Kennedy chosen as president

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UND’s presidential search process has officially come to a close; former Congressman Mark Kennedy has been selected to be the next president of UND.

The State Board of Higher Education selected Kennedy on March 15 after interviewing him, along with finalists Steven Shirley and Nagi Naganathan, in the last stage of the search process.

Kennedy has experience in a variety of sectors, including business, government and higher education. He worked in executive positions at the Pillsbury Company and Federated Department Stores, now known as Macy’s. He represented Minnesota’s second district from 2001 to 2003 and the state’s sixth district from 2003 to 2007 in the U.S. House of Representatives. After his time in the House, he continued to be involved in public service as a trade representative in both the Bush and Obama administrations.

Kennedy began his work in higher education at the Johns Hopkins University’s Carey Business School in Baltimore as an executive resident, and he started working at his current position as director of the George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management in Washington, D.C., in 2012.

Kennedy said this combination of experiences will aid him when he begins his time as president of UND.

“You have to understand the academics and that we’re here to deliver a quality education experience for the students, as well as research that drives the state. I understand that from my years in academia,” Kennedy said. “But also it’s a large organization. The fact that I’ve led organizations larger than UND means that I’ll understand all the administrative things that are essential to make sure that experience is being delivered for the students.”

Kennedy applauded the work that Interim President Ed Schafer has done so far at the university, and he recognized that there are difficult decisions that need to be made during tight budget circumstances.

“You have multiple student interests, and there is no easy answer,” Kennedy said. “It’s never without controversy, but yes, I think we should be prepared to think we should be prepared to do things that are right, not just what’s politically expedient.”

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Music Therapy pushes back
NICK SALLEN
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UND music therapy students continue to protest the suspension of their program.

UND Interim President Ed Schafer said in a University Senate meeting last month that departments are responsible for making their priorities known to the administration.

However, a couple days later, the school administration reaffirmed its stance on suspending the music therapy program, despite the music therapy program being identified as a top priority by the music department.

Jenna Tullis, the President of AMTAS, UND’s music therapy student organization, is concerned for the priorities of other departments facing budget cuts.

“Until a final decision has been made, we’re going to do everything we can, respectfully and honestly to fight the good fight,” Jenna Tullis, President of AMTAS

“If the administration can come into our department and completely disregard what our top priority is and cut our program, who’s to say that they aren’t going to start doing this to other departments,” Tullis said.

Due to North Dakota’s decreased revenue forecast, Gov. Jack Dalrymple said all state agencies would have to cut 4 percent from their budgets.

Last month, the State Board of Higher Education approved tuition increase rates of 2.5 percent for the 2016-17 academic year which should alleviate some of the university’s financial stress.

To deal with the budget cuts, Schafer announced a bottom-up process of submitting departmental budget cuts by both 5 and 10 percent that would be passed up to respective deans and finally on his desk for a final decision around April 15.

“We just met with the provost and it’s good to have talked with him,” Tullis said.

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Grand Forks makes list of top college towns

STAFF REPORT
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

Grand Forks was named the fifth best small college town in the United States by Schools.com last month, while Fargo took top honors in the online list.

The rankings were compiled according to the information provided by Schools.com.

The unemployment rate in Grand Forks is 2.9 percent, which is well under the national average of 4.9 percent. The median annual rent was listed at $7,224.

This is not the only list that Grand Forks has been included on recently. The Association of Defense Communities named Grand Forks one of the top defense communities in the United States at the end of February.

This recognition was based on how communities interact with and support military personnel and their families.

Additionally, Timeasset.com named Grand Forks as the United States’ top college hockey town in February.

Cities were measured both on their fan intensity and quality of life. Grand Forks was rated very highly in both measures and was clearly the winner, with a “Hockey Towns Index” of 94.36 compared to runner-up Hanover, N.H.’s, score of 90.76.

Birds eye view of UND campus

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Exceptional U Award presented to student

Haley Olson
The Dakota Student

UND Student Senate awarded the Exceptional U Award to Matthew Anderson on March 22 at the Memorial Union.

