SME, Inc. signs contract to design logo

**DAVID SATRE**

**THE DAKOTA STUDENT**

UND has signed a contract for logo development with SME, Inc. This 25-year-old New York-based agency will aid the school in the development of a logo which will represent the new Fighting Hawks nickname.

SME was one of 16 companies under consideration for this contract, based off of an RFP issued by UND in December 2015. This recommendation was made by UND’s Graphic Identity and RFP Evaluation and Recommendation Team, which met throughout January and February 2016 and reviewed the applicants.

The team consisted of representatives from UND’s faculty, staff and student body. The student body was represented on the team by Brandon Beyer, who is the Student Government treasurer.

“It’s a large process, so you need an incredibly qualified firm to do it. I think SME is the perfect choice for UND,” Brandon Beyer.

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Olsen highlights budget experience, student outcomes

**SEAN CLEARY**

**THE DAKOTA STUDENT**

Morgan Olsen returned to his alma mater earlier this week as a candidate in UND’s presidential search process.

Olsen, who graduated with a bachelor’s degree in political science and a master’s degree in public administration from UND, has been the executive vice president, treasurer and chief financial officer at Arizona State University since 2008. Prior to his current job, he served in similar roles at Purdue University, Southern Methodist University, Eastern Illinois University and Emporia University from 1985 to 2004.

He earned a Ph.D from the University of Kansas in higher education during his time at Emporia University. Prior to his working career in higher education, he served as the executive budget analyst for the North Dakota Office of Management and Budget.

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Trumpet ensemble back to national competition

**BY LUCAS AMUNDSON**

**THE DAKOTA STUDENT**

For the third year in a row, the UND Trumpet Ensemble will compete in the National Trumpet Competition.

This year’s competition takes place in Columbus, Ga., from Mar. 10 to 12. For 25 years, the NTC has hosted the best college musicians from across the country.

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“It is an honor to be part of the UND Trumpet Ensemble, and I look forward to seeing what we can achieve as a group,” Ingle said.

In Grand Forks, the UND Trumpet Ensemble is working on a legacy of their own as they prepare for their third NTC. One student who has been there all three years is Alex Tally, a junior who has played the trumpet for 11 years. He said he is proud of how the ensemble has performed at the last two competitions.

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Students win awards at wildlife conference

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Recently, The Wildlife Society returned from Mandan, N.D., where students and faculty had the opportunity to listen to cutting-edge research in the wildlife biology field, present their own research and learn how to communicate science more effectively.

The North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society Conference had 20 UND undergraduates and five graduate students in attendance. UND had the greatest representation of any university at the conference. Students participated in a workshop led by Randy Olson, vice president, treasurer and student body. The student body was represented on the team by Brandon Beyer, who is the Student Government treasurer.

“It was really cool seeing the other high-level ensembles,” he said. “It was kind of amazing to realize we were one of them.”

Tally is one of two ensemble members who are not majoring in science and a master’s degree in public administration from UND, has been the executive vice president, treasurer and chief financial officer at Arizona State University since 2008. Prior to his current job, he served in similar roles at Purdue University, Southern Methodist University, Eastern Illinois University and Emporia University from 1985 to 2004.

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EVENT: School Spirit Day. Free cake for all wearing green.
Time: 11:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Location: Memorial Union

LUNCH: Free potato hamburger soup at American Indian Center on Princeton Street
Time: 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Location: American Indian Center

Saturday, February 27, 2016

EVENT: Beginning of Room Renewal. Returning on-campus may begin selecting roommates for next year. Begins on February 26 at midnight.

EVENT: UND senior piano recital. Free and open to public.
Time: 6 - 8 p.m.
Location: the Hughes Fine Art Center.

Sunday, February 28, 2016

EVENT: Myra Foundation Sunday Cello Concerts in the Galleries. Amit Peled will be performing on Pablo Casalos’ cello which was made in 1733.
Time: Sunday February 28 at 2 p.m.
Location: The North Dakota Museum of Art

EVENT: Rashdance The Musical
Time: 7:30
Location: Chester Fritz Auditorium

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The author of “Don’t Be Such a Scientist,” on science communication. Students had the opportunity to present their work to a room full of the state’s top wildlife professionals.

