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Wilkerson renovations revealed

By Emmy Erbes
The Dakota Student

Students eating in Wilkerson Hall may have noticed a display of renovation blueprints near the dining center entrance. The designs are from the renovation committee, which has made progress since the conceptual updates last October. “The designs are very close to being final, but not yet,” Director of Dining Services Orlynn Rosaasen said. “We are at about 50 percent progress with the design details.”

Rosaasen and the rest of the committee have solidified the function of every space and the layout of all parts of the building. They are still deciding on furniture and interiors, such as colors, ceilings and lights.

While the committee does not have any new public informational meetings planned, it will be asking for students’ input on the interior sometime before the end of the semester. The input is needed before construction starts this summer.

“We will be closing Wilkerson at the end of the spring semester to start demolition,” said Rosaasen. “That will go through late summer when we start construction for the new addition.”

Construction will be completed in two separate phases so that parts of the complex can still be utilized by students. The first phase will include a new addition, lower level and one-third of the upper level. The other two-thirds of the upper level will still be used for breakfast, lunch and dinner while that takes place. When the first

Flight school contract renewed

By Megan Hoffman
The Dakota Student

An agreement between UND and Tokai University in Japan to bring Japanese aviation students to UND will continue for another four years.

On Monday, UND President Robert Kelley, Dean of Aerospace Sciences Bruce Smith and Executive Vice President of the UND Aerospace Foundation Chuck Pineo welcomed representatives from Tokai University to sign a new contract.

The representatives included Tokai’s Dean of Engineering Katsumi Hiraoka, Chairman of Aviation Keiji Shibata, Satomi Onomori of Academic Affairs and UND graduate and aviation staff member Daisaku Noma.

“It is a very great privilege for me to welcome visitors from Tokai University,” Kelley said. “We are very, very proud of the relationship that has developed over many years between Tokai University and the Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences.”
EVENT | Breakfast Chat Fridays, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Era Bell Thompson Multicultural Center. Bagels, juice, coffee, coffee cake and breakfast bars will be served.

EVENT | UND Baseball at Utah Valley, 7 p.m., Orem Utah. UND Men’s Baseball team conference game.

EVENT | Writers Conference 101: Colson Whitehead, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Ferguson Books and Media. Discussion of “Apex Hides the Hurt” by Colson Whitehead led by Dr. Eric Wolfe.

Correction:
The Friday, March 7 issue of The Dakota Student, “Research Seeing Upswing,” The Energy and Environmental Research Center does not get allocated funds from the university. As a non-profit business working for the university, EERC earns its funding on its own.
phase is completed, a new dish room and three serving platforms will be available for use while the second phase is constructed on the remaining two-thirds of the upper level.

The committee is still deciding exactly how to run services during construction.

“We are still finalizing everything, but, this summer, our services will be moved to Squires,” Rosaasen said. “Next fall, late-night and weekend services will probably be at Squires. This is to avoid troubles when there are power outages or other issues when we’re there constructing.”

Another factor subject to change with the project is the price. The committee has been given $29 million for the renovations, but it does not plan to use all of it. Rosaasen assures students the money is secured for the project and prices for meal plans will not have to increase to cover the costs.

Most students are eagerly awaiting the renovations because Wilkerson, built in 1969, is outdated. They hope to see a more modern style similar to Squires Dining Hall.

“Wilkerson is boring. Squires is much more visually pleasing,” said UND freshman Christian Feldmann, who lives in Brannon Hall within the Wilkerson Complex.

Chance Dickman, a freshman who also lives in Brannon Hall, appreciates Wilkerson’s convenient location near his dorm, but agrees that changes are needed.

“When you walk in, it feels like you are in the 80s, with the carpet and chandeliers,” he said. “They need to renovate the look because it is meant for an older generation. Also, everything is so spread out — they should close it up a little.”

Orlynn Rosaasen explained the new seating layout will eliminate wasted space, while still accommodating the amount of seats needed.

“There is a lot of wasted space in the current facility, and we will no longer have that,” she said.

