which comes from the bond between pet and owner. It provides confidence and security for the animal, which leads to better behavior.

Sadly, I've seen the downside of students not properly committing

to their new companions. Many are neglected, or end up being posted on Craigslist in need of being re-homed or given to their parents or the Humane Society. This doesn't necessarily mean they'll be re-homed or even placed in better care. The reality of pets unable to find proper homes is grim. As much good as the Humane Society does, it is sadly not a no-kill shelter.

It's frustrating seeing peers purchase pets, feeling the initial excitement and slowly seeing them become careless and annoyed after being burdened with necessary care of cleaning cages, tanks, litter boxes, training and walks. Time is of the essence for all of us, and, unfortunately, sometimes that time isn't saved for pets.

Dogs and cats are probably the highest costing as far as in-home pets, with higher vet bills and higher initial costs. They demand more time and energy — even though they are seen as rewarding with cuddles and love in return. However, one of my rats is quite the cuddler.

This isn't to say that small mammals, reptiles and fish don't require time and care as well. Cages and tanks need to be regularly cleaned in order to keep a healthy pet. Research is just as required for these pets as it is for larger pets. Becoming as knowledgeable as possible is best before adopting. Knowing proper diets, enclosures, average costs, behaviors and training will only help build a healthy bond and assure a healthy pet.

If you or someone you know is thinking of getting a pet, take the time to think it over and become fully informed about the pet ahead of time. Make sure you have the time, patience and the finances for optimum care.

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# Student organizes cross-state environment run

— Team of runners, bikers will film two week journey across changing state landscape

By Misti Meads  
The Dakota Student

Bakken Eco-Expedition creator Caleb Kobilansky, runner Tom Fisher and a bike team will journey 360 miles from Grand Forks to Williston, N.D. on June 1 to raise awareness of the oil boom's impact on North Dakota's outdoors.

"We're both North Dakota locals and have a connection with the state, and we like to do endurance stuff," Kobilansky said. "It's basically combining our passion for the environment, community involvement and endurance sports."

Kobilansky and Fisher will run 30 to 60 miles per day for up to two weeks to show support for the preservation of North Dakota's outdoors and appreciation for extreme endurance running.

Fisher said he wanted to be a part of the journey after Kobilansky pitched the idea and told him the reasons for it.

"We've done endurance stuff for a while, but you also have to have a point to what you're doing," Kobilansky said. "You have to find meaning to what you're doing, or else it's not going to be enough to motivate you to reach these physical peaks."

Kobilansky and Fisher set aside two weeks to complete the expedition, but hope to finish it faster.

"I kind of tend to get too ambitious ... I was thinking like a week," Kobilansky said. "So 56 miles a day — two weeks tops."

Fisher said two weeks to run the distance is realistic, but the goal of one week will make him push harder.

"One of the more important things on our expedition is that we are going to be filming along the way," Kobilansky said. "We are going to document everything and interview people along the way to get a new perspective on what is happening (to North Dakota's outdoors)."

Kobilansky said the expedition wasn't anything against oil or Williston, but the main mission is to promote responsible energy production.

According to the Bakken Eco-Expedition website, it's trying to "advocate for the protection of special lands in these times of development," and raise awareness for cleaner energy resources.

"The Bakken boom is providing a lot of great stuff for the



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UND senior Caleb Kobilansky trains for the Bakken Eco-Expedition on Friday.

# Center turns research into real life

— Hidden UND affiliate handles multi-million dollar research contracts, employs students

By Adele Kieger  
The Dakota Student

Although it's unknown to most university students and faculty, the Energy & Environmental Research Center does nearly \$200 million worth of research every year.

The center's goal is putting research into practice as it strives to move \$35 million worth of technology contracts out of the laboratories and into the com-

mercial marketplace so the world can benefit from them.

The hidden gem is located near the site of the old Ralph Engelstad hockey arena in a 280,000 square foot facility comprised of 26 different buildings with four floors of analytical research laboratories. It's recognized as one of the world's leading developers of cleaner and more efficient energy technologies and environmental technologies to protect and clean our

air, water and soil.

