Franklin, Johnson win election

By Emmy Eberes
The Dakota Student

Tanner Franklin will serve as Student Body President for the 2014-2015 academic year along with his running mate Brett Johnson who will serve as the student body vice president. The two met through Greek life and decided to run in the election after encouragement from peers.

Franklin and Johnson earned 1,499 votes to beat their opponents Collin Hanson and Hayley Hamilton, who received 705 votes. Johnson said maintaining a positive campaign, and what helped him and Franklin win the race, and they will continue that focus in their new positions.

Sophomore Brett Johnson said the candidates’ campaigns played a part in the higher amount of voters.

“I think both sides maintained a positive campaign, and that kept students interested,” Johnson said.

Last year’s turnout was 2,077 votes, and this year 2,194 students voted. Chair of Student Government Elections Committee Alan Oberg said this year’s election can be contributed to efforts from both the committee and the candidates.

“We advertised for the election early and often, and the candidates themselves actually advertised a lot, too,” Oberg said. “One thing different from last year was that the race was more contentious. When candidates worry that they might not be elected, they go out and persuade more people to vote for them.”

“We would like to keep visiting student organizations next year and not stay tucked away in an office,” Johnson said. “We want to be an outlet for students to voice their opinions.”

Student outreach was the core of their platform and this will be the first issue they work on next semester.

“We want to do not only email — which has been a great resource with Tuesday Twos — but have great communication between students and senate, especially when important issues come up,” Johnson said.

In addition to voting for Student Body President and Vice President, students picked candidates for Student Senate based on their location of residence — off-campus, Greek housing, on-campus apartments or residence hall.

Forum held for Budget Model Redesign

By Megan Hoffman
The Dakota Student

An open forum on April 14 invited members of the university to share their thoughts and opinions and to ask questions about the Budget Model Redesign Initiative that is being implemented at UND. The initiative currently is in its third stage out of five stages and is expected to be fully implemented in the next year or two.

Representatives from Huron Consulting Company were on hand at the forum to present the process for implementing the system and explain how it will affect UND in the future.

“I want to thank the university community for being with us this afternoon to talk about a few issues that are very much a part of our collaborative success,” UND President Robert Kelley said. “The framing that we’ve all invested in our Exceptional UND plan lays a great groundwork for us to continue to work together to develop these mechanisms and processes by which we are going to allocate resources to achieve the Exceptional UND that we are all working so hard to achieve.”

The budget initiative started in the summer of 2013 and will work hand-in-hand with the Program and Support System Service Prioritization to help UND better understand how and where it should be spending its money.

“This is not complicated at all, at least in my mind,” Kelley said. “Now, I realize the nuts and bolts are complicated, but I think as we look ahead as a university, we must recognize that we have revenue streams coming into the university that fluctuate year to year.”

Along with Kelley and representatives from Huron, Provost Thomas DiLorenzo and Vice President for Finance and Operations Alice Brekke also were on hand to make comments on the budget initiative.

“UND has partnered with Huron Consulting Group which is assisting the university in determining what budget model will best enable UND to reach its goals and guide us through the transition to a new model,” DiLorenzo said.

Huron Consulting has worked with universities across the country, especially in the years since the recession, to find the best ways to strategize budgets.

 Kelley assured the audience that UND is not going through any budget crisis, but is working to implement a new budget system to be more efficient in the future.

“We’re not in a hard time,” Kelley said. “I don’t want anyone to think we’re going into a crisis that’s going to start July 1. We are not. But I do think this is responsible management for the administration and leadership of our university to develop processes that are collaborative that are shared that are fully transparent that will help us understand how we resource various components of the university.”

Students and faculty gather in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl to discuss the upcoming budget redesign. Photo by Chester Beltowski/The Dakota Student.

Campus celebrates Earth Day

By Ashley Marquis
The Dakota Student

On Wednesday, UND celebrated Earth Day a day late with a vendor fair in the Memorial Union and a campus-wide meeting held by the Council on Environmental Sustainability.

The meeting discussed ways in which UND has been reducing its carbon footprint and the ways in which it plans to continue reducing hopefully to the point where UND develops a neutral climate meaning it would provide no net greenhouse gas emission.

