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Alumni compete in 2014 Winter Olympics
— 12 former and current UND athletes head to Sochi to represent their home countries

By Ashley Marquis
The Dakota Student

The University of North Dakota is well represented in Sochi, Russia this year at the 2014 Winter Olympics with 12 UND students and alumni competing or serving in the Olympic games. Students and alumni will be representing four countries in the games — five for Team USA, two for Team Canada, three for Team Finland and two for Team Germany.

“It is a source of great pride for UND and North Dakota Athletics to be so well represented at the Olympic Games,” UND Athletic Director Brian Faison said. “And for the athletes competing, it speaks to the quality of student athletes that we recruit at UND and the great job our coaches and support staff do in helping develop those student athletes.”

Nine of the twelve at the Olympics are current or former UND women’s and men’s hockey players. T.J. Oshie and Zach Parise will be playing for Team USA men’s hockey. Both men also compete in the NHL; Oshie plays for the St. Louis Blues and Parise, who is team captain for Team USA, plays for the Minnesota Wild. Team USA’s men’s hockey team will begin play on Feb. 13 at 6:30 a.m. versus Slovakia.

Monique and Jocelyne Lamoureux — natives of Grand Forks, North Dakota — will be playing for Team USA’s women’s hockey. The Lamoreux twins competed in the 2010 Olympics and took home a silver medal after losing to Team Canada. Team USA’s women’s hockey began with a 3 – 1 win against Finland. Team USA will play again Feb. 10 at 4:00 a.m. versus Switzerland and Feb. 12 at 6:30 a.m. versus Canada.

The fifth UND alumni serving in the Games for Team USA is Jason Switzer, a 2007 UND graduate with a bachelor’s degree in athletic training. He will serve on the USA Snowboarding staff as a physical therapist.

For Team Canada, Jonathan Toews will be competing in men’s hockey, and Brad Pascall, former UND defense man, is the vice president of hockey operations for Hockey Canada (HC)

Second concert funds approved
— Student Senate greenlights show

By Megan Hoffman
The Dakota Student

Senate passed a bill Sunday funding another concert, this time put on by the Association of Residence Halls. The concert will feature Logic, an up-and-coming hip-hop artist. It will take place sometime in mid-April, before the big Spring Jam concert in May.

“This is a way to bring a big event for ARH,” ARH Programming Board Treasurer Johnny Roche said. “This is a fun, free way to do that and bring people back to the residence halls.”

No date is set yet for the concert, but ARH is looking to hold it in the ballroom at the Memorial Union.

Senator Kristin Emmonds was not in favor of the bill because it is so close to the Spring Jam concert.

“I don’t want attendance at either concert to suffer since we are putting so much effort and money into Spring Jam,” Emmonds said.

Parking issues
State Governmental Affairs Coordinator John Mitzel brought back results from last week’s Tuesday Traws. The questions focused on parking and received a lot of responses. Over 82% of the respondents said they considered parking at UND to be unsatisfactory. Mitzel is planning a meeting and a live stream viewing party in the Memorial Union Loading Dock to address these concerns.

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TedX educates community
— Speeches enjoyed at Empire Arts Center and online

By Emmy Erbes
The Dakota Student

The Grand Forks community found challenges worth accepting at the first-ever TEDxGrandForks event on Friday.

Presentations related to the theme “Challenge Accepted” were given by nine speakers at the Empire Arts Center in downtown Grand Forks.

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They covered a wide variety of ideas worth spreading, which was exactly the point.

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Campus Brief

Scientists receive grant for rabbit fever
Assistant Professor Jyotika Sharma at UND was recently awarded a $349,108 two-year grant to research the bacterium that causes rabbit fever.

Rabbit fever is a highly contagious disease capable of killing humans and which currently has no vaccine.

With the grant money, Sharma intends to continue her research on the disease and the formation of preventative measures.

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TEDx
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Each session consisted of three 15-minute long speeches and one TED Talks video selected by the event planners.

The first speaker, Anna Hovet, is a Grand Forks native who now is a successful entrepreneur and fashion designer in Chicago.

