Thormodsgard trashes thousands of books

Law library ignites controversy after discarding old books for unclear reasons.

By Emmy Ebres
The Dakota Student

Last week, students and faculty were puzzled at the two Dumpsters filled with books behind Thormodsgard Law Library.

The books are being weeded out as part of an ongoing process to make the library more digitized.

“The project began in August 2013. We found that it is a national trend for libraries to move toward digitization,” said Rhonda Schwartz, Director of Thormodsgard Law Library.

The committee in charge has carefully determined which books are available through the library’s campus-wide online subscriptions and can therefore be safely withdrawn from the shelves.

After first being offered to libraries in North Dakota, more than 36,000 books have been withdrawn to date, but not all of them were issued in a dumpster.

“Most of the books are hardcover, so they cannot be recycled, but we had a team tear the covers off of the books so that the pages could be recycled,” Schwartz said.

Half of the books were recycled, but the process became too time consuming, so they had to be simply thrown away.

The committee is hoping to finish the transitional process by the end of the semester so it can break ground on a new project to renovate and add on to the law school building.

“It may look like we are only withdrawing from our library, but we are actually adding to it,” said Rob Carolin, Law School Director of Alumni and Public Relations. “We would like to repurpose the space as a better place for teaching and studying.”

Spring Jam funds secured for artist

Senate allocates $160,000 to fund end-of-year concert with big-name band.

By Megan Hoffman
The Dakota Student

UND Student Senate passed a bill on Sunday giving $160,000 to the University Program Council to help fund its Spring Jam Concert set for May 3.

The money will come out of Senate’s investments, which come from student activity fees.

“This is the result of an overwhelming demand by students for a return on their investments,” President Nick Creamer said.

Even though the bill passed, not all senators were eager to put this much money into a concert. Sen. Kyle Thorson referenced the Student Fee Advisory Committee he was a part of earlier this year and how it decided not to add another police officer on campus in order to fund the concert.

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Nick Creamer student body president

Library extends study

The Chester Fritz Library will stay open later on Fridays and Saturdays starting this semester.

By Ashley Marquis
The Dakota Student

Students at UND will now have the option to squeeze in more study time at the Chester Fritz Library following a recent change in library hours.

The Chester Fritz library is now open Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Prior to the change, the library closed at 4:30 p.m. on Fridays and was open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Student requests promoted the change in hours.

“We are hopeful this will meet student needs and are excited that students want more hours, and hopefully students will utilize the new hours so that we can keep them,” Director of Libraries Wilbur Stolt said.

In a Tuesday Times email, Student Government asked students whether they supported extending the library hours, and we received a response that 86 percent of the 1,000 students that responded said yes.

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Now that UPC has been granted the funds to move ahead with the project, it will be able to finalize a contract with one of the performers it is considering for the concert. The five finalists for the concert are B.o.B, Flo Rida, Fall Out Boy, The All American Rejects and Hot Chelle Rae.

There also will be an opening act, with finalists for that spot being Sammy Adams, T. Mills, Breathe Carolina, Hoodie Allen and Asher Roth.

The event will be held at the Alerus Center.

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Students study in the Chester Fritz Library. Photo by Jennifer Friese/The Dakota Student.
to keep student fees down. “This money would cover that,” Thorson said. “We are sacrificing public safety officers for a concert. This is something I can’t get behind.”

A survey done by Student Government through the previous week’s Tuesday Twos showed that 67 percent of respondents were behind funding this event. “This is something that would excite students and put some energy on the campus,” State Governmental Affairs Officer John Mitzel said.

UPC also will be teaming up with The Big Event, which will be held the morning of May 3. This will help UPC market the event. They are expecting to draw high school students, Fargo-area residents and more people from the surrounding areas.

Other business

Senate passed a bill allocating $400 for each of the 48 students traveling to Cuba with the UND Concert Choir. This bill previously failed to pass, but with new wording on how senate would allocate the money per person, the bill passed. “This is an opportunity for the university to expand to other areas,” Thorson said.

Students interested in running for Student Government for the 2014-15 school year, the deadline for turning in packets is Feb. 26.

