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Provost promises to prevent library deficit
— Student fears over Chester Fritz Library cuts unnecessary, says DiLorenzo

“There will not be any reduction (to the Chester Fritz Library) this year.” — UND Provost Thomas DiLorenzo

By Marie Monson
The Dakota Student

After students and faculty expressed concern over UND’s Chester Fritz Library potentially losing resources, university Provost Thomas DiLorenzo has clarified several points of misunderstanding and promised there will be no reduction in the library’s resources.

“Whatever the deficit is, I’ll find the money,” DiLorenzo promised in a meeting addressing the library’s struggle for funding, “I always planned to find the money.”

In the last couple months, students and faculty have become increasingly worried about losing library resources. This prompted history doctoral student Cody Stanley to organize the Save the Chester Fritz Library group in the attempt to spread awareness. He also continues to get signatures on a petition calling for two goals: That the provost find the money to keep the library at the same level next year as it is this year, and that students get a serious voice in the future direction of the library, which should include an increase in its budget.

“We’re really advocating for the administration to be accountable for this and to listen to the students,” Stanley said. “The one thing I’m pushing to everyone is, this is a public university. If you’re a North Dakota resident, this is your university. This isn’t the administration’s university, and you have the right to a properly funded research library.”

Stanley is one of the many students who use the library frequently, and says he feels a reduction in intellectual content would be detrimental to his terminal degree.

“I use the library on a daily basis as a history student,” Stanley said. “My life is researching books and scholarly articles; the key word is scholarly. All of the important, peer-reviewed information out there, the vast majority of it, isn’t free and on the Internet. If you want the real information with value, you have to go to the library. This sort of thing affects the intellectual content of one’s degree. The weight that our school’s name has is going to be reduced.”

Another activist in the Save the Chester Fritz Library movement is undergraduate student Kristof Nelson, who says he heard about the potential reduction in funds from a professor, and has been involved ever since.

“One of my history professors said at the beginning of the semester that the library was facing possible cuts, and it made me pretty mad because I’ve been doing a lot of research in the library for my senior thesis capture,” Nelson said. “That’s how my involvement started, was hearing all of the faculty concern. They said cuts would hinder their ability to conduct research, also, starting up my senior history project, as well, this is concerning to me.”

The Save the Chester Fritz Library group has almost 750 likes on Facebook as of Wednesday and also has a presence on Twitter, allowing students to stay up to date on signature numbers, meetings and other information pertaining to the library.

Public health week celebrated

By Emmy Erbes
The Dakota Student

For the first time, UND celebrated National Public Health Week with events and awareness. NPHW has taken place in the first full week of April nationwide since 1995, but this year is the first observance at UND because of new academic programs.

“This is the first year that we have an undergraduate major in public health education,” assistant professor of kinesiology and public health education Tanis Hastmann said. “It is also the second year for our master of public health degree through the med school.”

Students in both of the new undergraduate and graduate programs planned the week’s events and made efforts to educate people about the cause.

“We have never done anything like this before, and we’re excited because it’s new and innovative,” Hastmann said.

On Monday, a healthy eating booth was set up in the Memorial Union with free food and a drawing for an Amazing Grains gift card. Public health students hosted rock wall climbing Tuesday at the Wellness Center for all students to get active and meet new people.

The President’s Room of the
TV Shows
By Crossword Master Sam Wigness

Last issue’s crossword puzzle answers:

ACROSS
1. Purple dinosaur show
2. Island-based reality show
3. AMC’s zombie series
4. Florida group
5. Horatio Cane’s Florida group
6. Simon Cowell’s USA talent show
7. “Survey says” gameshow
8. Musical high-school series
9. “You win or you die” show
10. No-rules biker gang
11. Football-headed cartoon character
12. Football-headed cartoon character
13. “Survey says” gameshow
14. Snooki, JWOW and The Situation
15. Gator-hunting southerners
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19. TNT’s alien invasion drama
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Union was open on Wednesday as a nap room for students who wanted a place to relax with yoga mats and soft music. The public health students created the slogan “Catch Some Z’s, Avoid the Cs” to educate the attendees on the relationship between sleep and poor grades.

A public health display was set up in the Union all week, and stickers featuring the nationwide campaign slogan “This is Public Health” were placed all around campus.

The campaign, which started accompanying NPHW in 2008, has resulted in over 500,000 stick- ers placed in strategic locations around communities to highlight how public health impacts the well-being of every person.