“I first heard about TED Talks when I was asked to dress two speakers for TEDxChicago two years ago,” Hovet said.

In her presentation, Hovet explained how she and other members of Generation Y, or the “millenials,” have unique skills that make them well equipped to be entrepreneurs, but they need to be understood better by other generations.

The other two speakers in the first session included Barry Striegel, a winner of Open Mic Night who spoke about entrepreneurial education for children, and Carly Flanagan, a senior UND music therapy student who demonstrated how music therapy can be a part of interdisciplinary healthcare.

“I hope the audience learned the basics of music therapy, and how important of a role music therapy plays in the future of healthcare,” Flagan said.

The TED Talks video for session one was “Build a Tower, Build a Team” by Tom Wuersch, and the marshmallow challenge featured in his talk was available for the audience to try during the following break.

The second session featured the other Open Mic Night winner, Tamarah Gehlen, who spoke about body image. A humorous TED Talks video about disability discrimination by Maysoon Yazid was next, followed by speaker Dave Batcheller, a successful businessman, and Carolyn H. Bercraft, who spoke about her experiences advocating for women’s military rights.

The third and final session began with a TED Talks video about energy conservation by Alex Laskey. Speakers included Timothy Henry, a cardiologist who provided an explanation of stem cell research, Mark J. Lindquist, a world-renowned entertainment who spoke about 9/11 and appreciation for our everyday heroes, and Diana Laufenberg, who concluded the event with her presentation on education.

An after party was held for all attendees, volunteers and speakers at The Grand Historic Event Center downtown for more opportunities to network and discuss the new ideas that were presented.

TED allows people to spread ideas in this way every day through the 1,500+ videos of TED Talks that are available online.

Videos of the presentations given at TEDxGrandForks can be viewed online in approximately three weeks.

The organizational team has already started planning the next TEDxGrandForks event for September with the theme “City 2.0,” which will focus on different ways to improve the city.

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Homophobic Russian legislation mars Olympic games.

By Kjerstine Troolen
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I’m a little bit grumpy with the Olympics. I’m sure you’ve heard about how unprepared Sochi is to host the Games; it’s all over social media. Hotels aren’t finished. Manholes are left uncovered and unmarked. Snowflakes aren’t expanding into Olympic rings as programmed.

I’ve never been a huge fan of the Games, but I never disliked them, either. I’ve always thought the Games more a noble effort, a step towards global friendship. Maybe it’s because I’m not a huge fan of watching sports on TV. Or maybe it’s because Russia’s view of homosexuality is turning the Games into a farce.

The Games should be about bringing people together and uniting the populations in friendly competition. But they’re being held in a city that isn’t prepared and in a country that isn’t giving human beings equal rights.

Though Sochi is on the other side of the world, there is a similarity that disturbs me every time I think about it. Human rights issues in Sochi seem awfully like the ones going on in our own backyard.

Maybe there aren’t thousands of protesters being hosed down in front of city hall. Maybe there aren’t laws that make the act of loving another person illegal. But we still aren’t giving everyone the same rights. Instead, we’re discriminating against a population of people based solely on the person they fall in love with.

This isn’t about the perceived “sanctity” of marriage. Marriage was never sacred. It started as a way to keep the peace between clans. We are trying to hold it to this idealized dream of what it never was.

This is about human rights. It bothers me that right across the river in Minnesota, many of my friends can be married, but here they can’t. We are so close to an area that allows people to be people and, yet, we are still stuck in inequality.

Sure, things like the repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” affect us, but that was, in a way, decided for us. We, as a state, have not made a move to make everyone equal like our neighbors to the east have.

When I first moved to Grand Forks, I was struck by how diverse it was. There were multiple houses of worship for many religions. People from all over the world gathered at UND. There is no lack of diversity here.

Yet some of my friends still don’t stand on equal ground in the eyes of the law. They can’t get legally married. A woman can’t be at her partner’s side in the hospital because they aren’t married. Two men who’ve been in a committed, long-term relationship — married in all eyes except the law’s — cannot file taxes together. It breaks my heart that couples who are just as in love as straight couples can’t be married.