Director of the Energy Research Center Gerald Groenewold said the research center is strictly a business.

"We are for all practical purposes a business," Groenewold said. "We have never asked for any state money. I made a promise to myself in 1974 that if I could make this work as a state employee, I would never accept state money unless it was competitive."

Groenewold takes pride in the fact that the organization has its freedom.

"This place is about freedom" Groenewold said. "This is not a social welfare organization; this is a business. We live by our wits. I like to say that we eat what we kill here, and so we're a very aggressive group of folks."

The center has clientele in 52 countries and all 50 U.S. states, many of which are Fortune 500 companies. With 96 percent of it's clients being non-federal, the research facility focuses primarily on working with private industry, which Groenewold sees

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Gerald Groenewold  
*Energy & Environmental Research Center director*



Director Gerald Groenewold discusses his role at the International Center for Applied Energy Technology on Friday. Photo by Shae Bonifacio/The Dakota Student.

as the key to success.

"We don't just take whatever grants the government's handing out," Groenewold said. "We actually send out proposals for competitive dollars."

Groenewold's father was an entrepreneurial man and raised Groenewold to be the same.

"I believe in building businesses," Groenewold said. "I believe in doing practical research, (and) I'm very careful in never breaking Thomas Edison's basic rule of life: don't invent something nobody wants. There's an awful lot of that happening in this world."

Groenewold said having private sectors involved in his business is a way to avoid this.

"They understand the eco-

nomic setting in which technology might go or might not," he said. "So the most important form of peer review around here is the private sector investing in what we're doing. If they're not, then we shouldn't be doing it because nobody cares."

Last year the center held 200 contracts, of which 95 percent were with private sector enterprises.

"There's peer review in everything we're doing," Groenewold said. "The market is pulling instead of us trying to push something nobody cares about into a non-existent market."

Freedom from organizational



# Program Council plans event-filled year end

— The Loading Dock puts on hypnotist and singing comedian in a double-feature



Comedian Brian O'Sullivan sings Saturday in the Union. Photo by Jennifer Friese/The Dakota Student.

By Mathew McKay  
The Dakota Student

UND's Nightlife program provided students with a comedian and hypnotist last weekend, and looks forward to future events including the second annual Spring Jam.

The weekend began with the hypnotist Chris Jones show that filled the Loading Dock Friday night. University Program Council chairwoman Kristina LeMire said the first event went well.

"Chris Jones ended up going

like half an hour to 45 minutes longer than he wanted to, just because of the audience," LeMire said.

While UND's Nightlife program brings a lot of comedians to UND, LeMire said she would love to see more hypnotists after seeing the outcome of the event.

On Saturday night, comedian Brian O'Sullivan followed Jones with a show rescheduled from last February. LeMire said the group brought in O'Sullivan because his act provided a unique quality to comedy.

"We bring in a lot of comedians, but this is a different kind of comedian," LeMire said. "He can sing, play the guitar, and he's funny."

O'Sullivan started the night with a song introducing himself and then got the night rolling with Taylor Swift's song, "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together."

The audience interacted with

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charts is something that Groenewold also finds necessary in his business.

"I'm convinced that the first organizational chart was drawn up by a very short little man with a very significant Napoleonic complex and wanted to demonstrate that he was more important than anybody else," Groenewold said. "I can't stand the word 'boss.' I don't want to be anybody's boss — I want to be their partner."

The center has been a part of UND since 1983. UND graduate Derek Walters is the center's Manager for Marketing, Communications and Outreach.

"We are under the President's office, and we are a non-profit business within UND,"



Manager Derek Walters discusses the research center's connection to UND on Friday at the Energy & Environmental Research Center.

Walters said. "We generate a lot of contract revenue for the center, and, in turn, the university because the university does take

a portion of the proceeds."