“People don’t always understand the role public health plays in keeping our citizens and communities healthy,” Hastmann said.

She explained that the government makes many laws we take for granted, such as expiration dates on milk or refrigerator safety requirements, to protect citizens’ health.

“The most important part of this week is increasing awareness of what public health is, because it is still a relatively new endeavor,” Hastmann said. “Public health is all around us, and it’s important to the UND community.”

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The ASME is an internationally recognized organization that competes at the international competition, McNally said. "This win showcases bringing back our student chapter."

Heyd said he came up with the design after a lot of time, "beating our heads against the wall.

The students will spend the rest of this semester and the beginning of next semester rethinking and rebuilding their prototype for the competition in November. "These sophomores were competing against seniors from other schools and they came up with better ideas."

The first place victory gave the students a $500 grand prize, plus $1,500 for travel expenses to the international competition. The students plan on fundraising to help with the remaining costs of the trip. The grand prize at the international competition is $5,000.

"Hopefully we can win in November and get UND some recognition," Glaser said. "Plus it'll be a big resume builder for all of us."

"We still have a big hole to fill, and we're going to fill it by taking savings from other places," DiLorenzo said. "We're going to find the money."

One place to find that money could be from alumni. But director of the library Wilbur Stolt said part of the issue in getting funding from alumni is conveying to that older generation that online access is a vital part of research today.

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Going forward, the administration is looking to continue collaborating with students and faculty in making decisions in the hope that the future will be brighter and more sustainable.

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including the racially insensitive name in the title of the organization. Though it appears Snyder may have been successful because, as Colbert pointed out, there’s been much more focus on his joke than the actual racial insensitivity he was mocking.

This underlines a major problem in both social media and elsewhere. We’re offended far too easily. Colbert was not attempting to be racist, he was attempting to mock racism. Even if the intent had been racist, I still don’t think trying to shut his show down is fair.

Phil Robertson from the show “Duck Dynasty” made incredibly offensive remarks about homosexuals and African-Americans. While I certainly don’t approve of what he said, I don’t agree with A&E’s initial decision to fire Robertson.

He had a right to say those insensitive and ignorant things, just as I have the right to choose not to watch his show because I think it consists of nothing but ignorant red-necks acting like idiots. I might find his comments insensitive, however, I’m not offended by them, as I don’t expect much from someone with limited intelligence.

Words aren’t the things we need to be outraged by: Actions can be far more offensive than words could ever be.

Consider Chris Brown. This man savagely beat up an innocent pop singer, yet still has legions of fans leaping to defend him. He doesn’t show a bit of regret, labels all those who criticize him as “haters” and acts as if he genuinely doesn’t understand why people are upset.

I am much more offended and outraged by his actions than by any joke or insensitive or offensive comments people have.

How many people remember that Tim “the Toolman” Allen used to be a massive cocaine dealer? The only reason he makes crappy movies and TV shows instead of serving life in prison is that he ratted out all his friends for a reduced prison sentence.

Probably one of the worst crimes committed by these beloved celebrities was by Sean Penn. That’s right, the Oscar-winning humanitarian used to be a violent drunk in the most extreme sense.

He once tied his then-wife Madonna to a chair and beat her for several hours so severely that when she finally escaped and ran to the police they thought she was an escaped and ran to the police they thought she was an escaped prisoner.

People spend so much time looking for something to be personally offended by; whether it’s a supposedly insensitive comedian or an actually insensitive reality star, they tend to forget there are much worse things to actually be upset about.

I am far more outraged by people like Chris Brown, Tim Allen or Sean Penn than I will ever be by anyone who makes insensitive jokes or comments.

People are free to say whatever they want, but when they start committing crimes and brutal acts of violence than their freedom ends, or at least it should.

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Sex-E: programs inadequate for student needs

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sex has been and will always be a hot topic in society. After all, "sex sells." As a controversial topic, its role in society changes with how it portrayed through TV, movies, books, art, and ads.

These are often the sources for initial exposure for younger generations. Most like to believe that their ancestors lived very simple lives, that sex was a natural part of life. Teenagers don't feel like they should be awkward around adults. They should go into the nurses office and feel OK asking questions as well as imperative. Having readily available answers and safe sex materials (pamphlets, condoms, dams, etc.) is only going to help reduce negative consequences to teens.