Our nation was founded on the idea that all are created equal, that people are equals before the law. But in a way, we have failed to give everyone the legal rights they deserve. And it’s not just the LGBTQ community that Putin is up a fight.

Kjerstine Troolen
Illustration by William Rerick/The Dakota Student.

LGBTQ community ‘Putin’ up a fight

“This isn’t about the perceived ‘sanctity’ of marriage. Marriage never was sacred ... We are trying to hold it to this idealized dream of what it never was.”

By Sam Wigness
The Dakota Student

Five members of The Dakota Student staff represent UND at the Associated Collegiate Press “Best of the Midwest” conference in Minneapolis.

The Feb. 4 issue of The Dakota Student was awarded third place for four-year weekly newspapers, and I was awarded a fourth place for single page design. While this was a chance to compare our newspaper to those from other colleges in the Midwest, it was mainly a learning experience in other ways.

The event stressed professionalism, courage and making connections, but it focused very little on education. In essence, the success for journalists in the current market doesn’t rely on having good grades. It doesn’t even rely on taking the right classes or having a degree in communications or journalism. Success, in this field, relies on courage and experience.

Keynote speaker Will Mizell Stewart emphasized courage more than anything, and although it seemed cliché at first, his advice hit home with me.

Stewart explained that courage is not the absence of fear, rather courage is being conscious of fear and proceeding anyway. In the field of journalism, courage is being able to talk to strangers, writing with passion and subjecting yourself to possible embarrassment with every story you write.

Oddly enough, I am one of the few editors of The Dakota Student that actually aspiring to be a journalist. Through four years of communications and English classes, I’ve earned As on 20-page essays, practiced news articles and research papers, but I didn’t have the courage to be published until last fall. Sadly, in terms of my resume, my years of academic work means very little.

This doesn’t apply to all majors. Law students, engineering majors and future accountants should strive for 4.0 GPAs, but majors in communications should worry about getting a foot in the door of an established place.

Star Tribune writer Neal Justin made it clear that having experience is the best way to stand out in a pool of applicants, and schoolwork does not count as experience.

This is where I see the ideas of courage and experience blending. Classes can teach you how to write, edit, shoot video — any of the skills needed in the media industry — but students need the courage to use these skills outside of the classroom.

Overall, UND gives students a fair chance to gain experience through The Dakota Student and Studio One, but the options are limited. It is, however, the responsibility of the students to gain experience in their own ways and display courage by doing so.
Sochi drops ball on Olympic planning

Evolutionists attempt to influence, enlighten others.

By Michael Rauser

The Dakota Student

Bill Nye the Science Guy clashed with professional village idiot and young-Earth creationist Ken Ham in a debate about evolution versus creationism last Tuesday. Many people thought the debate would be a waste of time and would not change anyone’s mind. This type of thinking is unhelpful, as it perpetuates the stereotype that all creationists are idiots that refuse to even consider the other side.

While that certainly describes Ken Ham, it is not true of all creationists. Some of them are simply misinformed (usually by people like Ken Ham) and have been sheltered from hearing any of the overwhelming evidence that contradicts their beliefs.

Most who deny evolution are unaware of even its most basic concepts.

Evolutionist Bill Nye (left) and creationist Ken Ham (right) speaking during televised debate. Photo courtesy of ABC News.

For example, many who oppose evolution often say “it’s just a theory,” which by itself portrays a shockingly amount of scientific ignorance. By this, they mean there is no solid, definitive, unchangeable, easily repeatable, and verifiable scientific data that would support the idea.

The fact is that evolution is based on observations and overwhelming amounts of evidence. It is supported by the study of molecular biology, paleontology, and anatomy. The theory has been refined over years of study and has withstood many attempts to refute its conclusions. It is supported by scientists all over the world. It is unchanging and unchangeable.

The problem with creationists is they encourage people to ignore scientific knowledge. It makes them less intelligent, but it does teach them that if they don’t agree with something, they can just ignore it, and how on Earth could that help anyone?