Many of the plans that were simply ideas last fall are now being finalized. There will be new additions to please students, including a coffee shop, counseling offices, a stage and sound system for events, gaming stations and glass windows for natural light. A much wider variety of foods will be available in the dining center: Brazilian churrasco BBQ grill, rotisserie, a large salad bar, international food, pasta, home cooking and more. Existing services like mail and to-go food will remain, but will be revamped along with everything else.

“I think the upstairs area with a stage and glass windows for seeing outside sounds like it will be really cool,” Dickman said. “It seems like Wilkerson will be a mini-Union, which will be great for students.”

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Blueprints for the Wilkerson dining center renovations. Photo Courtesy of JLG Architects.
Agent of S.H.I.E.L.D.

Michael Rauser
The Dakota Student

I love superheroes. I always have. For quite some time when I was younger, my career plans consisted mostly of gaining superpowers and fighting crime.

Obviously, I am a big fan of TV shows about superheroes. However, there is a right and a wrong way to do a show about superheroes.

Many live action TV shows about superheroes keep falling to the same failed assumption that the ‘normal’ people are more interesting than the superheroes.

What’s my problem with focusing on regular people instead of superheroes? Take “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.,” for example. Its decision to focus exclusively on people without superpowers in a world where superheroes exist is like telling a story set in the world of Sherlock Holmes entirely from the perspective of Inspector Lestrade. The story about Holmes is so much better.

The biggest challenge to “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.,” besides perhaps its budget, is that all the big-name superheroes they could get already have major franchises of their own with big-name actors that play them.

“Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.” would be much better if it took lessons from “Heroes.” I know “Heroes” wasn’t the most loved show, but even if it didn’t get everything right, there was plenty it did get right.

It did a great job of making its characters feel powerful without feeling ridiculously overpowered. It also was able to showcase impressive looking superpowers while still remaining inside a TV show budget.

Most importantly, it took place in a world where superheroes existed, and it followed those superheroes around. There were people without superpowers in this world, and they did have interesting stories, but the main focus was on the superheroes.

“Smallville” certainly wasn’t a perfect show either, but it definitely had its moments. “Smallville” was best when it focused less on boring teenage drama and more on superheroes teaming up to fight crime.

The best episode of the whole show was an episode called “Justice,” in which Superman, The Flash, Green Arrow, Aquaman and Cyborg all teamed up to fight Lex Luthor. Unfortunately, after that episode, they pretty much went back to their regular pattern of excessive teenage drama occasionally mixed with bouts of superheroism. The latter seasons were the closest thing to a live action Justice League TV show we’ll ever get.

We can even see this in the upcoming Marvel Comics TV shows planned for Netflix. There is a group of TV shows about various Marvel Comics superheroes such as Daredevil, Luke Cage, Iron Fist and Jessica Jones. All of these will culminate in a mini-series where they team up called “The Defenders.” Instantly, these shows sound more interesting than “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.,” simply because they are about superheroes.

“Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.,” can’t exactly get the big-name stars from the movies, but it could at least get the B-list ones that haven’t been in the movies yet.

For example, when the first trailer of “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.” hit, there actually was a superhero featured in the trailer. Many speculated that it was Luke Cage or another similar Marvel Comics character.

It turns out it was none of those — it was a brand new character made just for that show. This was the first of many missteps “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.” made. The next was deciding to make the main focus of the show S.H.I.E.L.D. agents themselves rather than cramming in more superheroes.

Of course, just making a show about superheroes doesn’t guarantee it will be good. “Alphas,” or the more recent “The Tomorrow People,” proved that.

However, when you have a world where superheroes exist, and you decide instead to focus on the “normal” people of the world, almost ignoring the superheroes entirely by relegating them to cameos and minor supporting roles, it definitely detracts from the story.

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Time well spent: Better than lots of it

Kjerstine Trooien
The Dakota Student

I get really anxious about the amount of time I have. I’m not talking about hours in a day or being too busy. I’m talking about something much scarier, much deeper, than worrying about not getting my homework done.

If I’m lucky, I’ve got about 80 years left in my life. The Trooien family is known for living well into their 90s, even 100s, so it’s a pretty safe bet that I’ll follow suit. It sounds like a lot of time, right? Most college students are in the same boat. We have the rest of our lives ahead of us. There is no reason for us not to feel practically immortal. Yet, many of my friends express the same worry about not having enough time.