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The Ten Tenors, Chester Fritz Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. A collection of Broadway’s greatest hits sung by 10 of Australia’s most popular tenors. Tickets are $45 for adults, $35 for students.

The Ten Tenors

Study Abroad Fair, Memorial Union Loading Dock, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Learn about many opportunities overseas. Current UND students who have studied abroad will be in attendance.

Museum Concert: Yoonie Han, North Dakota Museum of Art, 2 to 4 p.m. South Korean pianist Yoonie Han performs. Tickets $18 for members, $20 for non-members, $10 for students and children.

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Last summer, student body president Nick Creamer and vice president Lexi Hanson met with Stolt and proposed the idea that students wanted extended weekend hours at the Chester Fritz Library.

Senator Burke took the lead of the issue in student government and worked with Stolt while he worked with Provost Thomas DiLorenzo and Assistant Dean of Students for Student Involvement and Leadership Cassie Gerhardt. The extension was finalized when the Provost Office agreed to fund the extended hours.

“I think it is a fantastic step in the right direction. I’m thankful for the Provost office and for Senator Burke’s hard work,” student body president Nick Creamer said.

The new hours began on Friday, Jan. 24 and will last till the end of the semester. Based on how many students attend the library during the extended hours, a decision will be made by those invested in the project to continue them into the 2014-2015 academic year.

UND student Carolyn Tate said she plans to utilize the new hours. “I think they are convenient.” Tate said. “I think 10 is a good time to open on the weekend because that way you can sleep in and then go.”

To cut down on cost, only the second floor of the library will be open during the extended hours and student employees will be scheduled during those hours.

“I certainly believe in getting the full ‘student experience’ at college, but I also feel that UND needs a much greater focus on academics than extracurricular activities and athletics. I love UND and I want my degree to be from a University that emphasizes academics and will be valuable in the future,” Burke said. “My hope is that students will utilize these new hours and find them useful in prioritizing their busy student lives so they can experience all UND has to offer.”

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The Chester Fritz Library, which will now be open later on weekends. Photo by Jennifer Friese/The Dakota Student.
There is something fishy going on outside the law library. I don't know if you've noticed the gigantic piles of books stuffed in Dumpsters behind the library, but I have. I'll admit, at first I assumed there was a reason for such a gigantic waste.

"Surely they're tried to sell these books," I thought. "Or maybe they tried to donate them and no one wanted them." But something in the back of my brain nagged me every time I walked past those giant Dumpsters.

As it turns out, there was no book sale. Yes, you read that right — there was no attempt to save these books. According to UND's website, there is a specific procedure that should be followed before tossing out books, including being "offered to charitable organizations" after "an advertised library book sale."

I don't recall seeing any book sale. These books, it seems, have not gone through the proper channels for disposal. I don't care if the books are outdated. I don't care if the books are all digitized. A large amount of knowledge about the way things are or used to be is just getting tossed out with yesterday's trash, and in no way is that a good thing.

Maybe I'm too sentimental, but we're throwing out the things that keep our history in ways so permanent that it can survive centuries.

We have texts like the Gutenberg Bible and the Dead Sea Scrolls that prove this. Yes, digitizing books helps preserve them, but no method is foolproof.

A quick Google search proves that digital records decay just as physical records do, though it takes much longer. Seriously, Google it. It's a pretty big problem that we're trying to figure out how to fix.

It may seem silly to keep old books with outdated information around, but trust me, it isn't. As humanity continues to evolve and grow, we will continue to look back and wonder.

Knowledge, the sharing of it and the self-awareness it brings are what make us human. We need to value it. We need to respect it. These books are not trash, even if the information is no longer useful at present. We are throwing away the knowledge that defines us just because it doesn't benefit us right now.

Considering these books come from a university, it's ironic they're being tossed out. The very place that preserves and passes on knowledge is throwing away a large part of the preservation and sharing process. If that doesn't make you sad, I don't know what will.

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Just as I study the ways Medieval society worked, someone, someday will study the ways our society works now. These books can provide insight into our lives in ways we wouldn't even think of now.