“We have been recognized nationally,” UND President Robert Kelley said in regard to UND’s efforts to be more sustainable.

The UND Council on Environmental Sustainability is working on leading people to being more environmentally sustainable, supporting efforts to be environmentally sustainable,
Food
By Crossword Master Sam Wigness

Down
1 "We were like peas and ___"
2 Mac and ___
4 "We all scream for ___"
6 McDonald's and Five Guys specialty
8 Brined cucumbers
9 Buttery movie snack
15 Donkey Kong's snack
16 Thanksgiving bird
20 Isaac Newton's fruit
23 Raw fish wrapped in seaweed
24 Bell and John's

Across
2 On or off the cob
3 Chipotle and Qdoba's specialty
5 Valentine's Day gift
8 Meat and
10 Ballpark must-have
11 Popular breakfast meat
12 Popular burger side
13 Mixed greens and dressing
14 College student go-to noodles
15 Bread and
16 "No ___ for you!
19 Tall or short stack
21 Eight slices of heaven
22 Sunny-side up or over easy
25 Chips and melted cheese
26 Wedding and birthday must-have

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percent. Alan Oberg explained that the amendment cleans up some of the grammar in the constitution, moves certain sections that should not have been in the constitution to the bylaws, and now requires the Student Body President to make a veto within three days instead of five.

With these changes in place, Brett Johnson said the main issues Student Government will be facing in the upcoming year include the North Dakota legislature session, a possible change in the credits requirement for full-time students, campus safety and tuition. He encouraged students to voice their opinions to him and Franklin.

"In general, Tanner and I are pretty open people and would love it if students that have ideas would come forward and talk to us," he said. "We want them to feel free voicing their opinions to us, and we can find a resolution if there is a problem."

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Rebecca Romsdahl (left) and Katherine Duray (right) run a booth in the Memorial Union to raise environmental awareness. Photo by Chester Beltowski/
The Dakota Student.

developing a climate action plan and updating that biannually and advising administration and personnel in new technologies. The council is chaired by Larry Zitlow, director of facilities, and Soizik Laguette, chairwoman for the earth system science and policy department.

"It is hard but fun work," Laguette said. "It is very rewarding.

In 2006, UND signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment to eliminate campus greenhouse gas emissions over time. Currently, there are 680 schools across the nation have signed this pledge.

Technology Advancement Coordinator Randall Bohlman said many colleges that have signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment have a goal to have no net greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. UND did not target a net zero greenhouse gas emissions because it did not think that was possible by 2050 because of the cold climate in North Dakota, Bohlman said.

"We do not know if it is possible to develop a neutral climate, but we are trying to," Bohlman said. Since 2007, UND has been tracking greenhouse gas emissions with inventory reports and has found that over half of the greenhouse gas emissions at UND come from what is called direct emissions which includes the steam plant on campus and transportation such as the UND fleet of vehicles and aviation.

UND has completed four rounds of projects to become more energy efficient.

"Energy efficiency is not about giving anything up but about increasing your quality of life. You can do things better and do more things but with less energy," Bohlman said. Since the various projects have been completed, UND has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 UND is expected to decrease its greenhouse gas emissions by about one-third.

Bohlman said in the last 10 years, the university has had a huge growth of building spaces and students, all while decreasing greenhouse gas emissions.

"We are on target, which is a good thing," Bohlman said.

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HALLS — and area of study. They also voted for members of University Senate, which consists of representatives from the four populations on campus: faculty, staff, administration and students. Students have 14 spots on the University Senate, of which 10 senators are elected and four serve ex-officio.

Because all the votes were cast online rather than paper ballots, the winners for Student Body President and Vice President were known instantly after voting closed. Most of the winners for Student Senate and University Senate were known right away, but the write-ins and ties still need to be resolved. All results from the election will remain unofficial until the April 27 meeting of Student Senate.