Student Senate awards UND faculty, staff members, and students who go out of their way to demonstrate kindness to others, in honor of Random Acts of Kindness Week, Feb. 14-20. The Exceptional U Award is given monthly to UND staff.

This award is given out every March and nominations are taken up until the last week in February. Matthew Anderson received the Exceptional U award for the student body in 2016. Anderson is a junior majoring in biology with a premedical concentration. Anderson received this award after returning a dropped debit card on campus. This was his first Exceptional U award.

One morning on his way to physics, Anderson looked at the ground and found a debit card in a puddle of water. Finding no one around, Anderson looked at the name and searched her on Facebook.

"Whatever the issue, we need to try to understand the tensions that are out there and what are the areas of consensus," Mark Kennedy incoming president

He said he plans on hosting "parcakues with the president" and "coffee with Kennedy" in order to increase interaction on campus.

"During his time at George Washington, the university started two international graduate programs. These include a Spanish language online masters program specifically targeted to Latin American government officials and a master’s degree in advocacy in the global environment, which features immersions in multiple locations around the world."

Kennedy said he will examine UND’s international programs as president to see where they can be improved.

"To really be preparing students for the future, we need to be offering them a wide array of international experiences and helping them to expand their global awareness," Kennedy said.

\( \text{Student Body President Mark Kopp was optimistic about Kennedy’s selection as president of the university.} \)

"From what I’ve seen so far working on the presidential search committee and also being involved with his visit to campus, he’s been outstanding in being accessible to students, and I think that’s going to continue once he takes over as president," Kopp said. "He has great experience as a business leader, leader in government and also in academia, and I think he is going to be a fantastic leader at the University of North Dakota."

Kennedy earned his bachelor’s degree from St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minn. and his MBA from the University of Michigan.

Intern President Ed Schaffer’s contract expires on June 30, Kennedy is expected to begin by July 1 at the latest.

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Tullis believes the music therapy program is crucial to the music department’s recruiting efforts, in particular out-of-state Canadian students. It is the only music therapy program in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and the only public university option for North Dakota residents. More than 50 percent of the music therapy program is comprised of out-of-state students.

As the first state to pass licensure, North Dakota is a leader in the field of music therapy, with 80 percent of the music therapists in North Dakota receiving their training at UND. Chris Feldmann, a music education major at UND, recalls the day he found out the program was getting suspended.

"The music therapy majors had a meeting and nobody knew what it was about," Feldmann said. "Life thought it was about (Meganne) Maiko leaving. The next day I’m going to choir and I saw a bunch of my friends coming out bawling their eyes out, saying that the professors told them the therapy program was in danger of being suspended."

Music therapy majors at UND must be understanding of both liberal arts and science courses.

"It’s an impressive story. That’s the thing that I think a lot of people don’t understand," Feldmann said.

Within a four-year plan, music therapy majors will take anatomy, sociological statistics and multiple psychology classes while being well-versed in music theory and music therapy practices.

Currently, 80 percent of all licensed music therapists working in North Dakota graduated from UND. Some pundits say the music therapy program has been a revolving door of tenure track faculty members. UND music therapy faculty have stayed at UND for an average of 7.3 years.

"I tried thinking of ways to contact her, but Facebook was the only thing that came to my head. Everyone has a Facebook account," Anderson said.

After making contact with her, Kennedy turned to her office: "I was hoping to get it back in time to her so she wouldn’t have to cancel the card," Anderson said.

Anderson was excited after receiving the award.

"It’s an honor to receive this award, wasn’t expecting it," Anderson said. "It’s something people should do in their normal days. People should automatically do it, it should be such an honor, just little acts of kindness."

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Between a presidential search process and the building activity occurring at UND’s College of Engineering and Mines, it has been a busy year for Hashem El-Rewini.