Although the center is separate from UND because it is a non-profit business, Walters said the center works closely with UND.

"We do still work very closely with the university departments; engineering is one of them as well as some sciences," Walters said. "We have anywhere from 30 to 50 different students working here at anytime throughout the year, and a lot of them are engineering or science majors, and they're wanting to get experience in their field so they can move on and get a full time job when they graduate."

Students ranging from undergraduates to postdoctorals are carefully selected and put in the middle of cutting edge research projects.

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economy, but for this run specifically, it's really there to create this public consciousness, because a lot of people aren't aware of what is happening to the environment," Kobilansky said.

A team of cyclists will join the runners. Kobilansky said there will be no cars going on the expedition, and the only supplies they will be taking are the ones they carry on their backs.

"The cool part of the expedition is that we're probably going to be running eight to 12 hours a day, of course with breaks in between, but, for a place to stay, we are going to be 'dirtbagging' it," Kobilansky said.

Kobilansky said if nearby homeowners don't let them sleep in their homes, they will be sleeping on the side of the road or in state parks.

"I've had a little experience doing that, so I'm for sure excited about that," Fisher added. "It doesn't bother me at all."

### Support

Although the trip is set, Kobilansky is still searching for ways to fund this project.

"We do not have enough

money (for the expedition) yet," he said. "So that's our goal right now."

However, Kobilansky said that once they get enough money for all of their supplies, they will donate the rest to Ground Up Adventures — a non-profit organization that promotes youth involvement in exercise and adventure activities.

"We've been talking to a couple different sponsors, and we're definitely going to need some donations to make the expedition happen in June," Kobilansky said.

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O'Sullivan and even had the opportunity to write the lyrics of a short song with him.

Following the event, sophomore Jake Vivier said he had seen O'Sullivan in the past and was excited to see his new songs.

Sophomore Ethan Voigt said he had never seen O'Sullivan before and would love to see him again, and might even follow him on Facebook.

"I really enjoyed his use of improv and thought some of his songs were pretty funny," Voigt said.

O'Sullivan had to reschedule the performance multiple times, but was able to perform a new

song he had put together in the past few weeks.

"I try to keep my impressions new all the time," O'Sullivan said. "For one thing, I get bored with the songs, and also I make fun of pop culture, which is always changing."

O'Sullivan said the key to having success in what he does is practice.

"If you like to make people laugh, have people tell you that you make them laugh and you enjoy writing songs, it's really about practice," O'Sullivan said. "The more songs you write and the more jokes you write the better you will become at writing in general."

### Looking forward

This weekend the University Program Council will be attend-

ing a conference, so nothing is scheduled for Friday or Saturday. The three remaining events include comedian Jay Black on April 11, Teddy Geiger on April 26 and the second annual Spring Jam on May 3.

With only three remaining events left, the group will begin looking for new members to head up next year's events, starting next week.

"We have a lot of students who are graduating and things like that, so if you want to get involved, you should definitely come into the Student Government office and grab an application," LeMire said.

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loose puck after a Paul LaDue point shot at 1:28 of the second overtime, Gothberg felt his efforts pay off.

"A flood of emotions I guess," Gothberg said. "Once that happened, once (Gaarder) scored his goal, it's just craziness I guess. Every emotion in your body is just excited, and every hair in your body is standing up because you're so pumped for your team and stuff. Obviously it's been a long road, and it's a good payoff pitch to see this happen — for this opportunity."

Flashbacks to November were easy to remember. In a team that knew its efforts weren't going to be enough if it continued on the path that favored the losing column, a turnaround allowed it to believe in bigger possibilities.

"We certainly had all the pieces of the puzzle and stuff, it was just a matter of putting it in place and going from there," Gothberg said. "Really, it all started with our coaching staff setting the tone — putting what is expected of us on a daily basis. We just had to go from there, so it's definitely a long way from that point in the season."

While it was Gothberg's efforts in the net that rang loud, the sound of Gaarder's goal echoed

what has become a common theme this season.