A constitutional amendment requiring a two-thirds vote of Student Senate and majority vote of the student body received 1,727 “yes” votes, an approval of 87.44 percent. Alon Oberg explained that the amendment cleans up some of the grammar in the constitution, moves certain sections that should not have been in the constitution to the bylaws, and now requires the Student Body President to make a veto within three days instead of five.
Google Glass Is Banned
On These Premises

Margaret Upton
The Dakota Student

Google's newest and "best" product was put on a pedestal and sold one day only on April 15th — Google Glass. Glass won't divulge exactly how many units were sold that day, but it's reported to be numbered in the thousands.

Glass is sold in frame colors of cotton white, charcoal, shale, tangerine and sky blue. The Glass is paired with a Google-created Explorer program that monitors the usage and capabilities of Google Glass. The technology and Explorer program enrollment cost the proud owners $1,500 and were sold out in a matter of hours.

Glass is a technology that should not yet be introduced to the American public because the general non-techie public isn't ready for wearable technology. Wearable technology has the potential to handicap the forever-deteriorating non-techie public because the general non-techie public isn't ready for wearable technology. Wearable technology has the potential to handicap the forever-deteriorating non-techie public.

Glass was put on a pedestal and sold one day only at a premium price tag, all technology is developed with planned obsolescence in mind. In a short period of time, Google will come up with improvements and offer a Glass 2. Samsung already has begun developing its own version of Glass.

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The Dakota Banner controversy sparks old debate

Michael Rauser

The Dakota Student

You may have heard about the recent controversy involving the UND chapter of Gamma Phi Beta. It recently found itself in trouble for displaying a banner for the NCAA Frozen Four Hockey tournament. The banner read, “You can take away our mascot, but you can’t take away our pride!”

President Robert Kelley went so far as to send out an email apologizing for the banner — claiming it demonstrated a lack of sensitivity, civility and respect.

I would disagree with this interpretation of these events. Several sides President Kelley have claimed this controversy acted in a manner that was racially insensitive, implying the name was dropped for being offensive to Native Americans which is demonstrably false.

The name was dropped because of pressure from the NCAA, and not because of actual offense voiced demonstrably false.

Several being it demonstrated a lack of sensitivity, civility and respect. It would fend, but many actively supported the name and fought to keep it.

Frank Blackcloud, a spokesperson for Spirit Lake (one of the local Sioux Tribes), told KXMB CBS 12 he was proud of the logo.

“We gave UND permission years ago,” he told the TV station. “This was a gift, and that the NCAA doesn’t understand, nobody has the right to take that gift away except a Sioux tribe, and the only reason we would take it away is if they were doing dishonor to the Sioux name, and not doing that. They’re holding it respectfully, and with honor, and in its tradition — and are doing everything proper.”

People keep trying to make it a race issue, but it has nothing to do with race. At least it doesn’t to the very people who were supposed to be offended by it. It seemed as if no one but President Kelley was openly offended by the banner.

Another important thing to understand in the context of this issue, is that even though the university has officially retired the logo, the students never have.

All across campus, students display the Sioux logo on their backpacks, T-shirts and everything else. I even have the Sioux logo on the inside of my van. Am I racist for displaying this logo on my van? Should I also

Campus housing best option

Mary Ochs

The Dakota Student

I’ve come to realize living on-campus has many more benefits for students than living off-campus.

It offers much more convenience and involvement and focus, which helps students in the long run. There’s such a hype and popularity associated with living off-campus, but in reality it may not always be the best situation.

The most obvious perk of living on university property is the convenience. This doesn’t necessarily refer to the standard situation of living in a dorm, having a meal plan and participating in campus activities.

Even in U-Place or campus apartments poses more convenience than a standard apartment or house.

Having your rent paid as part of your tuition at the beginning of the school year is great in many ways. It eliminates the stress of having to worry about rent, utilities and bothering with a landlord.

Knowing that the university takes care of your maintenance needs is quite comforting. It seems far more reliable than placing your trust and finances in the hands of companies or landlords. Granted, there are always policies and procedures to follow, but those policies are in place so that student’s best interests are all protected.

Another great opportunity that comes with living on-campus is the ability to be more integrated with your campus.

I didn’t realize until I met my friends this year how easy it is to be out of the loop. I still live on-campus, but being involved in only a few activities, I miss out on a lot. I can’t even imagine how much I’d miss out on if I didn’t live on campus at all.

