UND coach Brad Berry celebrates the school's eighth NCAA national title.

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Diversity within our GRASP

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On Saturday, April 9th, the College of Business and Public Administration: Nicolas L. Hanson Honors Program: Eric Gefroh John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences: Matthew Ad- the professor evaluation project into a sort of internal Rate My Professor program through Cam- parison Connections or Blackboard, so students can see opinions about professors before they even enroll. They’re also pushing for com- munity collaboration through the vibrancy initiative. The idea is to help push more culture and art into the neighborhood Grand Forks business district. There is much more informa- tion on the Student Government Facebook page.

Student senators who are on the ballot include: College of Arts and Sciences: John T. Oyland College of Business and Public Administration: Sara Durbin is speaking on diversity in society. The conference featured four speakers and a discussion panel at the end. The first two speakers were San- dra Mitchell, with her presentation “Diversity 101” and Ashley Hutchi- son, presenting Emotional Commu- nication Around the Globe: Universal Connections, in order for them to be ac- cepted into the general population and receive the same benefits that white people do. One example is when Italian peo- ple immigrated to the United States during World War 1, many were threatened and not treated as equal. They were frequently pushed away from society, with people refusing to employ them or give them any bene- fits. The Italians realized that the only way to gain employment and survive was to change aspects of their culture to seem more “white” so they could gain the benefits of “white society” and escape violence. What is left over after this hap- pens is negative cultural stereotypes, such as what people believe to be Italian-American. Durbin said this can be all uncon- scious.

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Layton Erickson presents his campaign platform for student government in Loading Dock.

Bush, Jake Wahlkn and Nicholas Young. No candidates have submitted materials stating their intentions to run for the following Student Sen- ate positions: College of Education and Hu- man Development (1 position), College of Engineering and Mines (1 position), School of Graduate Studies (1 position), School of Medicine and Health Sciences (1 position), College of Nursing (1 position), Undecided (1 position), Residence Halls (2 positions), Uni- versity Senators (10 positions).

The write-ins included Chris Pasch, Kaleb Drednik and Eric Suvanasak and will not be on the ballot.

Nominations for Student Government will be on April 13th.

Meeting During the senate meeting

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on Wednesday, guest speakers were Dean of Students Cara Halgren and Director of Judicial Affairs and Crisis Programs Alex Pokornowski.

Dr. Halgren spoke about extending McCannel Hall and the associated fee that every student must pay each semester. Halgren spoke about upcoming plans for the renewal of that fee. She proposed a one-year extension of the current fee to help cover costs to upgrade McCannel Hall, make improvements for students and the services we provided to students.

There has been talk about possibly upgrading the Memorial Union, although no concrete plans have been set. The architects have recently looked at both McCannel Hall and the Memorial Union and will soon come forward with info regarding what changes can be made.

"By renewing the McCannel Hall bond fee, it gives us the opportunity and flexibility to move on with some of the changes we are thinking about, possibly addressing maintenance issues. Our goal is to create greater opportunities for students in the future," Halgren said.

They are asking for a one-year extension because right now there are no concrete plans in place. Extending another year gives the university time to think about what they want to do. Final decisions on renovations will depend on what resources are available at the time.

UND Student Body President Matt Kopp said they were originally asking to extend for three years but ultimately decided on one.

"Then when we have a plan in place for the Union and McCannel, we can put that to the student body," Kopp said.

Pokornowski spoke about the proposed changes they are making to the UND Code of Student Life.

"The Code of Student Life is a document that sets up expectations for student behavior and conduct of the student body, and sets up policies for UND to respond to any concerns," Pokornowski said.

The document is being reviewed to match changes in federal regulations and state laws. Changes were made in four main areas including in the suspension process and sexual misconduct, as well as reducing the duplication of the document and increasing clarity via flowcharts. These changes reduced the document from 114 pages to 78 pages.

The UND Code of Student Life can easily be found online. The proposed changes will be voted on in the coming month. If all goes as planned, it should be in place next fall.

Bill

A new bill was introduced to Student Senate titled SB1516-15: Feed Our Hungry Students. If passed, the bill will allow for funds to be distributed to students in need in the form of a grocery gift card for a local grocery store.

The author, Shawn McHale, said that this is a step in the right direction.