After all, knowledge is power.

Illustration courtesy of Daryl Cagle/MSNBC.

Mary Ochs
The Dakota Student

I have to give props to the Resident Assistants (RA’s) we have on campus. They put a lot of time and effort into our residence halls, and much of it goes unnoticed and unappreciated by the students.

Many of their duties, such as putting on programs and events for their wing, don’t reap the turnouts the planners desire.

Maybe it’s every college, or maybe it’s just this one, but the residents living in the halls don’t seem to have much interest in participating in hall events.

As a resident myself, I can empathize. However, I have seen how much time the RA’s put into things, and it’s disappointing there are so few who appreciate it.

The residents who live on campus seem to stick to their own schedule. They have their own friends, own routine and don’t seem to be enthralled with group participation. Everyone seems to do just their thing, make friends and do their own thing.

Between classes, parties and myriad other events on campus, students have plenty to do. It’s no wonder they don’t have the desire to participate in wing or hall events. They already have their friends and plans for the night.

I’ve been in the residence halls for two years now, and I’ve gone to about four events total. Some of them weren’t even for my hall or put on by my RA, but rather planned by a friend of mine in another hall.

I went to a few of the events for my wing last year, but only because practically everyone in my wing was friends and we were together anyway.

It’s different when you aren’t familiar with most of the people you are surrounded by. Humans, we don’t have a burning desire to step out of our comfort zone and spend time with people we don’t especially know.

I know the RA’s are required to put on a certain number of events for their hall each semester, but I have to wonder if it’s even worth it.

Why are RA’s even required to host events?

Yes, it provides people with things to do other than drink and party. It also gives residents an opportunity to meet people on their wing.

But in reality, if the residents wanted to have those opportuni ties, they could voice their request to their RA. This would be a more convenient alternative to RA’s being required to plan events. It would definitely save them wasted time and effort to unite the halls.

Residents don’t attend and don’t understand how much work it takes to make the events possible. They don’t appreciate it.

I’m guilty of this too. I don’t have a desire to participate in activities in my wing or my hall. I don’t even talk to people in either place. I have my friends outside the hall and they’re who I choose to spend my time with.

That isn’t saying I wouldn’t participate in these events if I was with people I was close to and wanted to spend time with. If it was something popular around the halls it would be different, but going to hall events isn’t popular. That’s where an optional alternative should come in.

If hosting these events was optional, RA’s could ask their residents if they were interested in participating, and if not, it would save a lot of time and effort. It’s a pretty good idea and positive surprises await residents who don’t really care.

We have really good RA’s on campus. Usually, when I don’t know my current RA very well, she’s usually been there when I need something. I’m friends with a few other who are in different residence halls and not only are they great at their job, they have great relationships with their residents as well.

I can’t imagine how frustrating it must to be put the time and effort into something while knowing it will probably have a small chance of success.

The situation may never change, and it’s unlikely that residents will ever be interested in spending time on residence hall events and programs. It just seems to be the way it is. But if the events in the halls were optional upon request, they would be based on desire to attend, and they could cater more to their residents’ interests and availability.

The optional method for event-planning could be the solution for the lack of turnout in residence hall events.

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Court rulings favor bribery

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Money can buy many things, and as of the ruling on April 2, money can buy college before.

On April 2, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in favor of eliminating campaign spending limits and donations were also eliminated.

Justifications can be made in their defense. If people can burn the American flag and protest funerals of fallen soldiers, then certainly they have a right to donate their own money.

Politics should be about the people and the concerns they have for the betterment of their own lives. A limitless amount of money allows for funding elections gives the opportunity for more than morals and common public interest to influence politics.

With all the talk of corruption and fixing a country which is in massive debt, this Supreme Court decision seems to be in disagreement.

This court case, McCutcheon vs. Federal Election Commission, was seemingly a Republican vs. Christian battle. All five justices who voted for removing the cap were appointed by Republican presidents, while all who voted to keep the cap were selected by Democratic presidents.

The collision of views has gone down almost the same in the previous five cases involving the increase of funds in the last eight years. The only difference was in the 2006 case, Randell vs. Sorrell, when the vote was 5-3 to overturn Vermont’s limits on campaign contributors and spending.

With Supreme Court justices considerably one of the most secure positions you can get, the change in views and justices in favor of such actions, will not change for some time.

What will come of this new court decision? Will bribery be legal and protected by the Constitution?