My friends are actively involved in the Association of Residence Halls and student housing, and know a lot about university activities. I discover much from them, and also through spending a lot of time on campus. With all the money I spend attending this university, it only makes sense to be aware and updated on what’s happening throughout it.

Living on-campus allows so many more opportunities to not only know what’s happening around campus, but to be actively involved as well. I’ve seen how informed you can be by being a part of AH and housing, but in order to do that you need to live on campus.

Being involved in clubs is great too, but if you live off-campus it’s less appealing to be involved in them because you have to drive to campus whenever there’s a meeting or function.

Certainly living in an off-campus residence has advantages. It gets you away from the same buildings, people, sounds and even smells we experience every day on campus. It proves your independence and makes you seem like you know what you’re doing with your life.

While I have no issue with living off-campus, and certainly no problem with those who choose to, it definitely is in a student’s best interest to live on-campus for at least a year, especially the first one. This allows you to experience on-campus life and integrate yourself as part of the university.

That’s why many universities require freshmen to live in campus housing for their first year. It not only helps students manage their new-found freedom, but also forces them to learn for themselves what the true experience of living on campus is like.

It’s great to have your own independence and freedom. However, it’s still advisable living on-campus. It doesn’t necessarily mean you need to be tied down in the dorms or with a meal plan; which are expensive and frankly not worth the money.

In order to really know what true college living is like, you need to experience living on-campus at some point. It may not show it’s true appeal initially, but I’m sure when we have mortgages and bills, we will reminisce and want to live these times.

Fad diets still problematic

Stephanie Gartner

The Dakota Student

None of us are truly immune to the expectations of body image that society and media so blatantly put on us. Even if we don’t conform to all of these ideals, it’s nearly impossible to escape the effects they have had on others.

We already know plenty of people who were struggling with these expectations this last semester. Unfortunately, they go to extremes to look good for spring break or vacation.

In high school, a pair of my friends decided to work together and support each other in weight loss — going to the gym together, emotional support, ect. Unfortunately, they didn’t necessarily use a healthy diet. Rather, they decided all they would consume was protein shakes.

These meal substitutes aren’t bad — they still provide protein and other nutrients. But to replace all meals with a fortified drink isn’t enough for your body. You’re missing out on many nutrients and fiber to help digestion.

I know of another girl who would work out and go from fast diet to fast diet which varied from eating one kind of fruit — and that is — to just drinking juice everyday in order to lose weight.

A friend also told me of a girl who was purely consuming juiced fruits and veggies in order to look good for spring break. Now, juicing is delicious and so much healthier than buying store bought juice — but again, only consuming one kind of food or drink is so incredibly unhealthy for your system, even if it is healthy by itself.

It’s so disheartening to hear these stories of how determined people are to fit the stereotypical image of appearance that they’re sacrificing their health to do so.

Girls are not the only ones who do this — many guys will only rely on protein supplements and shake to help them bulk up.

Healthy lifestyles aren’t restriction. Maintaining moderation and frequency in which you eat is absolutely important. I believe having dessert after a meal is healthy — I’m not restricting for long periods of time then binging when I give in.

It’s difficult to sustain a healthy lifestyle in college with classes, work, papers and exams, but it’s not out of reach. Resorting to extreme, restrictive methods to lose weight is not only ineffective, it’s also harmful, sometimes warping your metabolism.

I’m just as guilty of grabbing a bag of chips at the Co-Op as taking a chocolate bar and crunching the sugar. I try to combat that by keeping healthy and filling my body with fruit, vegetables and pick healthy choices when I do purchase lunch on campus.

If becoming healthy and losing weight is something you would like to do, don’t give in to restrictive fad diets.

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**PLAY REVIEW**

"Last of the Boys" *****

By Misti Meads
The Dakota Student

The Greater Grand Forks Community Theatre displayed war drafts, military war stories and live music in its performance of the “Last of the Boys” Friday night at the Fire Hall Theatre.

The play follows Vietnam War veteran Benjamin Lee Holloway (Rob Howard) dealing with the struggles of his life during the war and how it affects his current situation.