We're too close to the information. It's easy to say that no one will ever want some old books from a stuffy law library, but we can't know that for sure. Maybe I'm on my way to staring in my own episode of "Hoarders" where they dig me out from under a pile of books.

Or maybe I'm just frustrated with we're treating these books — these beautiful items whose only function is to pass knowledge onto others — like trash.

I know we can't save all the books. I realize that books will end up in the trash and sometimes that's the only rational option. However, this should only happen when the other options have been exhausted.

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University police don’t receive the respect they deserve

By Michael Rauser
The Dakota Student

There have been a lot of negative opinions floating around about the University Police Department lately, but I think we’ve been making an active effort to do better.

The main problem stems from the students’ attitudes of fear toward police. However, UPD may have contributed to this atmosphere in the past, now most of it is simply being perpetuated by the students themselves.

It’s no secret that many UND students don’t take the illegal nature of underage drinking seriously.

I am not saying this to pass judgement — I don’t completely agree with the current drinking age myself — but I have come to learn through my college experience that just because I don’t agree doesn’t mean that I am exempt from the consequences if I choose to ignore it.

It seems as though many students get the idea that UPD is simply out to get them. While those who drink underage are breaking the law and are therefore subject to the consequences, UPD isn’t overly aggressive or mean-spirited toward students — at least not in my experience with them.

A little over a year ago, I made a series of foolish decisions with alcohol that ended with me going to jail.

At first, my friends were worried about calling an ambulance since they weren’t very familiar with medical amnesty laws, which in many cases give legal protection to people who have been drinking but who call police in a situation that legally allows them to be able to overcome their fear and eventually call the police.

Although I don’t personally remember the experience with the police officer, UPD did uphold the medical amnesty laws, and it took steps to ensure my safety.

For this reason, I am grateful and satisfied with the said laws. Instead of arresting me, the police officers ensured I received the proper medical attention I needed. This tells me that UPD’s primary concern is the safety of the students and not just handing out minors.

UPD doesn’t go out of its way to crush people under the heavy hand of the law, but if people are being exceptionally dumb or dangerous, then it is UPD officers’ duty as a police force to step in.

They’re not just out to get you. They are doing their best to protect this campus.

In a recent letter to the editor, Student Body President Nick Creamer and Interfraternity Council President John Mirzel explained, “Since (UPD Chief Eric) Plummer’s start at UND last year, there has been a complete 180 in the way UPD works with students.”

The students wrote about how Plummer has taken many steps to work directly with the students themselves, to both ensure their safety and hear any concerns about any of his officers. They also mentioned that the few times they did have complaints, Chief Plummer made sure to address them with his officers.

The most important thing to remember about UPD is that they are human beings just like you and I. Occasionally, they make mistakes — no one’s perfect. I have certainly made my share of mistakes throughout the years, but I think I have learned from them, and I think UPD has learned from some of its mistakes as well.

UPD has not only been taking steps to establish better relations with students, but it has been doing an amazing job at it.

Think about it from UPD’s perspective. How would you feel if most of the people you met automatically decided you were terrible at your job before they even met you, because of a singular situation taken out of context, or even a single, genuine mistake?

The main concern of UPD is to protect and serve this campus, and even though some people might not think so, I think they do a great job of it. Instead of our fear or prejudice, these people deserve our respect and admiration.

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A home for Christians

By Mary Ochs
The Dakota Student

Have you ever participated in something that excites you and leaves you wanting more? I have. It’s a great feeling. I would know — it’s how I feel about Chi Alpha.

I don’t know how many of you know what Chi Alpha is, but for those of you who have a question mark flashing in your brain, let me elaborate. Chi Alpha is not a sorority. The name sounds like it, but Chi Alpha is actually a Christian praise and worship group at UND.

Chi Alpha started five years ago and has been growing in members ever since. It’s a great way to get involved in the Christian faith while going to school, and that’s why I love it.

Growing up Catholic, I was always thinking of something for college that could help me grow deeper in my faith. At the beginning of the school year, it came up in conversation between my friends and I that we were all religious and looking to learn more about our faith. They mentioned Chi Alpha. We went together that Thursday evening, and I haven’t been the same since.