"There have been various studies done over the years about how college students are notoriously poor, some struggling on a daily basis to find out where their next meal is," McHale said.

There was talk about possibly putting a food shelf on campus in the future for students in need to utilize. The bill was tabled for further discussion.

Prospective candidates made their pitch for UND student government positions last Wednesday at the Loading Dock.

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Indian studies in jeopardy

UND'S men's hockey team is the 2016 national champions.

Let that sink in for a moment.

For the past 16 years, the UND hockey team has labored tirelessly, performing at an elite level but falling short of the national title. It was similar to the Greek myth of Sisyphus, who was condemned to roll a boulder up a mountain in sweltering heat, only to have it roll down to the bottom every time he neared the top.

That all changed Saturday night, when the team put a dominant performance to firmly establish that they are the best in the country and one of the best teams in school history.

The standards are high for a program as storied as UND's. With six straight losses in the Frozen Four leading up to this year, there is no doubt that UND has been hungry for a championship. During this time of winning seasons but with the top spot just out of reach, it was clear the players and coaches were ready for a championship.

Grand Forks is regularly recognized as the top hockey town in the country, and after Saturday's performance, it has the top team to go with it. This victory adds to the important role UND hockey plays in the local community and culture.

Coach Brad Berry made history as both the first NCAA hockey coach to win a national title in his first year and the first NCHC coach to lead his team to winning the title. Both achievements are well-deserved.

At a time when the school is transitioning in many respects, the hockey team's win — while not directly related to some of the opportunities and challenges ahead for the school — undoubtedly helps to put UND on the right path forward.

Congratulations to the UND men's hockey team for their great achievement, and may the years ahead bring continued success for the team and its players.

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**Alisabeth Otto**

The Dakota Student

UND, like America itself, has a mixed history of swelling back and forth from outright hating Native Americans (or Native culture in UND's case) to saying they really love and respect Native Americans while still being lowkey racist and not really putting their money where their mouth is.

UND and many other U.S. colleges have tried to make strides in accommodating and celebrating indigenous groups and students. One of the things UND did to prove how much it loves American Indians was starting the Department of American Indian Studies in 1977.

UND is the only school in the state that offers a bachelor's degree in American Indian/Native American studies. Although it's a smaller department, Indian studies offers a needed focus on the original cultures and groups who called this land their home before Europeans arrived.

If you went to public school and learned anything from history you most likely only heard about white men with occasional mentions of women, foreigners, minorities and Natives. If you're wondering why things like Women's History Month, Black History Month, or other history months exist it's because white men's history month is already every month of the year.

Everyone knows grade-school level history classes suck, so it's up to college history classes to give us a wider view of the countries, cultures and people that public schools didn't teach us about.

For a college like UND, it was especially important to try to suck up to Native Americans due to our ties beyond just the old nickname.

As you probably know, our university is going through some budget cuts at the moment. Rather than cut things such as the president or deans' salaries, administration has decided to cut programs such as music therapy.

After the backlash that occurred when the music therapy cut was proposed, UND has been deliberating future cuts behind closed doors.

It's rumored that the Indian Studies program might be the next major on the chopping block. It would be political suicide for UND to outright cut the Department of Indian Studies. Especially after our school has paid so much lip service to how much we love Native Americans.

Currently, there are three professors in the Indian Studies department and two of them are leaving later this year. UND decided not to try to hire new professors to fill their empty spots.

One idea of the Indian Studies leaders was to merge with the history department, but UND declined this option and is leaving the department understaffed.

With fewer teachers and no replacements the program would have to cut classes, which will mean fewer students will be able to get involved in Indian studies. I believe the administration is hoping the department will give up and shut itself down.

I implore all of us, as students, to not let the school get away with this. Even without a Native American mascot, we need to prove how much we honor and respect Native cultures and people. If you wear a Sioux jersey yet don't care about actual Native American students or the program that teaches about their history and culture, then you are a hypocrite.

I don't care which side you're on because this is something that all students should unite to prevent.

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Sexual assault: Make the choice to be the difference

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Recently, I was driving down University Avenue when I saw two students placing signs along the side of the road. These small, black and white signs read differently but ultimately delivered the same message: end sexual assault.

According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, 63 percent of sexual assaults go unreported on a national level. However, upward of 90 percent of women who experience sexual assault on college campuses decline to report the incident. Perhaps the scariest statistic says that in eight out of every 10 cases of sexual assault reported, the victim knew the individual who assaulted them.