El-Rewini is the dean of the College of Engineering and Mines and served as co-chairman of the Presidential Search Committee, along with Grant Shaft, former member of the State Board of Higher Education.

“We really had a very exciting journey for several months. We went through a number of phases. Phase one was to listen to the campus, including students, faculty, staff, alumni, community members and legislators,” El-Rewini said. “After that, we deciphered that feedback into 14 points of attributes we would like to see in the president.”

After developing the list of attributes, the search committee began advertising for the position, directing no less than 50 percent of advertising toward women and minority groups. El-Rewini said they reached more than 5,000 people through advertising outreach and recruitment efforts.

The 43 applicants were initially narrowed down to 16 people, who were then interviewed in Minneapolis. Six of these applicants were invited for on-campus visits, and three were interviewed in Minneapolis. Six of these applicants were invited for on-campus visits, and three were interviewed in Minneapolis.

The SBHE selected Mark Kennedy on March 15, and El-Rewini said that Kennedy possessed many of the attributes initially highlighted by the committee, including having leadership skills, appreciating collaborative governance, valuing diversity and having a good understanding of the university system.

El-Rewini was confident that Kennedy will be the right person for the job, and he said Kennedy’s lack of Ph.D. will not be a problem as he leads the university as president.

“He values the Ph.D. education, but at this point I don’t think it will be an issue,” El-Rewini said. “I think the overwhelming support of the faculty in the survey we conducted shows this won’t be an issue.”

While El-Rewini has been putting in many hours of work with the presidential search process over the past several months, it has also been an active time at the College of Engineering and Mines. The new Collaborative Energy Complex has been under construction and is projected to open during Homecoming Week this October.

The CEC will connect Leonard Hall and Uponon Hall, creating a network that ties together the engineering buildings in the southeast corner of UND’s campus. It will be nearly 37,000 square feet and will house research and teaching labs, study spaces and a student success center.

“It’s not only the building, it’s an ecosystem that will take our college and in turn our university into a truly different and new level in becoming the energy entity here in the state, in the region and hopefully in the country,” El-Rewini said.

El-Rewini spoke about the growth of the college in recent history, and he sees the CEC as part of the long-term success of the college and university.

“In the last 10 years, UND grew by about 2,000 students. Of those, 1,200 students came from engineering. So for the last 10 years, engineering contributed 60 percent of the growth,” El-Rewini said. “That has put us in a good position now, and I expect us to continue to grow.”

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Smudging: What it is and what it isn’t
The scent of burning sage and sweetgrass billowed the air at the American Indian Student Services on the UND campus during a smudging demonstration. Smudging is a sacred art practiced by many Native Americans where various herbs, including sage, cedar and sweetgrass are burned, intended to cleanse the mind, body, and soul.

The demonstration was given by the executive director of the NorthStar Council, Amber Finch. The NorthStar Council’s mission is “empowering indigenous people through research, education and outreach.”

A group of University of North Dakota nursing students has worked with the American Indian Student Services to help spread awareness to the public about the practice of smudging. As nursing students, we were rather skeptical of the idea of burning any type of plant indoors, as an institution of enforcing smoke-free environments has been well established over the last few years.

Before visiting the American Indian Student Services, our group of nursing students did not know much about the practice of smudging, but after the demonstration we were able to discover what smudging is and what it means.

Finley explained to us that the actual practice of smudging involves burning plants and herbs, creating an incense to cleanse the mind, body and soul of negative energy, a preparation for prayer, for ceremonial purposes, for soothing purposes, as well as medicinal purposes.

Finley first passed around various plants and herbs as well as an explanation of what each herb is traditionally used for. She passed around an abalone shell filled with burning dried, prairie sage. She also discussed sage’s antimicrobial properties as the Native Americans would burn this herb daily to prevent illness while they were living in close quarters. Finley said she would add sage to her echinacea tea when she starts to feel a cold coming on and expressed that she is convinced of its effectiveness. Our group found that the aroma of the burning sage and sweetgrass was rather pleasant and relaxing.