I’m going to get this bit out of the way right away: Chi Alpha isn’t some snotty church group that thinks it’s flawless and shoves the bible down your throat. In fact, it’s quite opposite. Chi Alpha is full of wonderful people, most of them UND students or alumni who are aware of their imperfections, but who still desire a relationship with God regardless.

It’s a unique organization in which people practice their religion in their own way and in their own time.

The group meets every Thursday, during the Reed Keller Auditorium in the School of Medicine and Health Sciences building. It always starts off with a welcome and a few entertaining stories by the emcee. Then the worship team band comes down, and everyone participates in praise and worship songs for awhile. To wrap up, pastor Bryce Meyer gives a sermon about whatever the topic might be that night.

But there’s something that makes Chi Alpha different than a lot of other religious groups you might have experienced. It isn’t forceful; it’s welcoming. It doesn’t judge; it accepts. I felt welcomed the very first time I came to Chi Alpha. People are so friendly and genuinely happy you are there. It’s not some tight knit club where only a select few are accepted, but a family where we can all come together.

I went to a Catholic school all my life, but it wasn’t until I came to a public university that I became more independent and driven to deepen my faith. I owe a lot of that to Chi Alpha and the people I’ve met through it. It’s such a chill organization that it allows you to test the waters of your faith without pushing you in and making you swim.

While I love my Catholic faith and wouldn’t trade it for anything, there hasn’t been a Catholic group on campus that I felt as accepted into as Chi Alpha. And that’s okay. Simply being a Christian organization, it has helped many grow in their faith, including me with Catholicism.

If this doesn’t sound like your cup of tea, that’s okay too — to each their own.

There are many other religious groups on campus, such as Cru or Christian Rex, and they’re great too. There’s something different for everyone, and they might be the right fit for you. But I can assure you from personal experience that if you are interested in exploring, deepening or even starting to think about Christianity, Chi Alpha is the place to be.

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Fan involvement a priority for UND

By Elizabeth Erickson
The Dakota Student

The Ralph might not play host to weekly three-goal nights for the Lamoureux twins anymore, but it’s long past its 0-27-1 conference record.

The No. 3/4 UND women’s hockey team played host to No. 1 Minnesota this past weekend at Ralph Engelstad Arena and forced the building to open the upper bowl, as 5,835 fans filed in to watch the game.

The record-setting number of fans crushed the previous attendance record of 5,200, which was set in Oct. 2002.

So, why the inconsistency? Yes, the rivalry should be a reason to elevate the atmosphere level. But it also shows how much could be lacking from other matchups.

When Brian Idalski was hired as UND’s women’s hockey head coach in 2007, he used his first season to compile a 18-1-2 overall record, drawing an average of 374 fans per game. The team improved to 12-19-4 overall the next season and eventually won the 2007 WCHA regular season title.

The team has consistently shown improvement, but what’s still lacking is attendance. It’s a continuous concern for the coaches.

Props to North Dakota for coming in at No. 4 of 36 teams during the 2012-13 season with an average 1,223 fans per game. But with a 11,634 capacity arena, there’s room for improvement — about 10,000 seats worth of room.

These seats could be filled by fans who might not realize the level of competition the women’s hockey team plays at.

Tickets are free for students. Try it out. UND has a handful of players from the women’s hockey team who currently are preparing to compete in the highest level of competition in the world — the Olympics — so who knows who might be watching a game’s women is boring?

If you went to the Minnesota game and saw the atmosphere, I urge you to continue filling the seats, because I hope you want to experience that pride more than one night each season.

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Campus group welcomes religious exploration.

By Mary Ochs
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Some of the law school's current needs include a more modern teaching courtroom, more study space for students and medium-sized "case-study" classrooms.

To meet these needs, a construction company has been hired to manage the $11.4 million dollar project of renovations and a 15,000-square-foot addition.

"This project will have long term benefits for UND, its legal students, the public, campus and faculty," Carlson added.

Although the new library updates are expected to bring positive changes to UND, some faculty are upset that the books are being thrown away.

"Access to knowledge appears to have been limited," said Kathleen Dixon, Professor of English and Director of Women and Gender Studies. "It seems that some of the books may not exist in electronic form, and it is not clear whether or not all of the books that were digitized are truly accessible to everyone on campus and the public."