Science doesn’t work like that. If a scientist disagrees with a hypothesis, he does research, experimentation and testing to show exactly why it is wrong. In fact, a great deal of scientific falsifying claims, meaning scientists actively try to prove themselves and their peers wrong all the time.

This is why creationism is not science; it starts by making unsubstantiated assertions and then goes out to destroy them using faulty data, deliberately ignoring evidence.

This shows that creationism is not a scientific belief — it is a religious belief. It is based entirely on a religious text, defended only by religious people and completely ignores how the scientific method works.

The first amendment to the Constitution protects everyone’s right to believe whatever he or she wants to believe. However, this amendment isn’t only about freedom of religion, it can also be about freedom from religion.

The reason the pilgrims first came to this country was because other people were trying to force a specific version of Christianity onto people, and that is exactly what creationists want to do now. Teaching creationism in schools forces an extremely specific religious view onto children.

Nye definitely won the debate. Ham’s arguments were simply self-contradicting to the point of absurdity. He kept insisting that it was impossible to know anything for certain, but then on the other hand he said he was so certain about his own beliefs that he couldn’t even imagine a hypothetical world where he was wrong.

Meanwhile, Nye encouraged the audience to not take his word for it (like Ham wanted them to do), but to do the research themselves. I would encourage anybody who still doubts evolution to do the research for themselves.

--Michael Rauser

Sochi drops ball on Olympic planning

Preparation lacking in new home for Winter Olympics.

By Micah Dewey

The Dakota Student

Sochi, Russia has been thrust into the eye of the world and has been subject to the almost of many joks as Bob Costas’ infected left eye.

In the run up to the games, there have been several hiccups and laughable happenings from both the athletes and media news. They range anywhere from removing shark fins found in the cloths of unfinished hotel rooms to the lack of running water in Olympic facilities.

Among these issues, American Johnny Schrimpf discovered the advancements Russian bathroom doors when one locked him inside with no way to get out. He resisted his infamous #sharkjump message, “... with no phone to call for help, I used my bottled push training to break out.” With this tweet, he posted a photo of a bathroom door with a mauler hole in it, where Quinn had to break through.

There have been many more accounts of simple ridiculousness when it comes to the state of living in Sochi. Reporter Steve St Clair said, “My hotel has no water. If restored. The front desk says ‘do not use on your face because it contains something dangerous.’” In this tweet, she showed a picture of two glasses of water the color of apple juice.

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Housing idea not perfect

Grove has unique idea but may not be good for students.

By Mary Ochs

The Dakota Student

On the outside, it seems like a dream come true. The Grove, the new apartment complex coming to Grand Forks for UND students, seems to have it all — the best amenities for the best people, a great time for all and an extraordinary life. Maybe it will live up to its word and be “the place” to live at UND, but it might give students reasons to have a little too much fun.

I’ve gotten the impression that it projects the face of being one big social club — that it will be a great party complex, where education and responsibility have no place inside its walls.

After I had seen a few flyers and advertisements for this place, it made me curious to see what it was all about. It seemed like the kind of place to live in all you wanted to do was party and socialize, which, don’t get me wrong, is a huge part of college experience. But, then again, so is learning responsibility and performing well academically. It’s possible for a few people who plan on living there a few questions about it. I wanted a sense of why they picked the Grove and what draws them to desire to live there and be a part of what seems would be a constant ruckus.

Patrick Mills plans on moving into Grove next year. He said he considered living on campus, but he was drawn to what the Grove could offer. “I want to live there because it’s a nice place and has a lot of amenities,” he said.

I also spoke to sophomore Christian Simpson, who also is set on moving into the Grove when it opens.

“If your roommates leave or don’t pay rent, it has zero effect on your credit, which is unique,” Simpson said. “That was a big concern with other places I looked at.”

This impressed me, because that is a new thing not something I have to worry about when living with others. It really takes the stress off relying on others to pay their share.

I talked to A.J. Volberding, who also plans to make the Grove his new living quarters.

“I want to live there because I will have my own full-size bed, my own full bathroom and my own closet in dawn. There will be a pool and game room and a coffee shop free to residents,” Volberding said.