We do big things with our lives. Those things vary from person to person, but all have goals and dreams. But in reality, our futures are uncertain. Sure, it’s likely I’ll live until I’m at least 90, but what if I don’t? Or worse, what if I live until I’m 100 and don’t accomplish anything? Those thoughts have been whirling around in my mind for the past few months. I’ve talked with peers and people I’ve looked up to about them and have been assured that this is completely normal. We all have to confront our mortality sometime.

I don’t know if it was fate or serendipity, but while sitting in the doctor’s office on Monday, I overheard a conversation between two women who were in their early 60s. They talked about how, when they were young, they had this need to get everything done. They worried about running out of time in their lives. They laughed about this worry and went on to discuss how laid back they were now. Time, they said, moved faster now that they were older, but it didn’t make time more valuable. One woman even said she was bored! She had done everything she’d set out to do and now she wanted to do more than just relax in her golden years.

As much as I felt bad for her—slopping around I really couldn’t believe the coincidence. These women were saying the exact things I needed to hear to calm my mind.

I don’t think this worry about running out of time really revolves around getting everything done. I think it’s the first step towards confronting our mortality. By now, most of us have seen death. Whether we’ve known someone who’s passed away, witnessed a tragedy or been near death ourselves, we are realizing that life is not only fragil, but has an expiration date. The fear isn’t about the time, but about the limit.

The women I overheard tackled that, too. They discussed living in the moment, and understanding that the only thing that matters. Matters which we have passed can’t be changed and the moments ahead couldn’t be worse.

It’s the only moment you can change.

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Catchcalls less than complimentary

Stephanie Garther
The Dakota Student

A car drove down next to you and a voice or two shout out something unattractive, linger, waiting for a response and drive off. It’s not an uncommon occurrence, especially on fair weathered days along University Avenue. Catcalls, drive-by’s or otherwise, are hardly an effective way to “pick up” anyone nor are they a compliment.

Having some chilly and crude phrase call out to you is starting, especially when you’re walking alone. Most catcalls are innocent enough, but it still rocks your sense of security, especially if those calling go further than verbalizing. Why do people even engage in this kind of behavior, if not for malicious intent? Has anyone ever run into this thinking. For me, not one.

One afternoon, I was walking down University. I was in my own world, when I saw a small, green car flip a U-turn in between the median. My initial thought was, “Oh, they’re going for that spot along the street,” and kept walking.

A guy my age, perhaps a few years older, rolled down his window and proceeded to shout at me, “Hey! You sexy as (insert profanity here)!“

I just stared at him, taken aback. He responded with, “Just thought you should know!” I responded with a sarcastic chuckle and drove away. I didn’t feel like America’s Next Top Model after I just felt alone and uneasy.

The problem was even more when I pulled up to my apartment building, he pulled up a few minutes after, considerably meeting a friend I was meeting for a coffee meeting.

Catcalling is pointless and just makes all feel unsafe. At a very young age we’re told not to converse with strangers in vehicles nor get in with them. That gut feeling is still there and I can’t shake it.

If one truly needs to let another person know about their attraction, a respectful, pleasant greeting would be more effective and less awful and creepy. It starts with one person to spread safety awareness, whether you’re the walker or the caller, respect goes a long way.

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Letters to the editor

Voter interest

On the front page of last Friday’s Dakota Student was an article about voter interest. I disagree with the article’s contention that “voter interest remains low.” The article may seem to imply that only three percent of the student body plans on voting in the upcoming elections. The survey indicated that 35.35 percent (of 5,354 respondents) plan on voting. The sample size is nine percent of the population, which is statistically significant. If we apply the sample to the population, then 5,354 students (35.35 percent of 15,143 students) could be predicted to vote in the upcoming election, which is a whole lot more than just 490. 5,354 voters would be more than two and a half times the number who voted in last year’s elections (2,077 votes, or 14 percent of last year’s student body).

The DS View from Friday mentioned the Tuesday Tosses are not random, so the results are not necessarily representative of the entire population. However, the sample is roughly 10 percent of the population, and a large sample size such as this partially offsets the representation bias.