Three oral presentations, eight poster presentations and one video production were given throughout the three day event.
UND student attendance at the conference resulted in several awards. Tanner Stechmann was awarded most outstanding UND undergraduate student. Alicia Andes was named the most outstanding UND graduate student award.

In addition, Nick Conrad (with co-authors John Palsen and Becca Kludt) won the most outstanding poster presentation and Nick Caswell (with co-author Alicia Andes) came in 3rd in the poster competition. Some of the undergraduate students were competing with and winning against graduate students from NDSU.

Andrew Barnas won the most outstanding oral presentation and Becca Kludt placed 2nd in the oral presentations.

Lastly, there was a team of undergraduates – Will Beaton, Nick Sallen and Alex Aman – who produced a 15 minute conservation feature on Meadowlarks that the chapter recognized and would like to air on TV.

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EVENT: Bemidji State University ski trip. $12 lift tickets.
Time: 4pm - 8pm
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Former marketing professor Don Kohns visits campus

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On Feb. 9 the UND DECA Chapter welcomed a guest to their meeting, Dr. Donald Kohns, or as he would say, “I’m not a doctor anymore; It’s just Don.”

Kohns is a former marketing professor and DECA advisor at UND. DECA is an organization that readies emerging leaders for careers in marketing.

He taught at UND for 17 years before retiring in 1996. At the meeting he told several stories about the years he served as the UND DECA adviser. He brought a scrapbook with several photos and memorabilia of the good times and traditions held by UND DECA.

He also inspired students in the chapter to stay involved in DECA and to always follow their dreams.

His visit to the chapter sparked a feeling of determination throughout the chapter to compete well at the upcoming North Dakota State Conference. The students were very happy to have him back at UND and were well informed that for his next visit he would require a fee of a cup of coffee and good conversation.

Don Kohns shows off his UND pride while visiting campus.

Photo by Shawn Peterson

Dean Kathryn Rand said in a statement: “I want to say thank you again to all who were involved in securing the necessary funding and completing the project in a timeframe that was acceptable to the Accreditation Committee. The teamwork that accomplished an on-time and on-budget project was invaluable in securing the final approval for North Dakota’s law school.”

According to the release, the building project addressed problems at the law school that were identified in previous accreditation visits. The building project included adding a teaching courtroom, deliberation rooms and case study rooms, along with study spaces and the renovation of the law library.

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The CDC is your very popular site for Internet searches to self-diagnose ailments.

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The Witch: Go

I was pleasantly surprised by “The Witch.” Most horror movies released in the winter are stinkers but to tell you any more would spoil the movie. Warning: There are violent scenes involving children.

The story follows a family with five children that’s banished from their village after they refuse to stop practicing their religion. They move out into the creepy woods where their infant son goes missing. The younger siblings blame their old(est) sister for the disappearance and claim that she’s a witch.

And you thought your family was dysfunctional.

These accusations seem crazy but to tell you any more would spoil the movie. All I will say is that it’s sad, chilling and genuinely unsettling. Warning: There are violent scenes involving children.

Race: Go

Remember Jesse Owens? He’s that African-American athlete who went to the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin when Hitler and the Nazis didn’t want any non-white athletes showing up in their country. Do you hate Hitler and like historical drama? Then you’ll like “Race.”

Owens was a resilient and brave man who dealt with a racist society (both at home and abroad) to follow his dream to become the fastest man alive.

Although the script is overly cheesy at times and the supporting actors sometimes slip into being over dramatic, the main star’s performance is what really sells this movie.

Stephan James as Jesse Owens is a big enough selling point to make you want to watch the sports drama clichés the movie occasionally throws your way. Bottoms up.

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Grand Forks Flix: go, no or so-so

You should live your life as if you’re pregnant already because that’s what it’s all leading up to.