As a former member of the Marine Corps, I was subjected to day-long classes occasionally, covering every subject from “Speaking to Superiors” to “Information Assurance.” One subject that was covered frequently was sexual assault. An important aspect covered extensively was the idea that, when you see a potential sexual assault developing, intervene. Have the courage to interrupt yourself into a situation where an individual might be in danger and end the violence before it even has a chance to manifest.

Perhaps it’s the Marine in me, but the idea of offering assistance to those who might be in danger always seemed like an obvious resolution.

I would sit through these classes and think to myself, “Who wouldn’t step in and stop something like this?”

The idea of protecting those around you seems like a basic human inclination. Why would something like sexual assault be allowed to happen when individuals were around to witness it occurring?

The idea of speaking up when an atrocity like sexual assault is developing reminded me of an essay by Susan Griffin, “Our Secret,” about which I just recently completed an essay.

While Griffin’s essay has nothing to do with sexual assault in a literal sense, there is an overlying theme that seemed to embody the text, “The story of one life cannot be told separately from the story of other lives.”

Throughout reading Griffin’s essay I was struck with an interesting notion. As a society, we have become disconnected between one another. Gone are the days of greeting someone you’ve never met and being social. Now we choose to spend our time with our noses buried in our phones while the world around us does the same between interpersonal boundaries.

Since 2001 the National Sexual Violence Resource Center supports SAAM organizers with resources, tools and training.

Essentially, it comes down to a simple choice. When faced with a situation involving sexual assault, make the choice to be the difference. Have the strength to diffuse the situation. To wrap this up, I will refer to a line I wrote for my essay, “Protect those around you and strive for selflessness, for one day, you might be the individual on the wrong side of a situation, begging for the same thing you denied another at one time.”

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Engage in clubs instead of acquiring free stuff

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At UND there are more than 312 student-led organizations. Granted, some of the registered clubs may not be active at the moment. This is not bad for a medium-sized campus to have so many student-led organizations.

The first question I had was how these organizations are getting involved with students. Going down the list, I hadn’t heard of some of them. For example, how many people know there’s a “UND Writing Guild” on campus?

I believe if you claim to be a part of the community, you must be actively engaged with other community members. Being involved in student organizations are the main gateway to make this happen. I’ve been really excited to see people doing their part to educate and encourage UND’s campus with a wide range of events, speakers and things to get them going.

My only concern is how is this being accomplished?

Many clubs utilize the tables near the Student Involvement Office to advertise on behalf of their club, but it seems that most people don’t bother to give the people sitting at the table any attention. I understand students are busy, but it seems to be unless a club or a group has “free” written somewhere near their signs, there is little to no student engagement.

How can we figure out ways that could get students engaged to actually see more of what these clubs do?

Students are busy, I get that. And I’m not saying every student has to be super involved. If you’re the type of person who loves being involved, then you’re already making a difference. The thing is you don’t have to be at everything to start trying to make a difference, it just helps to be engaged in one of the many student organizations on campus.

The involvement office’s website involvement.und.edu is a great way to look at groups, and embed ones interests along the way.

Being in a club provides a voice, new opportunities and new friends, with the hope of bettering our UND community.

North Dakota is great, but how cool is it to have clubs that represent culture and activities less known to this state. I’m wondering how students can motivate themselves to engage with student clubs, and what more can be done to get clubs to connect to students.

One would think that engaging in conversation more often could be a starting group to develop and foster relationships. Others might prefer teaching classes and workshops.

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NDUS unveils Nexus ND initiative

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North Dakota University System chancellor Mark Hagerott addressed the NDUS community in a video published this week.

This video touched on many topics relevant to UND, including the selection of Mark Kennedy as president, a new initiative being established called Nexus ND and other upcoming events.

The address began with congratulations aimed at Mark Kennedy on his recent selection to be the 12th president of UND, who will begin his new duties in July.

“The former congressman has a distinguished history of public service in the state and national level, as well as in higher education, and in business,” Hagerott said.

Hagerott then went on to broach the topic of higher education in North Dakota, and what the future has to hold for the NDUS.

“We firmly believe in shaping the world of education to benefit everyone, most especially our students and with that type of change in mind we’re looking at focusing on technology related initiatives,” Hagerott said.