They shouldn’t have taken the cap off entirely, but instead raised the amounts and not to be knowledgeable of their use.

Secondary schools need to teach sex much like college campuses do. Accept that it’s occurring, not shaming those who do, and educating and informing properly about sex.

The availability of condoms and dental dams here on campus (free at Student Health) is the best I’ve seen in an educational establishment, and this provided information and supply of contraceptives should be just as available to teenagers.

They should be teaching that sex isn’t ‘bad’ or ‘dirty’, rather a natural part of life. Teens shouldn’t feel they should be ashamed of their bodies. They absolutely could be bashful around adults. They should go into the nurses office and feel OK asking about birth controls — how to get them, how they work — without feeling like they’re going to be shamed or get into trouble by doing so.

Religious parents are often against this, believing only in absti nence. My thought on that is, it’s a public school, you can teach what you feel is right to your kid, and you have that right. But limiting sex youth from possibly prevent ing pregnancy or spreading STI’s is selfish and quite frankly, negligent to those teens.

People don’t like talking about sex, yet it’s constantly around us. Educating our younger generations not only on biological functions and abstinence, but how sex works and what are proper feelings, about sex instead of them having to ask questions as well is imperative.

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Illustration courtesy of Daryl Cagle/MSNBC.
Event Information

Announcers: Jerry Dearly, St. Paul, MN & Vince Beyl, Bemidji, MN
Host Drum: Elk Soldier, Marty, SD
Arena Director: Rusty Gillette, Falls Church, VA
Head Man Dancer: Damian Webster, Buffalo, NY
Head Woman Dancer: Pearl Walker, Cass Lake, MN

Contest Categories
Golden Age Men’s & Women’s (55+)
Senior Adult Men’s & Women’s (35-54)
Junior Adult Men’s & Women’s (18-34)
Teen Boys & Girls (13-17)
Junior Boys & Girls (6-12)
Tiny Tots Day Money (0-5)
Singing Contest (1st-4th)

Specials: Joyce "Teese" Schroeder Memorial Special
Women’s Old Style Jingle Dress Special sponsored
by the Walker Family

Registration will be Friday, April 11, 2014 @ 4PM.
Registration will close Saturday, April 12, 2014 @ 1PM.
Contest rules and other information are available online at
www.und.edu/org/undia

Attention All Participants
All dancers and singers are required to fill out a w-9 or
w-7 before registration which will require their Social
Security Number (SSN) or Social Insurance Numbers (SIN).
Note: Non-U.S. prize winners will be subject to additional IRS
paperwork, and payments will be mailed.

Admission
UND students free (Must show current student ID)
$12 for weekend or $7 per day
$10 & over and 5 & under free
(Wristbands must be worn at all times)

Grand Entries
Friday, April 11 @ 7PM
Saturday, April 12 @ 1PM & 7PM
Sunday, April 13 @ 1PM

Traditional Meal
Everyone is welcome to attend the traditional meal on Saturday,
April 12, 2014 @ 5PM.

Craft Vendors
Contact Darlene Nelson (701)777-4291 or go to
www.und.edu/org/undia for an application

Indian Studies Association (ISA)
Time-Out Week Educational Activities
April 7-11, 2014 UND Campus
Contact: Indian Studies Association at (701) 777-4650
Email: margaret.r.scott@my.und.edu

Men’s Basketball Tournament
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**DS FEATURES**

**Engineering students return from Iceland**
— GREEN Program fuses internship and study abroad into two week journey to Reykjavik

By Mathew McKay and Sam Wigness
The Dakota Student

UND students Alex Wilson and Taylor Storey spent spring break in Iceland, which, despite its name, was warmer than Grand Forks. The duo wasn’t taking the week off to catch a tan; their trip was with the GREEN Program, a national organization that combines the features of traditional internships with study abroad programs to help students advance careers in green energy.

“Study Abroad is pretty difficult to correlate with the courses that UND requires,” Wilson said. “So they kind of created this program to get a Study Abroad without necessarily taking the academic hit and setback.”

Wilson and Storey were accompanied by 24 other engineering students from colleges including Rutgers, University of Iowa and University of Wisconsin.

“Everyone was from a different discipline of engineering and everyone really came with different perspectives,” Wilson said.

As a petroleum engineering major, Wilson is aware his discipline is a non-green one, but made it his goal to become as cross-educated and cross-connected as possible on this trip. He said he hopes to spark collaboration between oil and green energy companies and help them share technology.