Do you have a life of your own? Do you have goals and responsibilities and hobbies? Will if those things interfere with being pregnant, you should get them out of the way. Once good women get the studios release early just to get them out of the way. Once good women are stinkers released in the winter are stinkers

“The Witch.” Most horror movies can cause a man to have deformed sperm, which can lead to a deformed child. That sounds like a bigger danger to potential fetuses than a non-pregnant woman drinking. It’s not like drinking alcohol is going to hurt a non-existent baby, but some funky sperm? That could actually hurt a potential baby. Why aren’t you asking the men to save the imaginary babies, doctors?

I understand what the CDC’s intentions were and I understand how serious EAS is, but their suggestion and the way they worded it is sexist and stupid. If we really want to deal with the fetal alcohol problem here in the United States we should take notes from European countries that have much lower rates of the illness.

And do you know what I noticed about Europe? They let women have their reproductive rights and they let their kids have wine with dinner. Bottoms up.

CDC: for your imaginary baby

ALISABETH OTTO
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This past week the CDC made an interesting suggestion. If you aren’t using birth control, then you shouldn’t drink alcohol. Now calm down everyone the only thing they said was they don’t want this suggestion directed at women.

You may think I’m talking about pregnant women, as that would be the common sense reaction. Pregnant women probably shouldn’t drink, or at the very least they shouldn’t drink very much because that’s the potential to cause fetal alcohol syndrome.

That’s true. Good job for paying attention in high school biology. The problem is that they didn’t make this announcement for pregnant women, they made it for all women.

That’s eight, ladies — if you’re not on birth control you shouldn’t drink.

Does this piss you off? I don’t even drink unless I’m alone watching Netflix with my dog and it pisses me off. The CDC’s reasoning here seems to be they don’t want to make decisions concerning their own lives and reproduction and it’s assuming that if they drink, they’re most certainly going to have sex and get pregnant.

Never mind the fact that alcohol wouldn’t affect a zygote or an embryo or even a newly fertilized egg.

The message they’re conveying is if you’re a woman you’re just a carrier or soon-to-be carrier of a fetus.

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Multicultural student service office is important

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As I was sitting in the Union last week promoting events for the Black Student Association events for Black History Month, and I noticed a series of tours happening for prospective students. There were groups of six to nine students being introduced to student studying areas. I have always thought these tours are effective but also important because they give prospective students a chance to see UND for what it really is. I was in my own world, but I listened to how several tour guides talked about the things that make the Union important and beneficial for it's students.

I soon noticed a trend that was occurring which I felt held huge problems. Several of the guides were making statements such as, “There is nothing important on the third floor of the Union.” Or “All that is upstairs are empty study rooms.” The statements very well could have been opinions or simply that the tour guides didn’t know. But these statements made me feel really uneasy.

The Black Student Association and the African Student Union are just a few of the multicultural organizations that UND offers and their center of support is found within the 3 floor of this building. In fact, Multicultural Student Services office recently moved into the Union. To say there is nothing important such as this office or the Veteran Student Affairs office hurts and is harmful. This office is important and beneficial for it’s students.

There are many students who are people of color, veterans and others who use the third floor as a place to address specific multicultural concerns. In fact, the Multicultural Student Services office is located on the third floor of the Memorial Union.

I think it is time we step up and implement the Multicultural Student Services office into tours and try and make sure more people know about it. Since all kinds of students are encouraged to get involved, I think it could benefit not just the students who use it but the whole UND community.

Inclusion and diversity is important, and we shouldn’t forget that we as an institution we have the power to uphold that standard.

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Saving an extra dollar each week adds up

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Students suffer from two costs that are associated with attending college: A direct cost such as tuition fees, book costs and indirect costs. These indirect costs, also known as opportunity costs, are the result of attending college and forgoing any income the student could have earned. The assumption is that students are at least capable of being a full-time employee, given a four to five-year bachelor's degree quest. As an outcome, students face monetary hardship and worries. Students are limited when it comes to their spending capabilities. Saving money can sometimes become a hindrance with all the expenses and hype that comes with attending college.