He outlined what he sees to be one of the current strengths of the NDUS, specifying three areas of study which will only grow as time passes. This included agriculture (precision agriculture in particular), energy, and businesses.

“At the heart of this assertion was the Nexus ND initiative, which he hopes will help the system fill the needs of emerging industries in the tech sector,” Hagerott said.

“Nexus ND will serve as a digital triad, comprised of unmanned aerial systems, cyber security and high performance computing,” Hagerott said.

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“With the leadership from North Dakota State University, the University of North Dakota and other colleges in our system itself Nexus ND will educate tomorrow’s workforce and help to diversify our state’s economy building on already 350-some tech-related businesses here in our state,” Hagerott said.

It was mentioned that NDUS will be holding summit on higher education this May called “Environment 2030”, which will coincide with the main meeting of the state board of higher education.

It was outlined that the summit will aim to allow stakeholders, constituents, and other policy-makers of the NDUS to come together and discuss demographic and workforce needs which higher education will need to meet within the next two decades.

The event will include a keynote address from Gov. Jack Dalrymple and multiple topic panel discussions.

“All the participants will have a chance to lay the foundations for the future of higher education in our state,” Hagerott said.

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Art and science converge at UND

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Art, Science. Cosmic bubble bath. These are just a few of the topics talked about at the 47th annual UND Writers Conference.

The conference, which took place over three days last week, brought five authors and one visual artist to Grand Forks to explore this year’s theme, “The Art of Science.”

The authors were selected for their incorporation of science into their work.

The free event featured readings by the authors, an art installation from Allison Leigh Holt at the North Dakota Museum of Art, workshops and panels.

**Other Worlds**  
Thursday’s panel, titled “Other Worlds,” featured Brian Greene, Kim Stanley Robinson Allison Leigh Holt and Frank Huyler.

The panel was moderated by UND English professor Sheila Laming, who began the session by asking the panelists, “What is the closest that you think you have ever come to your work to experience or engaging with what you would call another world?”

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Frank Huyler  
author

Greene was the first to respond, talking about his work as a physicist and the math that suggests our universe is just one bubble among the many.

“Right there in the equations you see that our universe might have emerged from one Big Bang,” Greene said. “But there could be many Big Bangs, each one giving rise to a different expanding realm, a kind of big, grand cosmic bubble bath where our universe is just one bubble among the many.”

Greene described a game of “quantum Russian roulette,” in which the player dies in one world, in another world, “Holt, the conference’s sole visual artist, said she experienced another world on Earth while living in Indonesia.

By studying consciousness and traditional knowledge — a deep understanding of local environments in indigenous people — Holt said she learned that our histories affect the way we experience our surroundings.

“Indigenous peoples are, by their definition, existing in a different world, in another world,” Holt said. “This is one other world that we can consider, absolutely.”

The Butterfly Effect  
Friday’s panel featured Huyler, Katharine Coles and Tania James. UND English professor Heidi Czudej moderated, leading the discussion on the butterfly effect, the idea that small changes can lead to large consequences.

Huyler said that as a writer, he has seen a single thought evolve into something bigger. He shared an example of how seeing an injured girl after an earthquake in northern Pakistan eventually turned into one of his novels.

“Often you’ll have a single scene — or an image or something like that — that then sort of spawns something much greater,” Huyler said. “It’s how our minds work, I think, as writers.”

James referred to her early years as a writer and the events that led to her to where she is today.

As an Indian-American teenage girl, James said she didn’t think she met the criteria for becoming a writer. She said her idea of what a writer looked like changed when she met two black writers, a combination she didn’t know existed. The writers became her teachers, and the first lesson she learned was that not all writers looked the same.

“The only writers I had ever read were white, mostly men and mostly dead,” James said. “It felt like this moment where just this small episode, this small meeting, kind of led to me thinking about larger possibilities.”

Coles also described the impact teachers had early during her early writing years. She told a story about attending a workshop as a college freshman and how one of her teachers tapped her to read her poetry at another event four months later.

Coles said her teacher knew she didn’t have any poems ready for the 15-minute reading, and that he did this as a way to push her creativity.

She also shared a story about finding her voice in her poetry. She said everyone at the time stressed the importance of imagery in poetry, which led to her creating self-imposed rules to meet an image quota in her poems.