The GREEN Programs helped Wilson take steps toward this goal through networking and field experience.

“Learning, in theory, is always great — there is nothing wrong with it,” Wilson said. “But it is so different seeing it in a classroom than when you get to see it being applied. (The program) laid out their expectation of us on the very first day. They made it clear that we were there to learn (first), and then we were there to go on adventures as well.”

Wilson said he became friends with the other students on the trip, and continues to connect with them through a Facebook group.

“I believe it is very important, me networking with all engineers and people with the same aspirations and goals,” he said. “It’s really creating a network that could be very strong for the future.”

While the trip was academically and professionally focused, the group went mountain climbing to hot springs, camping and went behind a waterfall.

“We never really stayed in the same place more than one night,” Wilson said. “We were bouncing all over the island and did all sorts of things.”

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**44th Time Out Week focuses on gender issues**
— Week-long Native American culture celebration includes guest speakers, powwow

By Ashley Marquis
The Dakota Student

President of the Indian Studies Association Jayde Serich said.

Time Out began on Monday morning with an opening ceremony and included a presentation by Serich, a presentation on domestic violence against women by Michelle Rivard-Parks, an appointed member of the North Dakota Supreme Court State and Tribal Court Committee, a family science night, and a viewing of “Rivard-Parks, an appointed member of the North Dakota Supreme Court State and Tribal Court Committee, a family science night, and a viewing of “Firewaters” by Michelle Rivard-Parks, an appointed member of the North Dakota Supreme Court State and Tribal Court Committee.

“Learning, in theory, is always great — there is nothing wrong with it,” Serich said. “But it is so different seeing it in a classroom than when you get to see it being applied. (The program) laid out their expectation of us on the very first day. They made it clear that we were there to learn (first), and then we were there to go on adventures as well.”

Wilson said he became friends with the other students on the trip, and continues to connect with them through a Facebook group.

“I believe it is very important, me networking with all engineers and people with the same aspirations and goals,” he said. “It’s really creating a network that could be very strong for the future.”

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“I encourage everyone to come,” Serich said. “We open it up to anyone who is curious to learn about Native American culture. It is not just a week for Native American students, but it is for everyone interested in learning.”

After wrapping up Time Out Week, Wacipi — the Dakota word for powwow or party — begins today. Wacipi is coordinated through the University of North Dakota Indian Association, which is a student organization of American Indians and includes a dance competition and a basketball tournament.

“One thing that I find especially moving is how our UNDA students emerge as community leaders and the pride they feel in seeing a year’s worth of extremely hard work and planning come to fruition,” UND Director of American Indian Student Services and adviser to UNDA Leigh Jeanotte said.

The powwow includes a dance competition and basketball tournament. It will be held at the Hyslop Sports Center with grand entry beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday night. It costs $12 for the entire weekend or $5 per day for adults, and is free for children younger than 5, adults over 60 and UND students. A traditional meal will be served at 5 p.m. Saturday and is free to the public.

Jeanotte said he expects between 3,000 to 4,000 people to attend Wacipi.

“The annual UNDIA Time Out Wacipi is truly a community-wide celebration in every aspect, a celebration of our campus, community, cultural contributions and diversity, and certainly student persistence, contributions, accomplishments and leadership,” Jeanotte said. “This truly beautiful celebration of community featuring the tribal cultures and diversity, truly sets UND apart from any other institution of higher learning.”

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Gun shots, police officers and rumors changed the plans of the friends celebrating a 10th wedding anniversary on Tuesday in Neil Simon’s comedy “Rumors” performed by UND Theatre.

The play was adapted drastically from its performances in other theatres to fit the Burtness Theatre’s small stage. Normally the couch is located next to the chairs with a staircase behind them, but the Burtness stage looked too small for the original set.

In this set, the couch was set in front of two chairs and a table which made conversation between the actors confusing.

Fortunately, this was the only thing I didn’t like about the whole performance, which wasn’t the theatre’s fault, but more the size of the stage.

In the beginning of the show, characters Chris Gorman (Emily Wirkus) and Ken Gorman (Matt Trujillo) were dressed in over-the-top, flashy outfits that matched their over-exaggerated personalities and the tone of the show.