Additionally, this year’s elections committee has made a strong effort to increase awareness of the upcoming State and Student Government elections. The committee has also made the decision to have three physical voting locations this year (Willken, Gamble, and the Nodak). I have voted in one or none during previous years.

We have more candidates (29) for Student Government positions than any previous year on record. Those candidates will also be working to get students to vote, which should increase voter turnout even more.

Voter interest does not remain low, it is poised to be higher than any previous year on record. The survey indicates that voter interest is over 250 percent greater than last year, and the number of applications for positions shows that interest in Student Government is at an all-time high. Could voter interest be higher? Sure. But are we taking huge strides in the right direction? Absolutely.

Alan Oberg
student senator

Preservation

For the past 25 years, I have had the great pleasure of calling North Dakota my home. I have always been proud of my roots and am so glad to be here. However, our state has come to a crossroads—a place where we must balance this need to get everything done. Not only will these funds be late. Not only will these funds be a crossroads—a place where we must balance this need to get everything done. Not only will these funds be late. Not only will these funds be

Rep. Kylie Oversen
District 62, Grand Forks UND Alumna

"If one truly needs to let another person know about their attraction, a respectful, pleasant greeting would be more effective and less awful and creepy. It starts with one person to spread safety awareness, whether you’re the walker or the caller, respect goes a long way."
On Tuesday evening, Schraibman was the keynote speaker with a presentation titled “Building an LGBT Rights Movement in Albania.” The events wrapped up Wednesday with the panel, “Ending the Human Trafficking Epidemic.”

Schraibman began her work as a U.S. Department of Justice prosecutor in 1994, prosecuting tax and white collar crimes. In 2003, Schraibman received the Department’s John Marshall Award for Outstanding Legal Achievement for Trial of Litigation for prosecuting the operators of a secret domestic warehouse bank that allowed hundreds of people to hide millions of dollars from the IRS.

In 2006, Schraibman was chosen to take the position of resident legal advisor at the U.S. embassy in Tirana, Albania where she focused on an initiative that worked on combating corruption, money laundering and human trafficking. She also worked with an LGBT activist group and supported its grassroots movement for equality. Schraibman received the Secretary of State Award for Outstanding Volunteerism Abroad from Hillary Clinton for her work with the Albanian LGBT movement.

Currently, Schraibman is vice president for Department of Justice Pride, which is a recognized organization for LGBT employees working in the Department of Justice’s offices, boards and divisions. The panel on “Ending the human trafficking epidemic” on Wednesday began with the director of the Center for Human Rights and Genocide Studies and associate professor Gregory Gordon speaking about real examples of people affected by human trafficking, what exactly human trafficking is, how prevalent it is and the tools that can be used to stop it.

“This is the new kind of slavery,” Gordon said.

Gordon went on to say that human trafficking is the second largest organized crime, but estimates vary on how many people are victims to human trafficking, ranging from 40,000 up to 27 million.

“I think all of us can make a difference and stop this,” Gordon said.

After Gordon spoke, Schraibman talked about her experience in Albania, which was put on a watch list for human trafficking in 2008.

“I saw children in very dangerous circumstances,” Schraibman said.

Schraibman said that while she was in Albania, the U.S. worked on putting a lot of resources into the witness protection program and expanded it to being a regional witness protection program that included surrounding countries like Kosovo and Macedonia to make it safer for victims of human trafficking.

“Melissa is the inspiration for this panel because of her work in Albania,” Gordon said.
UND students waiting tables rely heavily on tips instead of wages because of the option available to North Dakota restaurant managers to reduce minimum wage to $4.86 per hour for tipped employees.

UND junior Amber Schuler is one of many college students who works as a server in Grand Forks who doesn't get paid North Dakota's normal minimum wage of $7.25 an hour.

“I am a server at Olive Garden and make about $4 (an hour) after taxes,” Schuler said. Schuler makes enough in tips to reach the minimum requirement.

“Tips average between $10 to $10 a shift, or about $12 an hour,” Schuler said. “It depends if I am working lunch or dinner, and how busy the restaurant is.”