Our group of nursing students has conducted several interviews with people who smudge to discover what some of the stigmas are of the practice. Many individuals we interviewed who practice smudging said that others not familiar with the practice assume that marijuana is being burned. One person interviewed even said that a police officer came to her apartment and he said with skepticism, “I’m from Arizona and the Navies there don’t do that.” It is interesting to note that smudging was permissible in her building, but there is a lack of knowledge involving the practice of smudging and UND Student Code of Life and UND Housing Code.

We were very interested to learn that the practice of smudging can be performed on UND campus, including inside of the Student Memorial Union, UND Housing buildings, and other non-classroom locations. Smudging is protected under the 1978 American Indian/Alaska Native Religious Freedom Act within the U.S. Constitution.

Our group of nursing students will continue to work with the Native American Student Services to educate the public about the spiritual practice of smudging.

For more information about smudging, you can contact the American Indian Student Services.

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**Smudging**

**Letter to the editor**

By Andrew Janssen

**ROTC should have flyers out letting everyone know about their upcoming drill exercises.**

**COMMENTS**

By Andrew Janssen

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A letter to the Grand Forks Herald by UND associate professor Heidi Czerwiec has gained a lot of notoriety lately. In the letter, Czerwiec explains that she had under her desk and called 911 after seeing two men dressed in camouflage carrying what appeared to be rifles maneuvering in the middle of the quad.

Czerwiec was called by a campus police officer and scolded for her report.

Her letter was shared by a multitude of news organizations, and a brief glimpse of the comments section on their websites showed that many people passed Czerwiec off as “an oversensitive liberal whose ‘safe zone’ got in her head.”

A Facebook page titled “The People v. Heidi Czerwiec” was even created, with the intent to get the associate professor fired for her actions.

Before everyone judges Czerwiec on her reaction to seeing the ROTC cadets training on campus, we should take a step back to think about the current climate we are living in.

In 2016, school shootings are a real threat. Terrorist attacks are a real threat. With ISIS and other militant groups taking credit for several mass killings across the globe over the past several months, the fear of an attack is an ever-present one. With that in mind, was Czerwiec’s response to seeing men in military uniforms, carrying what appeared to be rifles on campus really that much of an overreaction?

One of the common criticisms Czerwiec receives is her reply to being told ROTC will continue to practice in the quad, stating, “…I guess I will be calling 911 for the next couple of weeks — and I will. Every time.”

At face value this does sound excessive and potentially illegal, based on North Dakota’s laws regarding the report of a false crime.

In her letter to the Grand Forks Herald, it does sound as though she is willing to call the police every time she sees ROTC training on campus. However, that is not the case.

In a statement to WDAZ-TV, Czerwiec explains her previous quote meant, “…I was saying that any time I see something suspicious that is not obviously part of a drill, I will call it in. At the university, we are told, ‘if you see something, say something.’ I am doing my job.”

With this clarification, Czerwiec’s quote makes much more practical sense.

Another common criticism is that students and faculty have sent an email that ROTC will be practicing military exercises in the quad throughout the spring semester, but Czerwiec neglected to read said email.

I can honestly say I did not see the email either, but after a quick check of my inbox there it was. To alleviate this situation, the university has decided to send out notifications while ROTC is drilling. Hopefully, this will remove some of the anxiety surrounding their exercises.

While it is important that Czerwiec’s side of the story be shared, that is not to say ROTC is in the wrong.

In her letter, Czerwiec states, “It’s already highly inappropriate to practice military exercises in the middle of the quad. Do them somewhere else.”

I believe this solution is a little misguided. The members of ROTC are students with schedules of their own, and I do not believe forcing them to drill at some new arbitrary location is the correct solution. If they were moved somewhere else on campus or even off campus, would that really solve the issue of unknowing civilians feeling unsafe?

The university’s decision to send out notifications during ROTC’s exercises would be a great step toward alleviating some of the tension that it can create. This could be supplemented with flyers around campus posted with ROTC’s drilling times.