Dixon also expressed concern that the books were not disposed of in the correct process. The Chester Fritz Library’s Policy Statement on the Withdrawal and Disposition of Materials explains that books must first be offered to libraries in the North Dakota and MINITEX systems or dealers who may be interested in purchasing a sufficient number of items. If the books are not taken by those sources, they are supposed to be offered in an advertised library book sale, but this did not happen with the law library’s books.

"The books cannot be donated, but they can be sold," Dixon said. "Why not let the students and faculty have a chance at keeping the books?"

Kyle Conway, Assistant Professor of English, is one faculty member who would have appreciated a book sale. Conway is interested in Canadian constitutional history and noticed that transcripts of constitutional debates were included in the books that were tossed.

"These books have valuable insight into historical events, and it is surprising that we would have these rare materials at our library," Conway said. "I doubt that they’ve been digitized, and it makes me sad that they were thrown out without first being offered to people who may have wanted them. I understand that the library needs to save space, but it’s my job to be sad about people throwing away books."

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Ralph regular Matt Strand will lead an unnamed band during this weekend’s series.

By Mathew McKay
The Dakota Student

Matt Strand, who has been playing shows at the Ralph Engelstad Arena for over 10 years, will be rocking out between periods at the men’s hockey games this weekend.

Strand’s new, unnamed band will be on stage during the weekend series against Nebraska-Omaha. This will nearly be Strand’s 30th performance at the Ralph since 2002 and his first with this band.

His original band, Fatlip, first landed a gig at the Ralph after singer Jarrod Schell played solo during intermissions in 2002.

Since then, Strand has played with five bands. The most consistent was Still Fighting It, which played from 2005 to 2009.

In the past, Still Fighting It played through the second intermission before tearing everything down and heading over to the now-closed restaurant near the Ralph, Suite 49, where they rocked out until 2 a.m.

Schell continued to play with Strand after Still Fighting It. Now, Schell plays guitar and sings for the new unnamed band.

Strand says musical diversity has brought him great opportunity.

“I come from a fairly diverse musical upbringing, and venues such as the Ralph allow my groups to showcase music that you might not hear played by other groups,” he said. “And despite some of the deeper tracks we do, people still seem to enjoy it.”

Strand enjoys seeing the fans as much as playing music.

“Nothing gets us playing at the top of our game like a crowd that is into it — dancing and everything,” he said. “When we see a couple hundred people blocking the aisle watching us, we know that we’re doing it right.”

Scheduling bands

UND alumna Danielle Luetzen was hired as the marketing coordinator for the Ralph in March 2013. Part of her job is scheduling bands for men’s hockey weekends.

Although she is new to the position, Luetzen said the tradition of having live music started long before she arrived at the office.

“The women before me had a list of about 30 bands we have used in the past and it told whether they were good or bad,” Luetzen said. “I kind of went through when I started and looked them up on YouTube, doing my research on which ones I thought would work great.”

Luetzen spent the summer months preparing for the season and said she had the season schedule of bands finished in August.

While each week presents a new band — with no band performing more than once a year — most groups play covers that target all age groups.

“Scheduling bands usually means we do a lot of cover bands,” Luetzen said. “We do not have bands that play their own songs, but as for cover bands, that’s the big hit here at the Ralph.”

In order to keep things different, Luetzen says she tried to schedule older and younger bands on an offset.

“I didn’t schedule the same type of band two weeks in a row,” she said. “I would try to switch it up. The older bands will play every cover you can imagine from the 90s and 80s, and then we have Harbor Hills, which is our youngest group, that will play the more modern-day songs.”

Only a few bands have been current students from the university, while many of them are a bit older and come from out of town.

Senior Jack Cavanaugh said the music provides momentum for the fans during intermissions.

“It brings a lot of energy to the fans during the intermissions,” Cavanaugh said. “They provide a great variety of music, and it’s fun to watch.”

They can put in their own songs, but as for cover bands, that’s the big hit here at the Ralph.”