Sounds pretty perfect, no? But he also told me about a few disadvantages with this otherwise prime pad.

The main concerns are that it’s not right on campus, it’s only open to college students and there’s only outdoor parking. But I don’t feel anyone has considered the one disadvantage that seems blatantly obvious to me — how much of a constant social space it appears to be.

It’s important to socialize and have fun in college. There’s no point in coming to campus if you aren’t. But sometimes there can be too much of a good thing.

What if the residents want a quiet night to study and go to bed early for that internship they have lined up at 8 a.m. the next morning? Will they be able to have that accommodation without being bombarded with social events and a constant slew of people?

One of the most important reasons we go to college is to get an education. To do this requires a dedication to learning as well as practice in responsibility and structure in preparation for the real world. These qualities just don’t seem to be what the Grove has advertised they are interested in helping students achieve.

Maybe “life at the Grove is dope,” really is an accurate description of what living there will be like. But I think that maybe is the life you want and look forward to. By all means, follow your arrows, my fellow UND students. Just don’t forget there is a real world outside of the Grove, one with obligations and responsibilities.

Don’t forget about some of the important reasons you’re on this campus.

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Athletes set GPA record

UND student athletes achieve the highest GPA in school’s history.

By Elizabeth Erickson
The Dakota Student

For student athletes at UND, success is not only evident on the court or across the field — it’s also being displayed in the classroom.

UND Athletics Director Brian Faison announced on Feb. 3 that 436 student athletes at UND combined for a 3.185 grade point average during the Fall 2013 semester, which is the highest fall team GPA ever in UND athletics history.

“It will be fun, and a bit emotional, to watch our student-athletes competing at the highest level of international competition,” Faison said. “I can’t wait — my viewing schedule is already mapped out for the games.”

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Faison said that “Once again, our student athletes got it done in the classroom in a big way.”

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UND athletic director

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The UND women’s teams posted a 3.302 GPA in the fall to compliment a 3.056 fall GPA set by the men’s teams.

But it was the volleyball team that set the bar high with its 3.536 team GPA. Running close behind with a 3.463 was the women’s cross country team, while the women’s track and field team held a 3.454. The men’s cross country team combined for a 3.417 GPA — followed by the women’s swimming and diving team with a 3.409 GPA.

Out of UND’s 19 teams, 15 achieved at least a 3.0 GPA during the 2013 fall semester.

During that semester, at least a 3.0 GPA was achieved by a total of 375 student athletes — which accounts for 63 percent of the total student-athlete population at UND. Out of those 375, 60 received a 4.0 and 29 hold a cumulative 4.0 GPA.

The Fall 2013 Athletics Director’s Honor Roll is comprised of 312 student athletes who posted a cumulative 3.0 GPA. Those athletes were honored at halftime during last Thursday’s women’s basketball game against Weber State.

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Sub-zero temperatures didn’t keep competitors from racing in the fifth annual Extreme North Dakota IceMan Triathlon on Saturday across the Grand Forks Greenway.

The contest began at 9 a.m. and stretched for miles along the Greenway. Nearly 30 participants began with a short uphill sprint before strapping on cross country skis for a three-mile leg. The second jaunt was a seven-mile extreme bicycle ride on and off the Greenway paths. Participants were allowed to pick up their bikes and run with them if they were having too hard of a time biking through the snow — and many of them did just that.

After a three-mile run, participants slugged into the finish line back at Lincoln Park. UND senior Caleb Koblansky competed for his third time. To get in shape for triathlons, Koblansky does weight lifting, running, swimming, rock climbing, yoga and free diving.

“I try to stay as active as possible and work out whenever I have time to,” Koblansky said. “This can be one to three times a day, at five to seven times a week.”

Participants raced as three-person relay teams or solo. The majority of solo racers were over the age of 30 and in peak physical condition.

They dressed in tight-fitting ski clothing, hats, scarves and gloves — all more than necessary given the conditions.

“To stay warm, I incorporate different layers depending on the temperature — base layer, mid layer, top layer, windproof layer,” Koblansky said. “What really helps for maintaining warmth in your extremities is using rubber gloves under your normal gloves and plastic bags for your feet.”