It all comes down to communication. Before every home hockey game, the Army ROTC Color Guard team presents the flag. During the ceremony, two ca- drets are holding rifles. It is safe to say there are no worries or undue stress surrounding this event, because everyone is expecting the rifles to be present in the ceremony.

If we could reach the same level of solidarity we feel with the color guard at hockey games as we do with ROTC cadets training on campus, the UND community will become a safer and happier place.

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**COMMENTARY**

Czerwiec’s 911 call justified
Renewable energy must be campus wide

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The Gorecki Alumni Center is powered by renewable energy, particularly geothermal energy and solar energy, and is almost fully powered by reusable, renewable energy. It uses 44 percent less energy compared to a building of equal size, and utilizes 207 solar panels, saving $40,000 in the process.

We must ask ourselves two important questions. The first is how often have you set foot in the Gorecki Alumni Center? I bet none of you. So why even ask? The Gorecki Alumni Center has been made to power the campus. Ball State University in Indiana has invested heavily in geothermal energy to replace coal powered boilers, which saves them over $2 million every year. If these much smaller schools can lead the way into developing renewable energy, then why can’t a bigger and better school help lead the way? Xcel Energy is even planning to double its current usage of wind and solar power, while planning to reduce emissions by over 40 percent in the next 15 years.

Renewable energy is not only feasible because of its future savings in reducing our carbon footprint; it is notable that plenty of tax breaks exist for college campuses converting their energy from nonrenewable to clean. Savings are given through an investment tax credit that allows colleges and universities to cover the cost of equipment and its installation up to 30 percent of the total cost. Right off the bat, the university only effectively pays 70 percent of the cost.

Kent State University in Ohio has made the jump to clean energy, using an acre of solar panels to collect sunlight, helping to power the campus. Now is the time for UND to run off renewable energy.

Budget cuts or arts and humanities cuts

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Students of the music therapy program gathered in groups and spread across the area between O’Kelly and Merrifield. They carried and used their instruments to demonstrate why music therapy shouldn’t be suspended.

Other students who passed by were asked to sign petitions that would hopefully help keep the program alive. These students were subjected to an unreconciled decision made on their behalf. “It’s very important to keep music therapy, because it’s such a growing field,” Melea Hoffnffer said.

It is evident that this program is important and essential to students, faculty members and the future of therapy, but why were these students not included in the decision making?

Emily Wangen wrote a letter that was published in the Grand Forks Herald asking UND’s administration to seriously consider the detrimental impacts of this suspension and to put into account the voices they’re pushing to the side.

“I am appalled at the way the UND administration is handling the budget reduction process,” Wangen wrote.

“Students invest thousands of tuition dollars in UND each year, for which they deserve an exceptional education. They also deserve to be dealt with fairly and honestly during this process.” How many students have had or continue to have no idea about what is going on with UND’s budget cuts?

The suspension of the music therapy program is alarming not only because of its consequences but precisely because the administration has been making decisions on our behalf. Those of us who are sincerely concerned must ask a lot of questions, but frequently, we only end up with more confusing and partial answers.

The dean of Arts and Sciences, Debbie Storms, said in an article published in the Grand Forks Herald that the music therapy program “will change things in music and I recognize that but it’s the reality we’re dealing with.”

One ought to question their reality that consists of economic thinking and areas of growth. It is obviously not the same reality students are living in. The administration and students live in two different worlds, and students are the ones forced to continue dealing with decisions they had no role in and yet concern them entirely.

Beatrice Marovich is a scholar of Christianity and women and religion. It has been made official that her position will be cut after the 2016-2017 academic year.

In other words, UND will have no dedicated, high-quality professors for courses in contemporary Christianity or in women, gender, and religion. In light of today’s political, social and cultural events the compromising of such a valuable faculty member and expertise prevents students from learning crucial subjects.