While audience members found their seats, a man played country songs on guitar and harmonica and continued to do so during the show. This added to the overall performance because it set the mood for the play before it actually began.

At the beginning, director Kathy Coudle-King introduced a First Gulf War veteran to read a monologue he had written himself during the winter’s writ- ing program “Warrior Words” that the Fire Hall Theatre had previously held.

The monologue read by the veteran was sad, and it helped the audience understand the meaning of the play. Since the play was a drama, the veteran’s piece helped to set the tone for the show. I have attended plays at the Fire Hall Theatre before, but this was a first. It was defi- nitely an added bonus to the performance.

Even though the live music was the only one used during the show, I have attended plays at the Fire Hall Theatre even more. During the inter- mission, Coudle-King pulled smoke machine to add effects to the smoke and floors covered, but there was a real campfire.

Not only were all the walls and floors covered, but there was a real camper, a smoke pit (and a smoke machine to add effects to the fire), and it even smelled like a campfire.

The camper and woods set was the only one used during the play, but it was perfect for every scene. Benjamin Lee Holloway, the main character of the play, gave a great performance. The camper was his home, and he didn’t want to give it up, even though all of his neighbors had sold their properties and moved away.

Other characters of the play included Jeeter (Jerry Werhy), Salyer Landon (Emily Elisabeth Caballero), Lorraine Landon (Sandy Grissom) and the young soldier (Cole G. Nelson).

Of all the characters, Salyer was my favorite. She was a dark character who remained mysteri- ous all the way until the end of the show. Although she looked like a rebellious teenager with an older boyfriend, Salyer was really a 30-year-old woman. It was hard to picture her as such because she was played by a younger actress, but Caballero was able to capture the part.

The relationship between Salyer and Jeeter was awkward, but that is probably because he looks a lot older than her, yet he acts a lot younger than her.

One of the only things I didn’t like about the perform- ance was the little fight be- tween Salyer’s mother Lorraine and Jeeter. It seemed really staged and threw me off. If this part of the play would have been different I would have loved the show even more.

The play had two acts and felt rather long. During the inter- mission, Coudle-King pulled **COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**STAR Award brought to UND for third time**

— Designer Sharley Kurtz the latest UND faculty member to receive statewide award

By Adele Kieger
The Dakota Student

In the last year, three UND staff members have been recog- nized by the Council of State Employees for the quarterly Ser- vice, Teamwork, Achievement and Respect (STAR) award.

Susie Kroetsch, an accoun- tant for the College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines, received an award during the first quarter in 2013 and Director of the Children & Family Training Service Center. Peter Tunseth was selected as an honoree in the fourth quarter of 2013.

Instructional Designer for the College of Nursing and Professional Discipline, Sharley Kurtz, was the most recent recipient of this award, receiving it in the first quarter of 2014.

Kurtz has been working in the nursing department since 2008 and has also won Staff Senator of the Year award in 2013 and the U-Shine award.

“I didn’t know about the STAR award until I actually nominated Susie Kroetsch for it,” Kurtz said.

Kurtz discovered she had re- ceived the award at the staff sen- ation meeting just a few weeks ago. “They stood up and an- nounced it at the meeting,” Kurtz said. “I was having a bad day, so it was one of those things that made me happy knowing that someone thinks that highly of me.”

Kurtz’s service was announced for what she’s done at the college of nursing, particularly a boot-
Students visit an Earth Day Expo booth on Wednesday in the Memorial Union.
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up a chart that listed the old draft dates, and when we all would have been drafted based on our birthdays (and if we were all men). This was really neat, and I loved that they incorporat-ed this part of war history into the show.

The last act of the play was by far my favorite. It was the most suspenseful and had me on edge the whole time. It answered all of the questions that emerged in the beginning of the play.

Overall I would give this play a four out of five stars because the fight scene and the lengthi-ness were drawbacks. However, the emotion of the play, the set, the story and all of the added bo-muses by Coudle-King made the play definitely worth attending.