Groceries, rent, gas, leisure activities and other expenses drain out checking accounts. A savings plan schedule we found around the internet is very manageable and considering the mental burden and the commitment that comes with saving.

The plan is quite simple. There are 52 weeks in a year. Let’s start by saying you were able to save “x” amount dollars corresponding numerically with the number of weeks in a year. For example, in the first week of the year you save $1, in the second week you save $2 and so on. By doing this, you will be able to save $1,378 a year.

If the student is able to save that amount or more, they could even utilize higher earnings than a savings account, such as an individual retirement account (IRA) if possible, or a certificate of deposit (CD). Once interest rates start to rise, the savings account’s rate of return will likely shoot up shortly thereafter. Another savings plan would be to start saving on April 15 (considered National Tax Day), when federal income taxes must be filed. The IRS, if one were to start saving on that day, then there are thirty-six weeks left in the year. If you save 1 dollar for every week that is left in the year, your savings per week will get progressively larger. However, savings plans are not suited for everyone. Following this plan, the money put away each week will grow to over $50 a week, which may be money that a student needs for immediate living expenses.

Nonetheless, it’s important to start one because if you are able to accomplish it now, you would likely be able to save at any point again in your life with much ease.

You can either follow the plan given or create your own, but the most important thing is to begin your saving habits early so they will follow you through-out the rest of your life.

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The human being: body and mind

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Humans have pondered the concept of human consciousness for centuries, more so in the last century. Last Thursday, a panel of experts discussed their opinions on human consciousness. Among them were UND and Altru Hospital Psychiatrist Dr. Ellen Feldman, Associate Professor of Psychology Dimitri Poltavski, Professor of Psychology F. Richard Ferraro, Professor of Teaching & Learning Mark Guy, Professor of English Eric Wolfe and Professor of Philosophy Donald Poochigan as the moderator.

The discussion involved questions like “What are your views on consciousness?” and “How would you approach consciousness?” Poochigan started the discussion by stating that consciousness is the primary subject of humanities and secondary subject of the social sciences.

“Every man has his own perception of the world that he cannot control,” said Wolfe. “Everything that we have talked about that has ever existed says we have consciousness. It is my hope that this panel will initiate an integration of their differing views on consciousness,” Poochigan said.

Feldman said the psychiatry community would say that we are all interconnected within ourselves, with mind and body both working with each other.

“There are certain neurochemicals in the brain that impact feeling and emotion,” she said. “These neurochemicals have an impact on emotions and how the rest of our body reacts.”

Ferraro recalled a few examples of patients who showed severe physical symptoms but had no medical condition for the cause. This proves that our mind is powerful enough to change things in our body without any physical explanation, said Ferraro.

Wolfe had his own opinion on what consciousness is. “I see consciousness as self-consciousness, as ‘I’ that is able to reflect on our own consciousness,” Wolfe said.

He also took a psychoanalyst’s view and discussed the Freudian slip, which is a verbal or memory mistake that is believed to be linked to the unconscious mind. These slips supposedly reveal secret thoughts and feelings that people are not consciously aware of.

When asked what does it mean to be conscious, Peltavski turned to logical definitions of consciousness. “Consciousness is the state of being aware of one’s surroundings or existence,” Peltavski said. “We live out our conscious life in the first person, within the boundary of our own body. What we think to be consciousness cannot take place without the appropriate portions of our brain, primarily the frontal cortex.”

He said our frontal cortex is what separates humans from other animals. “It gives us the ability to be aware of our consciousness and existence,” he said. “Many species have highly developed senses that are superior to the same senses in humans. But humans are a greater expanses of cortex called the association cortex, which is important for all of the attributes of consciousness to happen.”

Peltavski talked about mirror neurons, special neurons in the brain that when activated can affect us physically. An example of this is when husbands go to their wife’s pregnancy classes and start to feel some symptoms of pregnancy even though there is no medical explanation for the symptoms.

Ferraro took a cognitive psychologist viewpoint and mentioned the bias commonly found from the implicit association test, of which we are not consciously aware of.