According to the North Dakota minimum wage and work conditions summary, employers may apply a tip credit of 33 percent of the minimum wage for tipped employees. This means minimum wage for tipped employees is $4.86 per hour.

“It is the employer's responsibility to maintain written records verifying that tipped employees receive at least the minimum wage for servers in North Dakota,” Szutenbach said.

“Some states only pay servers two things an hour — some pay them $8,” Szutenbach said. “I would say that in our experience (only paying $4.86) isn't something that happens on a regular basis.”

Schuler said she has never made less than the required average of $7.25 per hour.

“I personally believe that Grand Forks citizens are good tippers,” Schuler said. “And I say that because I have worked at other Olive Gardens, and I have found a much more negative experience in regards to guests.”

Schuler said serving is her only job, but it isn’t always enough to pay for everything she needs — school, car insurance, gas, groceries, rent, clothing and household supplies — however, there are perks.

By Misti Meads
The Dakota Student

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Student servers rely on tips to pay bills

— North Dakota allows less than minimum wage for tipped restaurant employees

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Lineup set for 45th annual Writers Conference

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Tradition continues with generous donation, hard work from English department

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By Marie Monson
The Dakota Student

Six authors will arrive in Grand Forks on April 2 for UND's 45th annual Writers Conference, which attracts thousands every year and is free and open to the public.

The conference will revolve primarily around featured authors, who will be doing various readings and panels over the course of the three day event. The authors are Robert Pinsky, Jessica Lott, Sarah Leavitt, Brian Maxwell, Colson Whitehead and Geoffrey Dyer, each of whom has a unique background and relationship with literature.

The authors

Pinsky served as United States Poet Laureate for a rare third term after proving to be such a good fit for the role during his first two. Thousands of Americans have had the chance to share their favorite poems through his Favorite Poem Project, which is still operating.

The multi-talented Pinsky will take part in two of the three panels and, instead of doing a reading, will perform with the UND Jazz Ensemble on April 3. Lott also is multi-faceted in her involvement with literature. The Boston University graduate writes fiction and also is involved in art criticism. She also has won numerous awards in both categories.

Another diverse branch of literature will be represented by graphic novelist Leavitt, who celebrated her first novel, “Tangles: A Story About Alzheimer’s, My Mother and Me” in 2010.

Embodying the short story form, Maxwell is coming from Florida to UND, where he received his Ph.D. in Creative Writing. One of Maxwell's stories, "Listen and the Bells," has been translated into Italian.

Currently living in Brooklyn, N.Y. with his daughter, Whitehead has won several awards and been a Pulitzer Prize finalist. The essayist and novelist was called “The coolest writer in America” by Esquire magazine, and he has over 116,000 Twitter followers.

Dyer is a visiting professor at Columbia University in New York and brings the experience of having several essays and four novels published, the fifth of which will come out this May. Dyer will be reading on the first evening of the conference.

Public participation

Although these six writers form the Writers Conference’s core, they share the spotlight with anyone interested in sharing his or her work. From 10 to 11:30 a.m. on each day of the conference, participants can sign up to read their work for 10 minutes each. Those interested can go to the UND Writers Conference website and sign up.

UND professor and Director of the Writers Conference Crystal Alberts designed the upcoming conference for people to make connections and meet others interested in literature.

“The UND Writers Conference is also deeply committed to building strong and enduring off-campus relationships,” Alberts said. “It is proud to count among its attendees many from the Greater Grand Forks community, around North Dakota and beyond, totaling between 1,000 to 3,000 per year on average.”

Alberts encourages anyone and everyone to attend and said she likes to hear the wide array of stories.

“I enjoy spending time talking to the people who are attending the conference, whether authors or community members, because there are always fantastic stories being told,” Alberts said.

Funding

This year there was some scare regarding the funding for future conferences, but thanks to UND alumni Alice Carlson’s commitment of $35,000 per year, there is a little cushion.

However, Alberts said this isn’t enough.

“We are very grateful for Alice Carlson’s gift of $35,000 per year to help ensure the longevity of the UND Writers Conference,” she said. “However, there is still quite a lot of work to be done.”