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Every year, UND sends between 150 and 200 students to study abroad. Those interested in being one of these students can attend the Study Abroad Fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Memorial Union Loading Dock.

Every year, UND sends 150 to 200 students to study abroad. The fair will have around 30 tables displaying the various study abroad programs that UND has to offer. There will be many former study abroad students and faculty working to inform future study abroad students about the programs.

Some of the tables will have study abroad program workers from foreign universities that offer anywhere from 50 to 100 programs. Education Abroad Program Manager Matt Hiller advises UND students and faculty on study abroad programs.

“Spring semester seems to be more popular for UND students to do a study abroad program to get out of the cold weather,” Hiller said. If a UND student is interested in doing a study abroad program, Hiller says the first step to get started would be attending the Study Abroad Fair to learn about the different programs UND has to offer.

“We’ve strategized where we have our exchange and partner programs,” Hiller said. “This region of the country has a large connection with Norway so we have a...
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American students are exchanged with foreign students — with schools in Korea, Australia and Scandinavian countries.

"For those exchange programs, the benefit is that students would pay UND tuition and fees, so it's very affordable," Hiller said.

He added that South Korea is a great place to go for students looking for something affordable.

"They are paying UND tuition and fees, and housing for the full semester is about $1,500, whereas UND is about $3,500," Hiller said. "So it is probably cheaper to go there."

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Pryor joins UND as volleyball coach

Mark Pryor becomes 12th head volleyball coach at UND, comes from position at Baylor.

By Elizabeth Erickson

The Dakota Student

Last Friday, Mark Pryor was officially introduced as the new UND head volleyball coach.

With a 15-year collegiate coaching career under his belt, Pryor’s decision to come to UND follows his most recent four-year post at Baylor University in Texas as the associate head coach and recruiting coordinator.

Pryor’s goals for the UND volleyball program may be big, and his determination to follow through is already being displayed.

“I want UND volleyball to be a premier program within the region,” Pryor said. “I do not think a premier program within the region is out of the realm of possibility, but that was last year. We have work to do. That was two months ago. That’s going to be hard. It’s going to be difficult. But it’s not worth having if it’s not worth working for.”

Last season, the team captured the Big Sky Conference title — UND’s first league title in any sport in the Big Sky. The championship game also yielded a home crowd of 1,193, which was the most of any Big Sky Conference team since 2006.

While the team reached new heights last season, Pryor looks to continue the team’s climb to the top.

“My job now is to take the next step,” he said. “We won the conference last year, and that was great — but that was last year. We have work to do. That was two months ago. Every team in the conference now realizes North Dakota is a power, and North Dakota is the team everyone wants to knock off.”

UND setter Nikki Husfeldt said she is looking forward to Pryor’s leadership.

“It’s going to be a huge challenge having the team understand that we are no longer the team that’s chasing,” Pryor said. “Now teams are chasing us, and we’ve got to do a better job of understanding that role and really embracing that role.”

Moving up

For Pryor, embracing the role of his new position comes with a new territory.

Far from his home in Texas, he first visited North Dakota on some of the coldest days the state has seen, but embraced the weather and thought of the future for his two sons.

“This could be a great place to be to raise a family,” he said. “It (that cold was) the worst it could be, that’s going to be great.”

But with a summer separating Pryor from leading a volleyball team through the 2014-15 season, he is already anticipating the program’s potential.

“This is a special place, and I would have never thought that I’m moving to North Dakota, and had an exclamation point at the end of that sentence,” Pryor said. “But I can’t tell you how happy I am to be here. I think it’s going to be a special time for the program, a great time for the university, and I’m looking forward to really being involved with the community.”

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Balanced attack

Despite Saturday’s loss, North Dakota was able to defeat Eastern Washington 73-61 last Thursday night.

UND used balanced scoring attack all through the game as Anderson scored a game-high 17 points and Troy Huff tallied 15 — complementing two other 11-point contributions.

“This was another complete team effort, and that is why we’ve won four straight,” Jones said. “We let them back in there in the second half, but our guys showed toughness and that will to win.”

While the team’s offense was solid, it was the defense that was the real standout. UND limited the Eagles to 37 percent shooting from the field and caused 16 turnovers.