He also mentioned Phineas Gage, a man who survived serious brain damage when a steel rod was driven through his head. “Massive parts of his brain were gone but he was still conscious even though his personality changed and his frontal lobe was severely damaged,” Ferraro said.

He discussed memory quite a bit, saying there must be a link between unconscious and consciousness because of memory storage. Most people experience infantile amnesia, which is the earliest memory that they remember is between the ages of three and four years old, many people do not remember previous to that time. However, Ferraro said it is still there, but most of our memories are hidden from our conscious minds.

“You can’t get to it because you didn’t pay enough attention or didn’t code it right,” Ferraro said.

Guy put his discussion in the perspective of learning. He said his role is to make sure that a community is built on balance and perspective and consciousness has to do with what perspective one sees.

“Teachers are trying to get students to see their answer,” Guy said. “Students should be able to explore first and then decide on answers, and teachers should let them do so… If the stress buttons aren’t pushed, those emotional or stress disturbances do not remain in the brain.”

In closing, Guy said there is a lot to learn from neuroscience and we need to pay more attention to it in education.

“Many more thought provoking topics were discussed among the experts, including how is consciousness related to death, hallucinations and the controversy of pleading insanity in a court of law. These discussions, dubbed AHP Talks (Arts and Humanities Talks), are held throughout the year and open to all, including faculty, graduate students and undergraduates.”

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[Event] to make the revenues and expenses match, we tried to focus the whole time where we wanted the university to be in the long term.”

While Olsen said his experience in working with the budget was difficult at ASU, it also provided a way to reshape the university and strengthen in it some respects. Olsen spoke about how the focus on student outcomes is reflected in part by the graduation rate of the university.

“Our outcomes have to be successful a greater proportion of the time,” Olsen said. “We have to have standards, there good reasons why people don’t finish necessarily, but we have to take a greater responsibility in higher education than has traditionally been the case in terms of helping students succeed, evaluating why they didn’t, and taking steps to change that.”

With the role diversity plays on college campuses being widely discussed throughout the country, Olsen touched on some of the aspects of making UND an accommodating place for people from different backgrounds, noting that diversity isn’t just solely about race or ethnicity.

“Educationally, we learn more from people who are not exactly like us and who don’t have the same exact experiences that we had, than we do from people who are just like us,” Olsen said. “Having a diverse environment is helpful for education reasons in the long run.”

Olsen stressed the need to understand people having differing opinion on topics surrounding the university, but that part of forming in an inclusive community is respecting other’s viewpoints.

When discussing what set him apart from the other candidates applying to be president of the university, Olsen said that about a single person leading the university, himself included.

“The question really is about the university, and what is the best fit for UND to achieve its full potential,” Olsen said. “If I happen to be that person, fantastic, but I think that’s the most important thing, that the university has the lead that necessary to insure that university achieves its mission and meets the needs of its stakeholders.”

Olsen was the second of six candidates to visit UND as part of the presidential search process. Steven Shirley, president of Minor State University, visited campus last week, and former Congressman Mark Kennedy, who is currently the Director of the Graduate is on campus today.

Mark Berlin, Jay Noren and Naji Naganaathan will also be visiting campus as part of the search process through the end of February and beginning of March. For more information on the candidates, please visit http://und.edu/ presidents-search/.

Students and staff gather to look at Sri Lanka

DAVID SATRE
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

Students and staff alike gathered Feb. 18 for Sri Lankan Cultural Night in the Student Union. This event began with a student led presentation on Sri Lankan culture led by Dinusha Gunarathna and Ashrifa Ali.

This was followed up by a Sri Lankan musical set featuring UND student Sheevika Senanayake on the guitar accompanied by Angie Wickramarathne with the vocals. They played two songs, the first being a 100-year-old Sri Lankan medley, followed by a love song, both sung in Sri Lankan.

The night then ended with a meal for all attendees consisting of white rice, chicken curry, veggie and ice cream (ice cream being the only non-Sri Lankan food).