North Dakota Museum of Art Director Laural Reuter, who will be moderating the panel “Literature, Art and all that Jazz,” said she hopes the Writers Con-
Boyd snags interview with TV stars — German professor researching recreation of classic Grimm stories

By Adele Kieger
The Dakota Student

UND professor of German studies and fairy tale expert Amanda Boyd will have the opportunity to interview four of the cast members and crew of the popular drama series "Grimm" in April.

Boyd plans to publish two or three articles about the material she gathers from the interviews and — depending on what comes out of the interviews — hopes to have enough material to put together a book.

"Grimm" is inspired by the classic Brothers Grimm fairy tales such as Cinderella, The Frog Prince, Hansel and Gretel, Rapunzel, Rapunzelstiltskin and Snow White. The stories were written by German brothers Wilhelm and Jacob Grimm in the early 1800’s. Each episode merges these classic fairy tales into a modern context. It is in its third season, which airs Fridays at 8 p.m. on NBC.

The cast includes actors David Giuntoli, Russell Hornsby, Regbie Lee, Silas Weir Mitchell, Sasha Roiz and Bitsie Tulloch.

Boyd also will be working with the show’s producers, co-creators, dialect coach and German language consultants.

"I started getting interested in Germany when I was 9 when I went there with my parents, and I fell in love with it," Boyd said. "Four months later, I got a tutor in German, and I’ve been intrigued in language and culture ever since."

Boyd started exploring Brothers Grimm fairy tales in a study of the psychoanalytical analysis and interpretation of them.

"I was applying those methods to the show, and I gave some formal conference presentations on it last year," Boyd said. "I happened to be at a conference last fall, and I met someone who knew someone. So, with a little networking, and a heck of a lot of luck, next thing you know I’m in contact with the dialect coach for Grimm.

Boyd said she has always been intrigued by Grimm’s use of foreign languages such as German, French, Spanish and Grimm’s own made up vocabulary called “Grimmish,” and wanted to get to the heart of their uses on the show.

Boyd said the grounding of language in culture intrigues her.

"What fascinates me most about Grimm is that it’s obviously a show meant for entrance remains free for years to come. "Charging to attend would be a great loss to UND students who often discover the pleasures of literature through the conference," Reuter said. “It is here that students hear the voice of the writer for the first time — voice in its broadest literary sense.”

Reuter was a student at UND when the Writers Conference began and called the first conference 45 years ago "A grand celebration of literary life.

In more recent years, the conference has experienced varying amounts of attending guests, and it is smaller this year, with only six writers compared to last year’s eight authors and 2012’s seven, but Alberts hopes to see the event outlive her.

“I’m pretty sure that I personally will not see it reach its 100th anniversary; but I would very much like to see it continue for that long and then some, as it is a unique experience for all who attend and an important UND tradition,” Alberts said. “I hope that others feel the same way.”

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always how he spent his weekends.

Earlier this season, Rodwell’s name wasn’t a consistent sight on the line chart, but his presence became a coach’s concern. He was missed.

“I always had to be out of the lineup, but he handled it as a teammate really well,” Hakolot said. “He controlled all the things he could control. He showed up, worked extremely hard every day and probably most importantly, he made sure he was ready when he did get an opportunity. Once he was in, we couldn’t take him out.”

In 32 games he’s played this season, Rodwell has collected two goals and an assist. But what he adds to the team speaks louder than his statistics.

“(He brings) intensity, extra effort, a real pure element I think that was missing from our roster,” Hakolot said. “He brought it right away and he’s been a guy that’s been extremely consistent in what he brings to the table. He brought that day one and I think he’s brought it every day since.”

“He leads by example and by going out and doing it.”

This weekend, the senior knows what’s on the line. He’s played for four years, and the upcoming series marks the end of a cycle at the Ralph.

“Getting to play four years in this building and knowing this is going to be the last weekend, it’s definitely going to be a little bit extra on the table and we want to make it a memorable one.”

Creating memories has been a common theme in recent weeks with the emotions of senior night, and moving closer to the ultimate goal one day at a time.