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**Rose Girl plans show**

— Fundraisers in local bars, supports community

By Misti Meads

Angela Carter, known as the Rose Girl, has been living up to her nickname by selling roses in local bars for over a decade. Her fourth annual Rosiegil Comedy Show, featuring Bob Cheetah and Friends at the Eagles Club on May 7, will benefit the East Grand Forks Fire Depart-ment, Shriner Hospital and Options Resource Center.

Carter holds two comedy shows a year and gives the pro-ceeds to communities in North Dakota. Carter said.

Carter said for her May com-edy show, she sells nearly 400 roses and for her November show sells between 100 to 200. However, these two fund-raises aren’t the only fundrais-ers that Carter does. In 2000, Carter began selling roses while working for North-ern Lights Floral Co., and in 2003 she bought the company.

“When I was in beauty school, I was having a really hard time making ends meet, and my instructor found out about it,” she said. “So, she took it upon herself to take up a collection at the church, and I told her ‘I can’t take this,’ and she just told me to pay it back one day.”

Since then, Carter has been paying back the money to com-munities in North Dakota and Minnesota by selling her famous roses and donating 50 percent of the proceeds to charities and people in need. This is how she became known as the Rose Girl.

Carter says she travels from Devils Lake, N.D. to Bemidji to sell roses in bars. She usually makes it to 40 bars each night.

“It’s my job to drive around and visit people who are happy to see me when I get there,” Carter said.

Carter said since she first began fundraising, her number of charities and donations have increased into the hundreds, and other than her 11-year-old son Christian helping her out occa-sionally, she does it by herself.

“The greatest thing I ever got the chance to do was reunite a mother and daughter who had been separated for 30 years,” Carter said.

The daughter was kidnapped by her father when she was two, and was found when she was 30 in Puerto Rico. Carter raised money where she could fly the family to meet up in Minnesota.

“The biggest reason I do what I do is because I feel that it is my responsibility to do all the fundraising,” Carter said. “I’m a single parent without any family here, and I figured the ‘big guy’ has given me some tools to use, and if I don’t use them the way he wants them used, then I will lose them.”

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Standouts of the second game were Muckenhirn, who went 9.1 innings, giving up only one run off of five hits, and notching four strikeouts. Jeff Campbell had a solid day in the batter’s box, going three for five with a run and one RBI.

“Much better effort by our guys today,” UND coach Jeff Dodson said. “The intensity was great today and the way the guys responded in the 10th was nice to see. Overall, a team effort today with Muckenhirn going into the 10th for us and earning the win.”

Game 3 would not go as well. Pitching became the problem early in the game, as Jeff Campbell let up three runs in the first inning. UND would continue to play catch up the rest of the game.

In the ninth inning, the Green and White would try to rally as they were down 7-3. With the bases loaded and two outs, Campbell hit a single up the middle to score two runs, coming within two runs of the lead. Unfortunately, that would again be as close as they got. Ryan Reece flew out to left field to end the game. UND lost 7-5.

“We gave ourselves a chance again late,” UND coach Jeff Dodson said. “We didn’t take care of situations early in the game.”

Even though things have not been smooth sailing for the Green and White, there is a silver lining.

Since the Creighton and South Dakota State games were out of conference, they did not do much to UND’s standings in the Western Athletic Conference.

UND currently is in a three way tie for third place at 7-5 with New Mexico State and Seattle.

This weekend, UND will face off against Seattle. The winner of this series will receive an advantage in seeding the rest of the season.

This weekend will also mark the first home series for the Green and White as they have yet to play in Grand Forks this season.
Oilers sign Simpson
— Former UND captain captures entry level NHL contract

By Elizabeth Erickson
The Dakota Student

Remembering his final moments on the ice in a UND jersey may be bitter, but what Dillon Simpson accomplished in his four years at North Dakota have prepared him for what's next.

On Tuesday, the Edmonton, Alta., native signed a three-year entry level contract with the Edmonton Oilers National Hockey League team he knows all too well.

"It's a team I grew up for and loving," Simpson told the Oilers. "It's a little bit surreal for me. It's loving," Simpson told the Oilers.

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"I think we've talked a lot about those guys," Garman said. "I'm sure the fans will be able to expect something different, just our emotion and our desire during the game will be a lot different, and I'm really excited for that." Idowu said. "I feel like everybody's really trying to get better."