Coles said this changed when she came away from the conference.

She said she was fascinated and inspired by what she heard and saw from the other authors and Holt. She also said she’ll come away from the conference with new connections and friendships.

Coles said poetry is about making the most out of each element, not unlike a math equation or a computer code.

“That’s what you’re looking for in a poem, which I think of being sort of the pinnacle of comprehension and elegance — like an equation — that you would be able to achieve in English,” Coles said.

Citizen  
Crystal Alberts, director of the UND Writers Conference, said she feels the audience got to see just how interconnected art and science are at this year’s conference.

She said she also was impressed by the number of children at Greene’s presentation.

“It was fantastic to see parents bringing their kids to the Writers Conference to experience this event, which I really appreciated,” Alberts said.

While the 2016 conference is just wrapping up, Alberts said she is already busy planning 2017’s conference. The 48th annual UND Writers Conference will be called “Citizen” and was inspired by Claudia Rankine’s collection of lyrical poetry of the same name.

Alberts pointed out how 2017 has the potential to be a year of great change. Among other things, Alberts said the conference will explore what it means to be African-American in the U.S., a changing world demographic, climate change and a new U.S. president.

“There’s a lot of things,” Alberts said. “What does it mean to be a citizen of Grand Forks, of North Dakota, of the United States, of the world in 2017 with all of these changes?”

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Author and physicist Brian Greene (right) addresses fellow panelists Frank Huyler and Allison Leigh Holt at the 47th annual UND Writers Conference. The theme of the panel was “Other Worlds.”

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Brian Greene presents to a crowd at the UND Writers Conference. Greene is an internationally renowned physicist who specializes in string theory.

Photo by Nick Nelson/The Dakota Student
Run, bike, climb in UND Wellness Cup

The UND Wellness Center is hosting the first Wellness Cup competition on April 17.

The event will have three-person teams compete in six events, including running, biking and rock climbing.

Registration costs $25 for a team of three students and $30 for community teams. Registration at the event will begin at 8 a.m., with the event starting at 9 a.m. and ending around 11:30 a.m.

Groups also register on the UND Wellness Center website. A maximum of 25 teams will be allowed.

Each group member will compete in one of three main events — running, biking and rock climbing. There will also be three team events — a blindfold maze, a three-point competition and an agility course. All events will take place indoors.

In addition to UND students, community members are encouraged to participate. The minimum age is 18.

Lunch from Subway and Caribou Coffee will be provided to participants. Prizes will be awarded to first through third place and for additional categories.

The event coordinators, the student program managers at the UND Wellness Center, hope to make the Wellness Cup an annual event.

Nick Boonstra, the Adventure Program manager at the UND Wellness Center, said the Wellness Cup is a unique event because it includes different events such as rock climbing and team events.

Boonstra said rock climbing experience isn’t required. “They can show up with absolutely no knowledge,” he said. “We’ll be able to help them put on the equipment and walk them through the steps.”

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Members of the panel noted that the issue of human trafficking isn’t specific to a certain industry, but rather a rapid increase of a highly paid workforce, mostly male, to an isolated region.

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UND CHEER & DANCE TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the 2016-17 season are coming up! If you’re looking for a way to become a part of the tradition and pride of UND, tryout for the UND cheer and dance teams! The teams are seeking dancers and performers for the fall, winter and spring seasons.

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April 30

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UND INTERFAITH WEEK

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Putting their name in the history books

The 2015-16 men's hockey team, especially the CBS line, will be remembered as one of the school's greatest champions.

(Top) UND coach Brad Berry, (bottom) the CBS line and the rest of the 2015-16 team has etched their names into the Fighting Hawks history books.

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ADAM GUNDERMAN
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

When the final horn sounded Saturday evening, the UND hockey team won its eighth national championship — capping yet another fine year for UND and the Fighting Sioux.

There have been many good teams that have donned the green and white, but the 2016 squad may be one of the best.

The CBS line, made up of Drake Caggiula, Brock Boeser and Nick Schmatlitz, was back at work Saturday. The trio combined for seven goals and seemed unfazed by the gravity of the championship they were playing for.

On the season, the line had combined for 157 points.

The most recent national championship team for UND was in 2000. Comparing the two teams shows that they were similar teams in that they dominated offensively.