Chris starts the first scene by waiting for a call from the doctor, because the host of the dinner party, Charley, shot himself in the ear moments before Chris and Ken arrived. They assumed Charley was trying to commit suicide. However, they didn’t know the truth because Charley was passed out, Charley’s wife Myra was missing and “the help” had also disappeared.

Characters Claire Ganz (Jacqueline DeGraff) and Lenny Ganz (Zack Lee) were the next guests to arrive and were dressed just as glamorous and over the top as the first couple.

However, before they arrived at the party, they were in a car accident that resulted in Lenny having whiplash and Claire having a sore back the whole night.

Chris and Ken failed at hiding Charley’s incident from Claire and Larry and the couples began spreading rumors that Myra was having an affair, and that’s why Charley tried to kill himself.

Cookie Cusack (Daniella Lima) and Ernie Cusack (Joe Bussey) were the third couple to arrive and were definitely the oddest.

The final couple to arrive was Cassie Cooper (Jackie O’Neil) and Glenn Cooper (Patrick Kloeckner). These characters portrayed the stereotypical jealous wife and the “it didn’t mean anything” husband.

Near the end of the show, the suicide attempt was known to all four couples. Myra was still missing, Charley was still passed out and the police showed up at Charley and Myra’s house to ask questions about Lenny and Claire’s car accident.

Officer Welch (Brandon Welch) and Officer Pudney (Hannah Diers) started asking questions, and Lenny came out disguised as Charley and told them a fake gunshot story that he had made up.

Larry’s story started with Charley trying to shoot at a strange man at their door and Myra going into the basement. He then said he had accidently locked her in there but passed out because he took Valium on accident.

Officer Welch believed the crazy story and left. The couples then re-visited questioning the whole thing when all of a sudden they hear Myra calling out from the basement.

That is where the show ended, with the audience wondering how Larry knew the real truth of what had happened.

The UND Theatre puts on several shows a year, but “Rumors” was the first I have attended, and I was surprised by how entertaining the show was throughout. It only cost $5 for students, which was a great deal for how humorous the play was. I could only assume the audience agreed with me, with the amount of laughter going on the whole night.

I would give the performers four out of five stars. While the acting and story was entertaining and engaging, the set was distracting and confusing.

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GREEN Program tries to make study abroad trips as cheap and efficient as possible, so Storley and Wilson drove to Winnipeg and flew to Saskatoon, Edmonton and then on to Iceland’s main international airport in Keflavik.

Once in Iceland, the students were split into groups and worked on capstone projects for earned academic credit. They also attended lectures at the Icelandic School of Energy master’s program and were granted access to world leading green energy facilities.

By the end of the trip, Wilson was nominated as an ambassador to Iceland by the chancellor of UND.

“It’s a big world, and there is always something to learn,” Wilson said. “There is always someone to teach you and everyone has something to learn.”

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While Schweigert hired
many new faces to his staff, Dan-
ny Freund is one of two familiar
coaches carried over from the
previous staff. As a former UND
quarterback, Freund is tackling
new challenges as he acts as the
wide receivers coach.

It’s only a few weeks into
the spring season, and Freund
has already seen much potential
from the players and their reac-
tion to a new routine.

“The big thing this spring,
like coach Schweigert said, is
to get better every day,” Freund
said. “Every day we come out
here, we need to improve on
something and get better from
the previous day. The guys are
bringing a lot of energy and
coming to work every day.”

It’s a far look ahead to Au-
gust, but the coaching staff is
staying persistent in improving
and learning about its players.

In the midst of the learning
process, Schweigert hopes lead-
ers will soon start stepping up.

“The leadership will start
showing,” he said. “Obviously
we want to look to our guys that
play a lot … but we’ll take lead-
ership from anybody. Everybody
is responsible for some type of
leadership.”

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The UND football team huddles during spring practice Wednesday at Memorial Stadium.
Muckenhirn chose to put on a green and white jersey. When he first came to North Dakota as a freshman, he had the desire to be part of the team, but he didn’t have the idea he would become an essential piece to the pitching rotation.

“In the beginning, earlier in the year, when I had talks with the coaches, we talked about the possibility of me being somewhere in the rotation,” Muckenhirn said. “Best case scenario, being the fourth man, a midweek starter, once in a while. But more than anything, I was just hoping to get some relief innings in.”

All it took was a start against Central Arkansas on March 1, and the coaches knew they wanted more from Muckenhirn than just relief innings. Muckenhirn pitched for 6.1 strong innings while only giving up four hits and no earned runs — striking out six batters.