With the pressure of new players joining in the fall, players are working harder now in an effort to secure play- ing time.

"Some of the guys we're bringing in, we expect them to compete for some spots, so that's why we're encour- aging our guys to keep the focus on what they can control," Schweigert said. "That's the amount of ef- fort and the amount of time put into improving athletic ability and doing a good job in the classroom." After Saturday's game, the team will continue working to recruit more players while also making progress with the hard at work teammates, who have been practicing together all winter.

Simpson skated in 156 career games at North Dakota, posting 16 goals and 59 assists while accumulating a plus-24 ranking.

He totaled in and out of the lineup as a freshman, but by the time his senior year rolled around, the "C" on Simpson's shoulder was well-earned.

Before the inaugural season of the National Collegiate Hockey Conference, there was talk of Simpson's young age in the leadership role he undertook. The freshmen that trumped the senior in age quickly looked up to his abilities.

"I think we've talked a lot about Dillon Simpson and his contribu- tions, and rightfully so," UND coach Dave Hakstol said following the conclusion of the 2013-14 sea- son. "In my mind, he's an all-Ameri- can player in our program. He's a great leader and captain."

With 109 blocked shots, Simpson led the nation in that category, was named to the All-NCHC First Team and was a finalist for the NCHC's Players of the Year, Defensive- man of the Year and Offensive Defenseman of the Year awards.

Simpson is not an unfamil- iar name to the Oilers' program as Dillon's father Craig Simpson skated with Edmonton during the NHL career from 1987-88 to 1992-93, while also playing with the Pittsburgh Penguins and Buf- talo Sabres.

But before Simpson take the next step in his hockey career, he plans to complete his degree in management finance in the coming weeks — at the school he largely attributes to his success on and off the ice.

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Jer Garman
UND running back

Despite the lack of players, several members of the team are optimistic about the upcoming season and happy to get outside on the field at all.

"It's been really nice, you know, it's just a new life working with these guys ... you know we've a team, we all have a position on this team," junior running back P.J. Sparks said. "It feels good to get back, you know we've been going through a grind, lifting and doing all that, but there's nothing like being on the field with those guys.

Follow running back Jer Garman said he agrees and that it's been hard adjusting to a new way of running the game, but that's the way it goes.

"It's interesting," Garman said. "It's difficult learning a whole new offense. It's different terminology. I mean, we're just playing football, you've got to understand it and keep playing.""
UND football kicks into spring
— North Dakota football team prepares for Saturday’s live sessions at Alerus Center

By Marie Monson
The Dakota Student

After months of indoor practices and training with no games, the UND football team prepares for its first and only spring football game.

This year will be different as there aren’t enough players to divide into a green team and a white team, but coaches still expect to get a feel for where each player is in his training during Saturday’s 1 p.m. kickoff at the Alerus Center.

“We’re still going to be able to see what our guys can do and really how offensively — how we work together; and each individual, how they execute their assignments and skills; and defensively — how we tackle and open space. We’re looking at each individual, but also how they fit into the team aspect of our football program."

The group has been split up in recent weeks of practice to focus on specific areas of play, and that’s what it will look at during Saturday’s simulated game by having what the coaches are calling “live sessions” and not an actual game.

These sessions will vary from red zone opportunities to different third-down yardages and goal line work.

Identify search

Special teams coordinator and tight ends coach Shawn Kostich said the biggest thing for him is getting the team to find its identity by the time end of spring.

“We’ve got to figure out what we’re good at, what are we going to hang our hat on, and that’s really what we’re trying to do here right now,” he said.

One of the main challenges for the team right now is its shortage of players, which is the big reason UND will not be able to split into two teams for this year’s spring game.

After losing three of its top wide receivers, UND looks to a group of younger men to step up. Despite the returning receivers all being underclassmen, Schweigert says he doesn’t care about their age.

“The good thing about young players is they’re eager to learn,” he said. “The age and year you are in school really doesn’t determine what type of player you are.”

Kostich faces similar issues as well as a group of younger men to step up.

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