In 2000, there were four players on the team that averaged more than a point per game: Jeff Panzer, Lee Goren, Jason Ulmer and Bryan Lundbohm. This season, Boeser, Caggiula and Schmatlitz all averaged more than a point a game for the Fighting Hawks.

UND's dominating offense and shut-down defense continued during the NCAA Tournament as it scored 20 goals and gave up only seven in four games. Comparatively, in 2000, UND scored 10 goals while giving up only three goals in three games.

The Fighting Hawks ended the season with 34-6-4 record. This was the best record by a UND team since the 1986-87 season when the then Fighting Sioux won a national championship with a record of 40-8-0, a UND record as well as an NCAA record. The only other time UND has had a better record was in the 1981-82 season, another national champion team.

Boeser lead all UND skaters with 60 points on the season and became the first UND freshman to ever lead the conference, including the WCHA, in scoring in school history. Sophomore Nick Schmatlitz was third on the team in scoring with 46 points. Sophomore Cam Johnson ended the season with five shutouts and a 24-4-2 record.

Similarly, the 1986-87 team had young players who made a big impact on their team as well. Tony Hrkac, a sophomore that season, tallied 116 points on his way to the Hobey Baker award. Freshman Ed Belfour was a wall in the net posting a 29-4 record and had three shutouts on the season.

Sandwiched in between the 1987 team and the 2000 team was the 1997 championship team. While they only had two players that averaged a point per game, David Hoogsteen and Jason Blake, they possessed a team full of players who could score. There were nine players on that team who scored 30 plus points in the regular season.

This year's squad had only three players tally 30 plus points a game, though defensemen Troy Stecher remarkably ended the year with 29 points.

Between the 2000 national championship team, and this year's 2016 national championship team, there have been many very good UND teams. The problem was that none of them were able to walk away from the national tournament with a victory.

UND has qualified for the NCAA Tournament every year since 2003, and has had nothing to show for it. Players such as Toews, Zach Parise and Oshie, who have become household names in the NHL, all came and left without winning any hardware.

In 2005, UND came as close as possible to another championship — when they lost to Denver in the final round of the playoffs. Goalie Peter Mannino stood on his head throughout the game and stifled a previously hot UND team in heartbreaking fashion in their 4-1 victory over UND.

This season, UND avenged its loss in its thrilling Frozen Four victory over the Pioneers. This was the first time Denver had been back to the Frozen Four since defeating UND in the title game in 2005.

While there have been many great teams that have come through the UND program, this year's squad will rank toward the top.

While the 1986-87 team is hard to beat, the combination of goal scorers and great defenders made this year's team a special one.

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UND struggled through injury and adversity on the way to claiming another national title

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The drought is over. It has been 16 years in the making but UND returns from the Frozen Four with the hardware.

The Fighting Hawks are national champions.

The journey has been anything but simple, as North Dakota began this season with a lot of question marks. The Hawks had lost their head coach, starting goaltender and an entire senior class. Nobody could predict what the season would look like.

First-year head coach Brad Berry, who marked off the final box on his season checklist, had immense talent and experience to work with, welcoming 11 freshmen and leading his alma mater to a 34-6-4 record on the season.

Berry also had plenty of injuries in his line-up; high expectations had him working with the hiccups to develop the team into a dominant force.

A huge part of the unstoppable squad was the “CBS” line consisting of senior Drake Caggiula, freshman Brock Boeser and sophomore Nick Schmaltz. One of college hockey’s strongest lines, the trio accounted for some of the best plays in the lineup, making it into top 10 reels all season.

“Drake has a knack for making huge plays,” Boeser said. “He is a tremendous player and he can do anything because he is such a hard worker.”

In combination with line-mate Boeser, leading defender scorer Troy Stetcher and goaltender Cam Johnson made school history by setting the record of four players to make All-American Honors in a single season.

For a team that started in fourth place in the polls, the majority of the season was spent holding onto the No. 1 seed with minor drawbacks dropping them to fifth place at the lowest part of the season.

The season was not without its challenges though. While the Hawks won most of the season, Denver proved to be a challenge. While the Hawks took care of business against the Pioneers in Grand Forks, they were swept on the road for the first time since 2013.

UND’s struggles continued as its NCHC-rival as the conference game against Quinnipiac was a challenge. While the Hawks won, the Pioneers would go on to beat UND 4-1.