Koblansky said merino wool is important clothing because of its warmth as well as moisture absorbency.

The Nonprofit Leadership Student Association is hosting the Snowball Winter Softball Tournament at Apollo Field in Grand Forks on Feb. 22.

The registration fee is $20 per person, and each player will receive a T-shirt for joining. The event is open to the entire community, and proceeds will go to St. Joseph’s Social Care.

Students looking to gain experience for future work in the nonprofit sector and participate in community service and fund raising can join the Nonprofit Leadership Program.

The program provides social and cultural opportunities and prepares future leaders in nonprofit leadership.

Behind the program is Executive Chairwoman Laura Roach. She and the Nonprofit Leadership Program worked with programs including Stable Days Youth Ranch in East Grand Forks, which works with mentally and physically disabled children.

“My favorite community service event has been volunteering at Stable Days,” Community Service Chairwoman Kristen Fabian said. “The staff was really appreciative of our help, and I felt like we made a big difference. It was also fun to see the horses at the ranch.”

The organization also held a prom dress sale, which was geared towards girls that couldn’t afford a dress of their own.

“We had donations, and some people would exchange their old dresses for new ones, and then we’d sell the old ones for a discounted price,” Roach said.
What started as a project to revive a forgotten student website became a rebuilding of a site that now gets nearly 600,000 visits a year. UNDerground is a smaller version of Craigslist that allows for the exchange of goods and services. It is unclear at what point it fell out of popular use, but eventually it became a program buried and forgotten by UND Student Government.

“In 2005, IT was cleaning up servers, and they were asking us what to do with it,” former Student Government Webmaster Mike Link said. “Some students were still using it, but you couldn’t upload pictures at that point. It kind of got forgotten, so, for a while there, I don’t think Student Government even knew they still owned it. Eventually I found out and … I brought it back to life.”

Memorial Union Director Tony Trimarco, who was the union student advisor in 2005, wanted the revamped site to be something that would last.

“We really just wanted to make sure that when it started up that it was going to be something students would follow up on,” Trimarco said. “We didn’t want it to just last a couple of weeks, we wanted there to be some continuity. We went ahead, and the students started it on their own, and they took the initiative.

“It really hasn’t changed that much in its philosophy. Students wanted a place they could exchange info about stuff that was for sale. We have the bulletin boards down at the Union, but they wanted more than that.”

Since adding the ability to upload photos and a button allowing students to flag posts, the webmaster position has been cut and the primary responsibility for the UNDerground has moved to the student affairs technology department.

“It’s probably one of Student Government’s most successful programs, just with the number of different students that use it, and they kind of gave it away, which is sad,” Link said. “It was a really fun project.”

Despite Student Government’s now distant role, thousands of students use it every week.

According to a statistics package originally used by the webmasters, the UNDerground was viewed an average of 1,303 times daily.

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The Nonprofit Leadership Program does different community service projects and fundraisers and focuses on one big fundraising event of their own every year.

“We sometimes get bored of doing the same events every year, so we like to switch it up,” Roach said. “We vote as a group each year to decide what programs we want the proceeds to go to.”

Members are asked to bring their own gloves — thick mittens work best — as well as to wear warm winter gear to the games. Hot coffee and cocoa will be provided during the tournament.

“My favorite part about being in the program is working with a group of great people who want to see change in the world,” Communications Committee Chairman Alex Colestock said.

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UND student

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Triathlon as being beneficial to the region’s youth and larger dedicated to bringing adventure a local North Dakota non-profit North Dakota IceMan Triathlon a threshold pace that’s not too to withstand the wind during the ski portion, but warm enough being not too warm during the ski, bike and run,” Kobilansky said. “I say this because you have between the three portions — Racing in extreme temps like this really puts your mind and body to the test,” Kobilansky see’s the IceMan proceeds from the Extreme Ground Up Adventures. Kobilansky is currently preparing for a 360-mile expedition run across North Dakota to raise awareness about the impact of the oil boom. "Racing in extreme temps like this really puts your mind and body to the test," Kobilansky said. "We wanted to make sure that it was going to be safe, that it was going to be used properly and ethically," he said. "We were concerned — we didn’t want scams, or for it to be used for them to sell items to each other — we wanted it to be above board. I have yet to hear of a problem with the site."

