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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 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.

Medical school construction begins

By Ashley Marquis
The Dakota Student

Frozen Four trip funds denied

By Emmy Erbes
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 students and faculty.”

By Megan Hoffman
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Nick Creamer
Student Body President

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

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Last week’s crossword answers:

Famous Animals

ACROSS
2. Forty Works
6. Quick punch
10. Winter precipitation
13. Masks up
14. Canadian foot
17. Reno retired
21. Oly
22. “Ringo” name
23. Wayne and Jeff Bridges cow and producer
27. Fencing weapon
29. Will Ferrell wearing sunglasses
34. First sergeant
35. Sliding born on the same day
36. Ian’s single thread
37. Brad Pitt in “Troy”
39. Gracie

DOWN
1. Black Pearl captain
3. “To Kill a Mockingbird” lawyer
4. Square root of 16
6. Dumb and dumber service
8. Clyde Barrow’s accomplice
9. River improved
12. Archaeological Indiana
13. Native American Disney heroine
15. Time to count
16. Black and white cookie
19. Large Mexican hat
21. Stately not martini drinker
23. Princess Leia’s brother
24. O’Neill, playwright
26. Adventurous hobby
30. Teen average grade
31. “Mission Impossible” agent
32. One-eyed Bear monster Mike
33. Her opponent
37. “Frozen” princess
39. Cameron part

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Housekeepers/Personal Care Assistants

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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.

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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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Marriage often misconstrued

Michael Rauer
The Dakota Student

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 considered wrong or evil. But homosexuality by itself was not considered right or good. Clearly, then you are certainly not defending traditional marriage.

In fact, it was only through the introduction of various Abrahamic religious (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 trick 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, there 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.

We basically need 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 go to Jacob her servant to bear children with Leah. She 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 25:34; 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 denominations supporting gay marriage.

You’re welcome to have your own beliefs, but what you’re not allowed to do is insist that legislation be based on your own personal religious beliefs despite the religious beliefs of others. It’s not an 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 be six.

This has been a point of shame for me because my graduation date seemed to somehow measure my worth 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 taking too long. It didn’t matter that my graduation date risen as well. Extra-curriculars need to make us attractive candidates. Life seemed to somehow measure my worthiness as a student.

quarterly magazine, a four-year bachelor’s degree only happening in 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 dream of going pre-med and studying abroad. Neither worked out, but they were the reasons I was going to be at least five years. I’ve always had plans to go beyond my bachelor’s degree, though now it’s in 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 under-graduate.

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 make us attractive candidates. Life doesn’t matter that my graduation date risen as well. Extra-curriculars need to make us attractive candidates. Life seemed to somehow measure my worthiness as a student.

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Barriers cut student interest

By Margaret Upton
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As each semester begins, es- sential studies classes fill up, and wait lists and standing room only become students’ best options. Students throughout the semester, students vanish only to re- face around mid-term tests. Once again, they disappear like a retreat- ing wave, which rolls back into the classroom a few weeks before finals. This wave action leaves one wondering, where do all the stu- dents go? Why are they not in class as responsible, diligent students should be?

It is no wonder that absent students “bad students” for not attending class! The majority of students would answer no. Students across the U.S. and at USD choose not to attend class for three major rea- sons: cultural language barriers, instructors’ lack of care and, lastly, the instructor failing to en- gage students. These communica- tion issues greatly contribute to the reason students are sometimes unsuccessful during their college careers.

The majority of UND attend- ers strive to be good students. Un- fortunately, the communication situations in most essential stud- ies 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 mate- rial.

If instructors are 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 inade- quate communication I’ve seen was in a required calculus course. Dur- ing 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 understanding, they can fill this void by creatively and ef- fectively engaging students on a new level.

When I took the required Eng- lish 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’s English professor, provided 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 stan- dard slide shows. Neither keeps students engaged.