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Unfortunately, during the game against Denver, junior forward Luke Johnson went out with a knee injury after a collision at center ice and would be forced to sit out in the championship game against Quinnipiac. Prior to the injury, Johnson had not missed a single game in his college career.

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The Fighting Hawks started the scoring off for UND against QU.

With their offense refueled, the Fighting Hawks claimed their seat in the championship game when they dominated NCAA Midwest Regional champions when they dominated Northeastern and Michigan.

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The Fighting Hawks went on to win the championship game by stunning the Bobcats in a 5-1 final. Brad Berry became the first NCAA DI Men’s coach to collect a championship in his first year.

After a long journey, UND will hang its eighth banner with pride.

“It’s not about how you start,” Johnson said. “It’s about how you finish.”

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Hawks end 16-year title drought

Off Drake Caggiula’s two goals, UND romps No. 1 Quinnipiac 5-1 for the school’s 8th NCAA national title

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From residence halls to Joe Blacks,UND fans celebrated late into the night that their school had just won the NCAA National Championship for the first time in 16 years.

The Fighting Hawks were able to dismantle No. 1 seed Quinnipiac and win their eighth national title by a score of 5-1.

“It's long overdue,” UND coach Brad Berry said. “I’m glad finally we can do that. I’m glad we didn’t disappoint our fans that were in the stands tonight. We had a whole slug of them there, and I’m glad we came through for them.”

While the score suggests a dominant victory for the Hawks, the game did not start out as such.

In the first period, the game was an even affair as both teams were motivated and trading blows. Early on, it showed why the Bobcats were one of the best hockey teams in the nation.

“First of all, I want to congratulate Rand Pecknold and his team from Quinnipiac,” Berry said. “Tremendous year. Set a lot of goals in front of them and they attained an unbelievable year as far as getting to the Frozen Four here again.”

But the game started to shift midway through the first as the Hawks started to take advantage of their scoring opportunities.

At 11:56 into the game, UND captain Gage Ausmus launched a wrist shot from the blue-line that got pinned under Bobcat goaltender Michael Gartheig’s pad. UND freshman Shane Gersich was able to dig the puck out of the pads and put it in the back of the net for a 1-0 lead.

Later in the first, Quinnipiac went on a power play, which usually spells disaster for the opposing team as the Bobcats are one of the top teams in the nation with an extra skater.

Instead, freshman phenom Brock Boeser was able to score a short-handed goal on a basically wide-open net after Garteig flipped the puck right to him for a 2-0 UND lead.

“He's been a special player for us all season long,” UND forward Drake Caggiula said. “And big players come through in big games. And he definitely stepped up today. He’s a hell of a player, hell of a kid. And it was an honor to play on his line all season long. He makes things happen out there and he definitely took charge today.”

Quinnipiac was not going down without a fight. With around a minute left in the first period, Bobcat defenceman Tim Clifton was able to blow the puck by Johnson’s stick on a five-on-three power play to cut the lead in half.

In the second period, both teams continued to skate hard and had ample opportunities to find the back of the net. Both UND and Quinnipiac had a power play opportunity and a sequence of four-on-four hockey in the second, but were unable to score.

With 20 minutes to go, tensions were still high as the game was a one-score game. Caggiula made sure that did not last very long.

The senior was able to give UND a little more breathing room after a goal off a beautiful pass from fellow line mate Nick Schmaltz to put the Hawks up 3-1.

“During the intermission we talked about keeping the foot on the gas,” Caggiula said. “We came out and I think we put the gas full throttle there. We wanted to get the next goal. We wanted to push back and make it as hard for them as possible.”

The soon-to-be NHL free agent wasn’t done yet.

Caggiula scored his second goal of the game after Boeser found him all alone with a spinning pass to ultimately put the game out of reach at 4-1.

To put the exclamation point on the championship game, UND forward Austin Poganski scored off the rebound for a 5-1 final score.

From there, the party was on as cheers could be heard from every corner of Grand Forks to the Amalie Arena in Tampa Bay.

The phrase ‘Raise Eight’ had become a reality as UND had become national champions for the first time in a very long time.

“You know this trophy’s bigger than just for our team,” Johnson said. “It’s for the whole community, for the whole North Dakota community.”

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