RACE FROM PAGE 7 wicking qualities. “The hardest aspect of IceMan is regulating temperature between the three portions — ski, bike and run,” Kobilansky said. “I say this because you have to dress appropriately to balance not being too warm during the ski portion, but warm enough to withstand the wind during the bike, as well as maintaining a threshold pace that’s not too exhausting. Proceeds from the Extreme North Dakota IceMan Triathlon went to Ground Up Adventures, a local North Dakota non-profit dedicated to bringing adventure to the region’s youth and larger community.

Kobilansky see’s the IceMan Triathlon as being beneficial for himself, the community and Ground Up Adventures.

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Omaha's efforts on the zone element to compete against the past nine games. We didn't respond in the right history of responding. Tonight, and that's where our team has a goal in a bounce off a shin pad, built the two-goal lead. We gave coach Dave Hakstol said. "We answered goals. The freshman defenseman quickly used his stick to drive away Dominic Zombo's shot in front of the net. "I didn't touch that," Saunders said. "That was Paul. That was a heck of a save — probably the save of the year — it's just kind of funny a goalie didn't do it." In what would have been a chance for Omaha to get back into the game, LaDue's quick thinking kept North Dakota on top. "He got a stick on it, and it was a little bit of good fortune there, but great instinct," UND coach Dave Hakstol said. "That's a great instinctive, defensive play, and Paul LaDue has a way of getting those kind of plays." North Dakota tallied three goals in the third period compared to one from the Mavericks — enough to claim the 4-2 victory. "That's what good teams do," he said. "Omaha does a really good job of it, and we saw that coming." Hakstol said. "They did a great job last weekend and did a good job limiting any end zone time, so we knew we had a challenge in front of us, but we didn't do the right things." Friday victory Clarke Saunders presence between the pipes Friday night, though, became Omaha's main target. "I thought the second period was all the Clarke Saunders show," junior forward Mark MacMillan said. "Obviously that was big for us." Saunders faced 24 shots by the end of the second period, which saw goals from both teams to begin the third period, 1-1. It was in the third that Paul LaDue would make the save of the game. "It was absolutely insane," Emily Evers said. "It was such an awesome atmosphere — as intense as the game gets and as in to it as the crowd gets — it's an awesome place to play." Evers, who had eight points, eight rebounds and three blocks Saturday afternoon, helped solidify the mid-game lead with the final four points of the half. The Mavericks slowly chipped away during the second stanza to eventually take its first lead of the second half at 51-48, after which Evers was key in getting the game to overtime with a steal and a game-tying free throw with 51 seconds left.

"It's never an easy game against Idaho State or anyone else in our conference." Emily Evers UND athlete

Chester Belowski

UND's Brendan O'Donnell skates down the ice last weekend against Omaha. Saunders said. "They find ways to win. It probably wasn't overall our best effort tonight. I think we had some lulls in the second as a team, but like I said, good teams find ways to get a 'W,' and that's what we did tonight." With the split, North Dakota and Omaha fell into a third place tie in NCHC conference standings. Elizabeth Erickson is the sports editor of The Dakota Student. She can be reached at elizabeth.erickson@my.und.edu

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Men’s hoops splits games

UND falls to Weber State on Thursday, pulls through for victory over Idaho State Saturday.

By Alex Stadnik
The Dakota Student

In a night where the UND men’s basketball team needed a win to keep pace in the competitive Big Sky Conference, Troy Huff — along with the rest of the team — stepped up his game.

After an 84-72 loss against Weber State last Thursday, North Dakota learned from its experience and came out on top Saturday in an 80-75 decision over Idaho State.

Our bench was huge both in the first half and the second half. I think that was the difference in the game.