Rebecca Rozelle-Stone, director of Women and Gender Studies, said, “Students who are not prepared to understand or think critically and sensitively about these issues of identity and dynamics of power will not be on par to be the sort of global citizens and influences that UND wishes to create.”

Why are students kept in the dark regarding the endangerment of certain programs until it is too late? What is the future of other arts and sciences programs, faculty members and students? These are questions concerning all of us who truly care about the quality of education.

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Students gathered in the quad to demonstrate the importance of arts and humanities on campus. The Dakota Student/Zach Flaten

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Investing in the future

**Lucas Amundson**

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Students in DVG also learn what it takes to find replacements for when they move on. Prospective members go through an orientation and training process. They also get two chances to pass a test before becoming members of DVG. O’Brien said organization and transparency is key throughout this process, which can be as challenging as the actual investing.

“‘When professionals ask what I do, their minds are blown. They can’t believe that students from the age of 20 to 25 are doing things of this nature.’”

Emily O’Brien

Dakota Venture Group

It used to be mainly entrepreneur students that applied to DVG, but now applicants come from a variety of fields. Current DVG members include students majoring in engineering, pre-medicine, investing, finance, accounting, economics and French.

“We cover all of campus and the schools,” O’Brien said. “It’s pretty cool to have students of different disciplines. You become friends with people you’d normally not cross paths with.”

Members in DVG have the opportunity to work in the Center for Innovation in the state-of-the-art Innovation Hub.

“‘We’re being hounded in the Center for Innovation, so we have the freedom to utilize the space, which is beautiful,’” O’Brien said. “‘We’re able to come in and have a space to meet and a network of extremely successful individuals that are willing to help and advise us.’”

O’Brien comes from Lakeville, Minn. She is working toward a master’s degree in entrepreneurship, a program that is being developed at UND. She said she is sure what she will do after graduation, but she is content focusing on the present.

“I work full-time at the Center for Innovation,” she said. “I love being here and working with entrepreneurs and companies. I really enjoy what I’m doing right now.”

O’Brien also is the president of the College of Business Student Advisory Council. Recently she graduated from the University Innovation Fellows program at Stanford University. The program is for students who want to improve innovation, change and entrepreneurship opportunities on campus.

“O’Brien’s advice for students who desire change and innovation is to not be afraid. This was one of the important things she has learned during her time in DVG.

“When professionals ask what I do, their minds are blown. They can’t believe that students from the age of 20 to 25 are doing things of this nature.””

Emily O’Brien

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Two students and two professors represented UND at the American Physical Society’s annual March Meeting last month.

“For Pragalv Karki, this year’s meeting was his first. A doctoral student in UND’s physics program, Karki studies condensed matter physics, which includes solids and liquids.

In Baltimore, Karki heard about breakthroughs in superconductivity, his area of expertise. Specifically, he learned about research in increasing the operating temperature of high-temperature superconductors.

In the world of superconductivity, high temperature can mean around minus 94.

“Superconductors work at really low temperatures, and the research has been focusing on how to bring that temperature up so we can have these superconductor materials at regular temperatures,” Karki said.

Karki, who moved to the U.S. from Nepal in 2008, earned a bachelor’s degree from Minnesota State University Moorhead. He became interested in UND after attending a presentation by UND professor Kanishka Marsingle, who may be a professor at Cambridge University, has attended nearly every APS March Meeting since 2005. He said it’s a great chance opportunity for networking and collaboration, especially for students.

“UND is still a small school, small department,” he said. “If you stay here, you get just a small cross section. But when you go to these meetings, you see all the stuff that’s going on across the U.S., all over the world.”

One of the biggest discoveries in physics this year was the detection of gravitational waves, something Albert Einstein predicted 100 years ago as part of his theory of general relativity.

Gravitational waves fall under astrophysics, but there also are exciting things happening in condensed matter physics, including discoveries in high-temperature superconductors.

This year’s March Meeting also had a friendlier atmosphere than usual, according to Loh.