“The first few times out, it went surprisingly well for me,” he said. “It was really encouraging and exciting.”

While his win-lose record sits at 1-2, Muckenhirn has been one of UND’s best pitchers in the first half of the season. In the six games he has started this year, Muckenhirn has only let up 13 runs off of 30 hits. His ERA of 3.51 is solid, and he is leading the team in strikeouts at 33.

Even though he has had a good start to the season, Muckenhirn knows he needs to continue to improve to help this team.

“I have struggled a little bit,” he said. “At no point did I feel that it was because I was overmatched or anything. I thought, ‘you know what, every once in a while somebody’s going to struggle and you’re going to find a slump’… I just have to push through it.

“I would say the season has been mildly successful, but I definitely have higher expectations of myself.”

Muckenhirn is confident in his abilities and knows he can only get better. While the coaches at UND may have not known it when he signed on, they have found their pitcher.

“The freshman does want to improve and put up numbers, but he is not doing it for himself — the team always comes first in Muckenhirn’s mind.

“The goal for myself is that every single time I go out and pitch, when I leave the game, I want my team to be in a better position to win when I came into the game,” he said.

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Golfers swing South

By Mariah Holland

The Dakota Student

The UND men’s and women’s golf teams were in action this past Monday and Tuesday with the men swinging in Jonesboro, Ark., while the women were competing in Kansas City.

Men’s team

The men’s team took 21st in the Arkansas State Red Wolves Intercollegiate tournament. Sean Halvorson took the top-placing spot among UND competitors as he finished tied for the 25th spot.

The host of the tournament, Arkansas State, took the top spot, with Belmont finishing second. This was the last chance UND had to get ready for the golf championships, which will be held later this month.

Women’s team

The women’s team tied for 11th place in the Gary Crosley Ford Kansas City Shootout.

Freshman Alexis Guggisberg led the way for UND as she finished tied for the 22nd place. Wichita State took the first place spot in the tournament as host Kansas City took fifth place.

Final stretch

The UND women’s team will be heading to Chandler, Ariz. to compete in the Big Sky Championship on April 20-22.

The men’s team will compete in its last tournament April 24-27 at the American Sky Championship in Angel’s Camp, Calif.

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Confidence on the pitching mound
— Freshman pitcher Zach Muckenhirn finds his rhythm with UND baseball team

By Alex Stadnik
The Dakota Student

The first quality Zach Muckenhirn exudes is how humble he is. But don’t let that fool you.

The young freshman pitcher on the UND baseball team has a level of confidence not many pitchers possess this early into their college careers.

“I feel that on any given at-bat, I can beat that person, be better than that person,” Muckenhirn said. “I just want to do absolutely everything I can to help our team get that W.”

Muckenhirn grew up in Delano, Minn., playing baseball through his early years, like many kids do. He pitched for the varsity team in high school for three years — dominating high schoolers with his expert pitches.

During his senior year, Muckenhirn was invited to play with the Minnesota Blizzard, a prestigious baseball academy in the Twin Cities for the top baseball prospects in the state.

After his high school days were over, Muckenhirn had to pick the college where he would continue his career. That’s when UND came calling.

“They were one of the first bigger schools to contact me … and then I came on my visit,” Muckenhirn said. “I really liked the campus … The coaching staff

New coaches lead team into spring season
— UND football team hits the field with leaders building new routine, elevating enthusiasm

By Elizabeth Erickson
The Dakota Student

It was like the first day of freshman year all over again — not just for the first-year players on UND’s football roster, but for veteran seniors who had already spent years with a program that grew to be a part of them.

Nearly 66 eager players and nine assistant coaches followed the direction of first-year UND football coach Bubba Schweigert as the team began its spring season practice schedule a few weeks ago.

“It was just good to get out here so the guys could get into a routine with new coaches,” Schweigert said following day one of spring practice. “A lot of these guys have not worked with any of these coaches before and the coaches that were retained are coaching new positions, so it was good to get out here and get into a bit of a routine.”

A rising energy level and building enthusiasm were carried into the following days, but Schweigert expressed before his team hit the field that each player would be working for their spot in the lineup.

“No guarantees for the guys, just an opportunity to compete for playing time,” he said. “We’re starting with a blank slate for everybody.”

“I told guys if they have one