Despite the importance each game plays in determining post-season rankings, the preparation remains the same. “At the end of the day, you just have to treat every game the same,” Rodwell said. “Go in the same whether its senior night or in the first game of the season. I think that’s kind of what’s allowed us to be successful this year is treating the games the same and taking the same approach and mentality toward it.”

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Clarke sets record-breaking sprints
— North Dakota runner competes in 200 and 400 meter runs, records personal best times

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Sophomore sprinter Stephanie Clarke continues to break school records. She most recently broke two at the Big Sky Conference Indoor Championship, where she outran herself in both the 200 and the 400 meter runs.

Clarke first set a new bar in both preliminary races Friday, and continued on to break her own records in both races again Saturday in finals.

“(Beating my own record) was probably much more fulfilling,” Clarke said. “That was definitely a lot more satisfying, because to know that I can beat myself … to know that I can break it once, rest for one night, and then do it again, beat myself again, that is fantastic.”

Clarke ran the 200-meter dash in 24.13 seconds, kicking her previous record of 24.24 down a notch. She placed second in the event. Her preliminary 400-meter time of 55.43 was also quickly demolished, and Clarke claimed fourth place in the event with a time of 55.01 seconds, earning her All-Big Sky Conference honors.

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Clarke is happy with her performances at the indoor championships, but this isn’t the first year the Edmonton, Alta. native has out-run a former athlete.

“As a freshman, Clarke broke four different school records, ending her season with UND Female Rookie of the Year (for all sports) honors.

She set new standards in the indoor and outdoor 400-meters and also the indoor and outdoor 200-meters. Last season, she also broke her own indoor 400 record at the Big Sky Conference Championship with a time of 55.61 seconds, a time she beat by over half a second in early March.

“Without a doubt, this was our best Big Sky meet ever,” Galbraith said. “That doesn’t set show up in the team scores … As we fill the gaps after our top performers, our team position is only going to get better and better.”

The UND women’s track and field team opens its outdoor season after two weeks of idleness, heading to the UNC-Wilmington Seahawk Invitational Friday and Saturday.

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Despite Clarke’s strong finish to the indoor season, she is hungry for more record-breaking.

“The indoor season ended much better than what I thought it was going to going into the conference,” Clarke said. “I can definitely say I’m happy with the season so far. Now it’s just a matter of doing it again, outdoors, but better.”

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Sophomore Stephanie Clarke sprints for the UND track team. Photo courtesy of UND Athletics.

Clarke, 20, North Dakota runner competes in 200 and 400 meter runs, records personal best times.
Skating ends for UND women
— Hockey team’s NCAA hopes crushed, players still garner post-season awards

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Freshman Gracen Hirschy skates against Wisconsin earlier this season. Hirschy earned All-WCHA Rookie Team honors.

When the UND women’s hockey team stepped onto the ice to take on Minnesota for the Western Collegiate Hockey Association conference championship last weekend, it would end up being the last time the team would skate together this season.

North Dakota needed to win that game to continue its season, but Minnesota was able to claim the victory and stop any NCAA tournament aspirations that UND had. “At the end of the day, we have to get better,” UND coach Brian Idalski said.

Even though the season is over, UND had several players recognized by the WCHA for their work both on and off the ice.

At the WCHA awards banquet, 15 UND players were given All-Academic honors. Players had to have eligibility of one year at school they currently attend.

Even though the season is over, there are many silver linings for the team.

“I think after these first eight games, I think everybody sees that we’re a very, very hard team,” Dodson said. “We’re going into a tougher league, and they know that they have to perform a little bit better.”

Through eight games in the Western Athletics Conference, North Dakota is 0-8 with losses that range from close games to absolute blowouts.

At this point last year, the Green and White were at a respectable 5-2-1, while winning some close games.

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UND plays at Kraft Memorial Field. File photo.

UND at home. North Dakota’s Penrose Cup hopes slipped away, but the matchup against Colorado College this weekend is the only way to secure a spot in the Frozen Faceoff in Minneapolis next weekend.

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For North Dakota's Zack Muckenhirn, the best of luck continued on the field as he was recognized as the Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week and named to the All-WAC Second Team.

By Elizabeth Erickson
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Final stretch in sight

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