Brian Jones
UND coach

Huff came out of the gate hot Saturday, shooting four of five from the field and finishing the first half with 18 points. He also was a perfect four for four in free throws in the first half, and finished the game six of eight from the charity stripe.

Huff led the team early, but the game also featured other players. North Dakota shot 60 percent from the field and showed a strong first half of shooting form the three point line.

Although Cole Stefan only had 11 points, he had shots in the second half that stopped the run Idaho State was on and started a run for UND.

Jaron Nash threw down dunks, Alonzo Taylor knocked down big shots and Lenny Antwi came up big late in first half by swinging the momentum back to UND after the Bengals made a run at the lead. These plays made the win a balanced team effort.

“Our bench was huge both in the first and second halves. I think that was the difference in the game,” UND coach Brian Jones said.

The Green and White only collected 19 rebounds on the night, compared to 47 for Idaho State — 26 of those offensive rebounds.

Bengals forward Jeffrey Solarian was a big part of that, collecting 20 total rebounds — 12 offensive and eight defensive — to go along with his 23 points to lead all scorers for Idaho State.

Webber State

Thursday featured a different result.

While UND had some bright spots, the team could not withstand No. 1 in the conference, Weber State, losing 84-72.

The score may reflect a beat down, but Weber State had their hands full at times with the Green and White. Every time UND would go on a run, Weber State would counter with a run of its own.

The Wildcats were dominant, taking advantage of UND’s smaller roster. Kyle Tresnak and Joel Bobolmboy took over for Weber State in the second half, with Bobolmboy getting the double-double — 20 points and 11 rebounds — and Tresnak scoring 16 points and netting three furious blocks.

Davion Berry also showed why he is one of the top scorers in the Big Sky as he went for 21 points. 11 of which came in the second half.

While it was a relatively down night for the Green and White, Jaron Nash showed a bright spot as he had a career night for the team, scoring 27 points off of a solid 12-21 shooting, and was one rebound away from achieving his first double-double of the season. Troy Huff also had a commendable outing, with 19 points and 10 rebounds — giving him his fourth double-double of the season.

UND’s starters combined to score 13 points all game, nine of those points coming from Aaron Anderson.

The team also was at a disadvantage on the defensive end, letting the Wildcats run all over it.

Despite the goal deficit, UND continued to fight back and proved the team was capable of a comeback.

“I was proud that we didn’t feel sorry for ourselves,” Idaho said. “We continued to execute the play, regardless of the score. Once we got rolling, we felt pretty good there in the third. All in all, it was a nice gritty win for our club — much needed points here down the stretch.”

After an up and down afternoon Saturday, the teams returned for Sunday’s game. UND had the early lead, but the Bulldogs climbed back as the game ended in a 2-2 tie and was forced into both an overtime period and a shootout.

UND lost in the shootout, but was credited with the 2-2 tie.

UND’s next opponent will be Minnesota State-Mankato this weekend back home at Ralph Engelstad Arena on Saturday and Sunday at 2:07 p.m.

It will be the last regular season home series before playoffs start. UND will have one more road series after facing Mankato to conclude the regular season.

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Weekend ends with split

Jakobsen shines in Bulldog series

UND claims victory Saturday and tie Sunday against Minnesota-Duluth.

By Mariah Holland
The Dakota Student

For North Dakota, four unanswered goals proved to be enough. The UND women’s hockey team traveled to Duluth last weekend, defeating the Bulldogs 4-3 on Saturday and posting a 2-2 tie Sunday afternoon, in which Duluth claimed the extra point in the shootout.

UND is without several leaders due to the Olympics, but Josefine Jakobsen stepped up this weekend to help North Dakota beat UND with two of the four goals scored by UND in Saturday afternoon’s game.

Meghan Dufault joined Jakobsen on both of her goals and also assisted on a goal by Sam LeBombard, in which Durant turned out to be a three point game for Dufault.

“We had talked to (Jakobsen) about shooting the puck,” UND coach Brian Idalski said. “She has such a good release and a couple nice opportunities for her to catch and shoot in the seam and was able to get a couple big goals for us today.

“We need her right now to be one of our better players, so she definitely stepped up today and played a huge game for us.”

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