Instructors, as portals of educa- tion, need to demand and use updated teaching techniques such as interactive SMART boards and advanced animated slide shows.

I’m in agreement with a state- ment from Perkins’ afor-mentioned 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 responsi- bility and obligations 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 rethink their teaching methods to break down communication barriers and look for new ways to engage students.

Stimulated and interested stu- dents will lead to better class at- tendance, higher subject material retention, improved grades and increased student and instructor satisfaction with the university.

Owning pets in college a big task

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College is a time where many indulge in foods, drinks or activities that may have not been able to do 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 stressed and anxious college student 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 irresponsible little faces behind windows often results in somewhat impulsive-buys of pets. Quickly buy- ing shoes, litter, bowls and toys all in one stop to bring back with their new friends 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 ani- mal, which leads to better behavior.

Sadly, I’ve seen the downside of students not properly committing to their new companions. Many are neglected, or even up being posted on Craigslist in need of being re-homed or given to their own family’s Pet Hu- mane Society. This doesn’t necessar- ily mean they’ll be re-homed or even placed in a home. As much good as the Humane Society does, it is sadly not a no-kill shelter.

It’s frustrating seeing peers pur- chase pets, feeling the initial excite- ment and slowly seeing them become careless and annoyed after the heyday. Star- dered with necessary care of cleaning cages, tanks, litter boxes, training and walks. Time is needed for care of all of us, and, unfortunately, sometimes time isn’t saved for pets.

Dogs and cats are probably the hardest tasks 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 cats is quite the cuddler.

Another task is that small mam- mals, reptiles and fish don’t require time and care as well. Cages and tanks need to be regularly cleaned in order to keep them healthy. Re- search is just as required for these pets as it is for larger pets. Becoming knowledgeable as possible is best before adopting. Keeping proper di- etes, enclosures, average costs, behav- iors 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 before buying. Make sure you have the time, patience and the finances for optimum care.

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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 laboratory and into the commercial 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 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 its clients being non-federal, the research facility focuses primarily on working with private industry, which Groenewold sees 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 economic 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 boundaries and making sure there is a business model are key to Groenewold’s success.

“Groenewold is the only director I know that has a (company) to raise money from and has investors and things like that,” said Dr. Jannis Anderson, a president at UND.

“Gerald is one of the best leaders. He has a business mind and understands the business setting.”

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Center turns research into real life
— Hidden UND affiliate handles multi-million dollar research contracts, employs students

By Misti Meads
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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.

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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

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 laboratory and into the commercial 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 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 its clients being non-federal, the research facility focuses primarily on working with private industry, which Groenewold sees as the key to success.

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Center turns research into real life
— Hidden UND affiliate handles multi-million dollar research contracts, employs students
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.

“Even though we aren’t a household brand name, we really have a deep impact on technologies that we use every single day,” Walters said. “You’ve got to turn on your lights; you’ve got to figure out how to produce your electricity, cleanly and environmentally friendly, so it’s affordable. We’re working on all of those technologies that go into producing the electricity to delivering it to our lightbulbs, and everything in between.”

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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 fifth 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 unyielding 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 other three 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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The activity is made possible in part by a grant provided by the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council through funding from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State’s general fund, and by a donation from the East Grand Forks Arts and Crafts Council
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 both games.

Leading for UND were senior Amanda Johnson, junior shortstop Carolyn Chewn-stodola, and sophomore Kim Granata, who both ran over home plate three times in Game 1 and twice more in the second game.

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

Senior Amanda Johnson, freshman Kaylin VanDomean 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 getting seven runs in seven hits, the second game.

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 Reece 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 Muckenhurnt 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 1-2 UND victory.

Though the hitters may have been on top of their game Saturday, all that mattered was the final 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 Brennahm after Campbell had got the first out of the inning.

After Brennahm 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 to start the game.”

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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The UND 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 shutout of the season and also ended in 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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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, running 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

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 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.

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