Throughout the season, it hasn't been one player or a few consistent names on the score sheet. It's been a cast of many characters that pass the heroic honor to a different skater each night.

Saturday, it happened to be Gaarder's turn.

"It's fitting, probably, for this group," UND coach Dave Hakstol said. "It's a group that's a bit of an unheralded group, maybe individually. But collectively, it's a very good team. We've had different guys stepping forward on a regular basis, and we even said it coming in tonight. It's probably going to be somebody different tonight than it was last night that's going to end up in the spotlight, and that's the case."

That's not to say it's without consistency.

Gaarder's persistence has stuck all season. It was simply showcased in a different matter on Saturday. During the NCHC third-place game, the junior forward and 2011 walk-on posted two goals en route to a 5-0 UND victory over Western Michigan.

"Connor Gaarder is that heart and soul guy," Hakstol said. "He shows up every day, and he plays for the jersey. It's nice to see him have that kind of reward and have that kind of a reward for our team."



**UND sophomore goaltender Zane Gothberg is introduced during starting lineups earlier this season. Last weekend, Gothberg put himself first in the nation in goals against average with 1.71. File photo.**

## A chance to shine

North Dakota will play April 10 at Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia in the Frozen Four tournament.

With a 14-4 record in regional games, Hakstol will coach his team in its sixth Frozen Four appearance in his 10 years at UND. This will be the 20th time UND has clinched a spot in the national tournament.

The players are aware of the unfading tradition.

"Growing up, you just hear about North Dakota and North Dakota Hockey," Gothberg said. "It's just tradition, and it's something we take pride in every single day, whether it's in practice or

during games and stuff. A lot of it starts with the coaching staff, just instilling that level of compete and that pride. It feels great. All our hard work is definitely going for a good cause.

"I know it's a band of brothers here. We're ready to rock, and we're looking forward to it."

Gothberg also knows the importance of the attitude of the team.

"We're competing every night," he said. "In the process, we're really having fun and living a little."

With clinching its eighth national championship at stake, North Dakota will compete against three other top teams in

the country — but not without realizing what it took to make it there.

"We came into this game with a lot of respect for (Ferris State), and I think we leave with even more," Hakstol said. "Beyond that, my biggest thought is how proud I am of (this team) and more importantly, how happy I am for them. They get an opportunity to experience a regional championship. But more importantly, move forward in the tournament."

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# Softball team sweeps

By Marie Monson  
The Dakota Student

The UND women's softball team defeated Portland State in both games Saturday night to capture its first Big Sky Conference wins of the season.

"The bats showed up big for us today," UND coach Eric Oakley said. "We had struggled lately to get the key hit with runners in scoring position. Hitting coach Amanda Montalto stressed the importance of putting the ball in play in those situations this past week at practice, and the team clearly responded."

North Dakota won both games with a strong offense, finishing off the Vikings 12-8 and 11-9.

"It was a great overall team effort," Oakley said.

The two-game sweep came after multiple game delays due to weather conflicts, but the Green and White held on to put UND on the map.

Both games saw North Dakota (3-18, 2-3 Big Sky) fall behind momentarily, but the fourth inning proved to be UND's strength as the home team scored six runs in the fourth during both games.

Leading for UND were senior shortstop Carolyn Chewing and senior first baseman D Jantzer, who both ran over home plate three times in Game 1 and twice more in the second matchup.

But those runs wouldn't have been possible without successful at-bats.

Senior Amanda Johnson, freshman Kaylin VanDomelen and senior Elizabeth Cudney all batted in runs in the first game, with sophomore Kim Granata and Jantzer doing the same in the second game.

The Vikings (4-23, 1-4) made a rally in the second game, getting seven runs in seven hits, but UND was able to keep a lid on the guest's scoring and put the game away for its second consecutive win.

Weather quickly became an issue again, preventing a third game between the teams Sunday — but after this weekend, North Dakota moves on to warmer climates, playing Northern Illinois on Wednesday and Indiana State on Thursday.