“I’d say people were more collegial than usual,” Loh said. “Physicists can be pretty blunt about speaking their opinions. Usually you see some fights happening, but I really didn’t see that this time.”

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the ball and make them defend what we put out there.”

While this has been the case for some crucial wins, the Fighting Hawks have been kept off the board six times this season, while also losing an additional six to the eight-run rule.

One of those shutouts came from the first conference weekend against Sacramento State, who swept UND. Since moving to Division I, UND has yet to claim a win against a stout Sacramento State team. The Hornet's rank No. 5 in the preseason polls and are currently tied with Montana for first in the Big Sky.

UND opens its first home series of the weekend against Idaho State. The Hawks will play a doubleheader today starting at 2 p.m., with game two starting at 4 p.m. The two teams will then finish off the series at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Apollo Sports Complex in Grand Forks.

Spring football off to physical start

The Fighting Hawks have lost seven straight games and currently sit at a 3-13 record. As the weather warms up, fans get closer and closer to being able to watch UND baseball in Grand Forks.

Baseball slides after hot start

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As the weather warms up, fans get closer and closer to being able to watch UND baseball in Grand Forks.

The baseball team has hit a rough patch as they have lost seven straight games and hold a 3-13 record.

This last weekend, the team dropped three one-run games in their first series against conference opponent Sacramento State.

Although the team as a whole is struggling, pitching staff ace Zach Muckenhiser continues to mow down opponents. The junior notched 14 strikeouts in his 7.1 innings of work and only gave up one run. Unfortunately, that was the deciding run as Sacramento State would not give up any runs to the Fighting Hawks and won 1-0.

“It was a great pitching duel on Friday night in conference play. That’s what you’d expect,” UND coach Jeff Dodson said. “Zach Muckenhiser pitched his heart out with a career-high 14 strikeouts, but we didn’t come up with the run we needed and couldn’t push it across.”

Offensively, UND was led by Miles Lewis. The freshman rounded off the Hawks’ five hits on Friday afternoon, good for his impressive sixth multi-hit game of the season. Lewis currently holds a .349 batting average on the season.

On Saturday, the Fighting Hawks took on the Hornets in a double header. UND got a solid outing by the big right-hander Brett DeGagne, who gave up one run in his seven innings, striking out nine Hornet batters. He also helped himself with an RBI double.

Despite the senior’s good outing, the team went into the 8th up one run but then went into the 9th tied 2-2.

The game went into extra-innings, but UND was unable to generate any offense. Sacramento State would go on to score the game-winning run in the 11th inning.

In the second game of the double-header, the two teams would trade runs after the Fighting Hawks scored an unearned run in the first inning. The Hornets scored a run in the second and third innings, while UND struck back for singles runs in the fifth and sixth innings to take a 3-2 lead.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Fighting Hawks tied the game at 3-3 and then go on to score another run in the 8th to make it 4-3. That run would prove to be the winner as UND could not get any runs in after loading the bases with one out in the 9th.

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“Look at a player like Larry Fitzgerald and you know why he stays in the National Football League for so long,” Schweigert said. “He does everything off the field like a champoon, and that’s who we need to be like as a team.”

Before spring break, UND held practice number four. This last weekend, the team practiced a slogan that he wanted to meet the approval of Schweigert.

“Overall, I thought it was kind of blah,” Schweigert said. “There were too many low spots, and we have to fix that.”

Coming off of spring break, Schweigert figured that his guys would be a little rusty, but he believed that all-in-all, practice No. 5 was a solid practice.

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The Fighting Hawks struggled in the NCHC Frozen Faceoff but were dominant last weekend in the NCAA Regionals and are on their way to the Frozen Four.

A tale of two tournaments

The Fighting Hawks were also able to extend their winning streak with seven RBIs and two doubles. She also recorded a career-high four RBIs outing in the 4-2 win over Iona. Overall, she holds a .333 batting average and leads the team with 14 RBIs.

VanDomelen and Hansen’s Big Sky awards, along with a five-game win streak highlight a 10-21 season

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