In all at the event lasted about 45 minutes, but those running the event would like to add even more next year.

“We’re going to try and add a bit more of the musicals,” Ashrifa said.

The musical aspect of the night was a highlight, and upon completion of their songs Sheevika and Angie received a thunderous applause.

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Sheevika Senanayake and Angie Wickramarathne perform at the Sri Lankan culture night.
UND baseball off to a hot start and a promising season

After losing 12 seniors, coach Jeff Dodson has assembled a roster of young and old to make waves in the WAC

UND pitcher Zach Muckenhirn prepares to throw a pitch during a game last season in Grand Forks.

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ALLYSON BENTO
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

Working on his eighth season with North Dakota, UND baseball coach Jeff Dodson has already been stunned by the early season performance by the team.

North Dakota said goodbye to 12 seniors last season, including three players who have signed professional deals. The Colorado Rockies drafted shortstop Tyler Folli, while infielder Jeff Campbell and pitcher Andrew Thomson signed after the draft with the Atlanta Braves and the Houston Astros, respectively.

With many spots to fill, Dodson collected a group of nine freshmen and three transferred juniors to piece together the current roster. All three juniors, McKay McNair, Luke Hansen and Zach Finley fill up the bullpen as right-handed pitchers, including the other four freshmen pitchers in Riley Pelischek, Drew Sannes, Jack Collins and Connor Trygstad.

The freshmen are also filling in the gap left from the graduating outfield, including St. Paul native D’Anthony Beckman and fellow Minnesotan Tyler Beng.

The Fighting Hawks have already claimed a series win last weekend after winning two of three from the previously No. 12 ranked University of Southern California. Since then the team’s exposure has raised to a national platform. For the first time in program history, UND has earned votes in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Division I poll.

“For me, I’m really proud of how our kids have handled everything,” Dodson said. “Before practice, we had a 10-minute meeting to make sure we stay grounded. We have a level-headed group. This group is mentally tough. We had to go after those kinds of kids this year because of the 12 guys we lost from last year’s team.”

Thanks to the stellar opening performance put on by junior left-handed pitcher Zach Muckenhirn, the junior won the Western Athletic Conference and NCBWA Pitcher of the Week. Muckenhirn also was featured as the National Player of the Week by “College Baseball News.”

An honorable mention also goes to UND catcher Brett Harrison, who extended his hitting streak to 14 games which started last season.

The Fighting Hawks are already off the a better start this season as Dodson looks to make waves in the WAC compared to the last few years of dwelling in the middle of the conference.

Rewind to the beginning of last year where UND started 1-8 and did not get its second win until early March. For all their struggles, the Fighting Hawks were still able to salvage a 16-11 record in the WAC, but were bounced by Sacramento State after three games in the WAC Tournament.

Looking at this season and heading back home, Dodson, an Alabama native, looks to keep this new energy going.

“Bama is a beast of a different nature,” Dodson said. “Those SEC teams, they’re really good.”

Dodson knows well enough that what happened in Los Angeles was not something common for the UND team.

“The last week is really unheard of for us,” Dodson said. “But it’s just a step. We’re not going to get there overnight. But if we keep taking steps like this, we’ll be able to do something in the future.”

UND will play the next 18 games on the road, returning for the home opener in at the Krenz Memorial Field while hosting WAC team Seattle on April 8.

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UND athletes excelling on the field and in the classroom

Student athletes come in second place for best GPA in school history with an overall average of 3.215

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To be a great athlete at UND, one must possess the ability to be physically strong enough to excel in their respective fields of play.

While brawn is important, brains are almost more important. Luckily for Fighting Hawks athletes, that is not a problem.

Recently, UND conducted an assessment of student athletes and their academic standing during the fall 2015 semester.

The results were largely positive as it was found that this year’s group of athletes do very well in the classroom.

Overall, the athletics department accounted for a 3.215 grade point average which was high enough for second all-time in UND’s history.

The best GPA in school history belongs to the athletes during the fall 2014 semester with a 3.277 GPA.