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moved from Grand Forks, N.D., to take on Northern Colorado. Though both teams were ready to take the field Friday, the weather had other ideas.

Officials decided the weather was too cold to play, and the game was moved to Saturday for a double header.

Every game had the common theme of good pitching, starting in Game 1.

Andrew Thome started to look like his old self on the mound. Through his first complete game of the season, Thome worked wonders, striking out six batters and only allowing one run.

This was a game that UND never trailed in. Zack Trygstad hit a solo home run in the second inning to put UND up for good. Ryan Reese and Patrick Riewer tacked on two more runs. Even though Northern Colorado tried to get back into the game, it fell short as UND took the game, 3-1.

Game 2 featured the same great pitching, but this time from a couple different faces.

The up and coming freshman Zach Muckenhirn went to work on the Bears pitching 5.2 strong innings by only giving up three hits and no runs.

He also managed to strike out six batters before he was pulled for Tyler Ruemmele. While Ruemmele did let up two runs off five hits, he had a 1-2-3 ninth inning that put the game away with a 3-2 UND victory.

Though the hitters may have been on top of their game Saturday, all that mattered was the end result.

"It doesn't matter how you win when you get a doubleheader sweep, it's always a good thing," UND coach Jeff Dodson said. "We had timely hitting, we had tremendous pitching and brilliant

defensive plays. We've got to get ready for tomorrow. It's a huge percentage-points swing if we can come out and take care of business."

And take care of business they did.

In Game 3, the pressure was on the Green and White to accomplish a feat that has never been done, and their pitching rotation came through yet again.

UND gained its 2-1 lead in the seventh, and then it was up to the men on the mound.

Jeff Campbell had another great game for the team, going 8.1 innings while only allowing one run off of five hits.

Playing the numbers game in the ninth inning, the pitching staff elected to bring in Ellery Bresnahan after Campbell had got the first out of the inning.

After Bresnahan struck out one, Brock Johnson was brought in to finish the game. Johnson got the batter to ground out to third and that was the ball game. North Dakota walked away with a 2-1 advantage.

"I thought our kids really came out and played well today to give us our first conference sweep," Coach Dodson said. "They came out pretty loose today."

UND is now 6-3 in the Western Athletic Conference after the weekend sweep and will look to keep adding to its four-game winning streak next weekend.

While a game against Minnesota Crookston was supposed to be held Wednesday in Grand Forks, the game has been postponed to a later date.

The Green and White will go out of conference for a series, when it will face Creighton in Nebraska this weekend.

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but SCSU was able to make a comeback and tie it.

One singles match was how the day was decided and it went to SCSU's, Soudiane Moudfir to give St. Cloud the point and the win.

Portland State got things started early Saturday when it took the doubles point from UND and the lead. Portland State continued with the lead by adding three more points from the singles competition to give the team the 4-2 win.

This loss put UND at 2-5 in the Big Sky Conference and 3-12 in overall competition.

The men's team will be at home on Tuesday to face South Dakota

State at Choice Health and Fitness starting at 1 p.m. before hosting Sacramento State on April 4.

**Women's team**

The women's team also faced St. Cloud on Friday and came out with a 7-0 shutout victory.

North Dakota got the first point of the day by sweeping the doubles matches, and went on to take the singles. This was UND's third shut-out of the season and also ended its losing streak.

UND will face Northern Colorado on Friday in Greeley, Colo., at 2 p.m. as the team starts its last leg of the season on the road.

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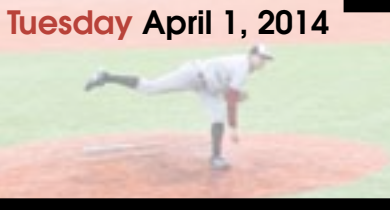


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> WEEKEND  
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MEN’S HOCKEY

March 28 — UND 5, Wisconsin 2  
March 29 — UND 2, Ferris St. 1

**UND coach Dave Hakstol:** “...My biggest thought is how proud I am of (this team) and more importantly, how happy I am for them.”