UND will look to translate that combination as it takes on first place Weber State next Thursday.

With a win at Weber State, UND would get back into the race for the Big Sky Conference and a potential berth into March Madness.

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allowed UND to find a shooting rhythm.

Down 68-70, UND had the ball with 10 seconds to go after a Portland State turnover. Josh Schuler was wide open for the long two after a pump fake but passed the ball up to Aaron Anderson.

With time running out, Anderson heaved up the desperation three, which missed the net and hit the front of the rim to end the game.

“The start of the second half was not what we were looking for,” Jones said. “We did not come out with the focus or energy that we needed, but give our guys credit — we had a chance to tie or win on the final possession.”

The loss ends North Dakota’s longest win streak of the season, and puts it at No. 4 in the Big Sky Conference.

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“THE LOOK • THE FEEL • THE ATMOSPHERE”
Dakota remains atop the Big Sky home games this season, as North Dakota claimed the edge for the duration of the game with a 33-point advantage on its way to its largest margin. North Dakota hung on to its lead for the duration of the game to capture its third straight win. The Green and White suit up again Thursday at the Betty on Saturday to take on the Bulldogs. North Dakota claimed the edge in the first two meetings between the two teams earlier this season in Grand Forks — winning the first game in regulation and a shootout victory in the second game.

The games will start at 3:07 p.m. Saturday and Sunday afternoon in Duluth. Mariah Holland is a staff writer for The Dakota Student. She can be reached at mariah.holland@my.und.edu.

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a double-double with 15 points and 11 rebounds, and Leah Zabala, Emily Evers and Allyssa Wall each added 11 points.

“It’s nice when we get one or two players going, but when we get four or five, it’s really hard to defend because you can’t double team when everyone is a scoring threat,” Wall said.

North Dakota out-rebounded its guest 52-25, which played a large role in the ladies’ ability to defend. “It’s nice when we get one or two players going, but when we get four or five, it’s really hard to defend because you can’t double team when everyone is a scoring threat,” Wall said.

The second half saw UND maintain its lead as the Green and White continued to spread out their scoring. Brewster said. “We just have to keep going now that we’re progressing even more as a team — we can’t stop now,” Loyd said.

The regular season is just over half done, and Brewster thinks his team is starting to hit its groove. “The team is starting to gel a little bit, and you’re starting to understand each other’s tendencies a little bit more,” Brewster said. “I thought one thing we did this weekend in general was we got up and down the floor better … I’m fortunate that they work as hard as they do — they really do get it done.”

With the series of four home games half way done with, North Dakota looks ahead to getting two more wins next weekend. “It’s been awesome to play at home with the crowd, and I’m so excited we have two more here next weekend,” Buck said.

The Green and White suit up again Thursday at the Betty against Weber State, a team that has yet to win a conference game this season. Tipoff is at 7 p.m.

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Mia Lloyd
UND athlete

LOYD led the team for the second game in a row with 22 points, six rebounds, a steal and an assist, while Buck had a burst of 16 points in the second half to total 18 for the day.

Emily Evers had two fast breaks in the game, the second of which gave UND a 29-point advantage on its way to its largest lead of the game with a 33-point margin. North Dakota hung on to its lead for the duration of the game to capture its third straight win.

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Junior Tori Williams handles the puck last weekend against Minnesota.
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UND shoots two victories
Freshman guard Leah Szabla holds the ball in Thursday’s game against Eastern Washington. UND defeated the Eagles 82-61.

North Dakota sweeps games over weekend, continues to improve season record.

By Marie Monson
The Dakota Student

The UND women’s basketball team dominated the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center this weekend, where it defeated conference favorite Eastern Washington 82-61 on Thursday evening and Portland State 69-44 on Saturday afternoon.

Favorite

Both the league’s coaches and the media picked EWU (8-10, 4-5) as the preseason favorite, but North Dakota (14-6, 9-2 Big Sky) continued to prove it wrong.

Thursday’s matchup showcased UND’s depth as five players scored double figures.

After missing two games because of an injury, sophomore Mia Loyd came back full force with a game-high 16 points to set the pace. Senior Madi Buck had...