While these athletes did not set the record, they did enough to impress UND Athletics Director Brian Faison.

“Our student-athletes continue to do an exceptional job in the classroom,” Faison said.

Academic excellence seems to be a trend throughout most of the teams for the Fighting Hawks. Nineteen out of the 21 teams at UND made a 3.0 GPA or higher.

For this semester, the women’s teams did better in the classroom than the men’s teams. The former accounted for a 3.395 grade point average while the latter had a 3.059.

Regardless of what team an athlete plays for, getting good grades at UND can be a challenge and each student will need a little bit of help to make the grades.

“Between balancing training, competition, travel, the classroom, engaging in community service and just being a student at UND. Our student-athletes do it all with the great support of their coaches and our athletics academic support staff,” Faison said.

If a student-athlete achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher, they would find themselves on the Athletics Director’s Honor Roll.

Overall, 71 percent of student athletes at UND made this list.

The football team accounted for 55 students on the list, followed by women’s track and field with 36 athletes and the women’s swim team with 32 members.

There are teams on the list with a fewer amount of players but that can be misleading.

Teams with low amounts of students still did well academically. The men’s golf team had around 71 percent of its players on the list while men’s tennis did just a bit better with 75 percent of the team having a 3.0.

While there are always exceptions, UND student athletes have shown that they prepare themselves in the classrooms as well as in their respective sports.

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Hawks’ basketball in midst of youthful transition

Freshmen players Adam McDermott, Geno Crandall, Connor Avants and Cortez Seales balance basketball with school

**ADAM GUENDERMAN**

**THE DAKOTA STUDENT**

This season, the freshmen on the Fighting Hawks basketball team have made a big impact. They have dealt with not only transitioning their game, but acclimating from high school to college level academics.

Guard Geno Crandall redshirted last season. This season, he has seen his role go from being a redshirt to being one of the leaders in the backcourt and starting as one of the guards for the Hawks.

“As a redshirt, I learned what it takes to be successful at this level,” Crandall said.

Crandall is second only to Quinton Hooker in points on the team with 10.3 ppg. Crandall’s quick step, ball handling and vision have given other freshmen fits trying to contain him. While McDermott has emerged as a reliable outside threat for the offense, other freshmen are making noise on different parts of the court.

Connor Avants has emerged as a force inside for the Fighting Hawks. The 6’7” Edmond, Okla., native has become a key cog in UND’s post rotation. Like the other freshmen, Avants noticed a few big changes when transitioning from the high school basketball level to the college level.

“You have to hit another speed,” Avants said. “In college, it’s about sprinting everywhere and doing everything as fast as you can and you can’t get away with some of the things you could in high school.”

Connor Avants

UND freshman forward between high school and college academically.

“It’s harder classes,” UND freshman Cortez Seales said. “You have to get your work done and stay eligible.”

“But I like having 50-minute classes too.”

Seales is currently the fifth leading scorer on the team, and fourth for assists. The Eldridge, Iowa, native also has a knack for blocking shots. He is only behind Drick Bernstine and Carson Shanks in that category with 10 rejections on the season.

Like his other freshman teammates, Seales enjoys being on the team because of his teammates.

“We all get along,” Seales said. “We have a lot of funny characters on the team.”

The transition from high school to college is something all freshmen have had to deal with. Adjusting to a new school, new team and, in some cases, a new state is tough.

“Definitely have to go to study table,” McDermott said. “You have to get your work done and stay eligible.”

With the team having as many contributors at such a young age as they do, its future looks very bright. When asked about where they see the program by the time they are all seniors, their answers were the same: Be a dominant program frequently.

“Our goal for the season is to win the conference championship and hopefully go to the NCAA tournament,” Crandall said. “That’s a goal we set before the season started.”

Crandall, Avants, Seales, McDermott and the rest of the Fighting Hawk basketball team are right in the most important part of the season. The team is in position to get in the upper half of the Big Sky tournament bracket with three games to play. UND takes on Sacramento State for its last home game of the season at 2 p.m. this Saturday at the Betty Engelstad Arena.

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