**UND senior Dillon Simpson:** “It’s been a really amazing thing to be a part of, and great after all that hard work and the turnaround we had in our season, and the opportunity to get to go to Philadelphia.”

**Next action:** April 10-12, Frozen Four Tournament at Philadelphia.

BASEBALL

March 29 — UND 3, N. Colo. 1  
March 29 — UND 3, N. Colo. 2  
March 30 — UND 2, N. Colo. 1

**UND coach Jeff Dodson:** “I thought our kids really came out and played well today to give us our first conference sweep. They came out pretty loose today. We stranded way too many runners, but I was thrilled about Patrick Riewer’s play this weekend and he came through for us today.”

**Next action:** April 4-6 vs. Creighton at Omaha, Neb.

SOFTBALL

March 29 —UND 12, Portland St. 8  
March 29 — UND 11, Portland St. 9

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**Next action:** April 2 vs. Northern Ill., at DeKalb, Ill., April 3 vs. Indiana State at Terre Haute, Ind.

MEN’S TENNIS

March 28 — St. Cloud 4, UND 3  
March 29 — Portland St. 4, UND 2

**Next action:** April 1 vs. South Dakota State at Grand Forks, N.D.

WOMEN’S TENNIS

March 28 — UND 7, UND 0

**Next action:** April 4 vs. Northern Colorado at Greeley, Colo.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

March 30 — Minot St. 2, UND 1

**Next action:** April 4 vs. North Dakota State at Fargo, N.D.

Tickets punched to Frozen Four

— UND advances to tournament after double-overtime victory in Midwest Regional Final

By Elizabeth Erickson  
The Dakota Student

The UND men’s hockey team took the ice as the second overtime period began, turning its eager glances away from the scoreboard that showed a 26-8 Ferris State shot advantage since the beginning of the third period.

All it needed was one bounce of the puck into the net to punch a ticket to the Frozen Four in Philadelphia.

Nearly a minute and a half into the fifth frame, Connor Gaarder turned that dream into a reality.

A 2-1 UND victory over Ferris State in the Midwest Regional final last Saturday in Cincinnati sent the team that started its season 4-7-2 to the biggest stage in college hockey — the key resting within the hearts of the players.

“Things weren’t going our way,” UND senior captain Dillon Simpson said. “Everyone kind of kept their composure and stayed positive. No one stopped believing in that room, and I think that was one key thing to get our push in overtime.”

Zane Gothberg stood his post between the pipes, turning away shot after shot, knowing any that slipped behind him could end his team’s season.

The sophomore goaltender posted a career-high 44 saves, 27 of those shots after the conclusion of the second period.

When Gaarder tipped in a



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UND junior Connor Gaarder skates earlier this season. Gaarder buried the game-winning goal last weekend against Ferris State. File photo.

Teams swing at home

— Men’s and women’s tennis squads post mixed results.

By Mariah Holland  
The Dakota Student

The men’s and women’s tennis teams were both at home this past weekend, posting mixed results.

The men’s team took on St. Cloud State on Friday, resulting in a 4-3 loss and moved on to face Portland State on Saturday, which ended in a 4-2 loss.

The women’s team found success when it took on St. Cloud State on Friday, winning by a score of 7-0 and faced Sacramento State on Sunday.

Men’s team

The UND men’s team hung in there with St. Cloud as it took the lead with the doubles point,



UND freshman Faith Lee competes last Friday against St. Cloud State at Choice Health and Fitness in Grand Forks.

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Baseball  
makes  
history

By Alex Stadnik  
The Dakota Student

The weather is not the only thing heating up campus as the UND baseball team used its momentum from last weekend’s win over CSU Bakersfield, and a little bit of home cooking to achieve something that has never been done.

The Green and White completed their first sweep of a series in their Division I history.

UND was in Bismarck this weekend, after the game was

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