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While UND will have new student leadership next year, the student body president and vice president have plenty of experience at the university.
Celebrating Earth Day at UND

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Around campus: UND Student Cheyenne Paris participates in Earth Day at the Memorial Union this past Wednesday.

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Health affairs

Health affairs was the third portion covered. This area of the proposal included delaying a portion of the Healthcare Workforce Initiative, which would have funded a new family medicine residency based out of Sanford Health in Fargo and a geriatrics residency program to be sponsored jointly by Sanford and the UND SMHS.

Also mentioned were adjustments to program priorities, including plans to leave vacant personnel slots, or separation and a cutback on one percent from operating costs.

Student affairs

Student affairs was the fourth area covered in the proposal. A 10 percent reduction of appropriated funds within this area was submitted to the president.

Housing and dining would cut its budget by approximately $1 million, or roughly 5 percent of its budget.

One associate vice president and three director positions could be eliminated and reorganization would occur in these areas.

University and public affairs

Last to be covered in the proposal was university and public affairs. In this area, there were two budget reductions: scenarios to ceremonies and university events, one of which would retain an unfilled position, and one that would eliminate the position.

An anticipated retirement in the President’s may lead to the possible combining of said positions.

Also included was a recommendation to choose one budget option among a reduction to the Television Center’s overall budget by 21 percent, an elimination of two positions and a cutback of another position to 80 percent.

It was mentioned that said cutbacks could lead to the suspension of the Studio One program and the related function that has provided internship opportunities for students.

Final decisions regarding the budget process are expected to be announced by April 26.

The full content of the budget proposal may be found at http://und.edu/president/budget/.

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In the documentary, it estimates that more than 500 First Nations women have been murdered or gone missing in violent circumstances in Canada in the past 20 years. Another shocking statistic is that First Nations women in Canada are five times more likely to die under violent circumstances than a woman of any other race. These statistics are astounding and unacceptable, but sadly true.

One of the stories is of a Saskatoon University student who vanished from a parking lot on May 18, 2004. The film follows her family’s efforts to investigate on their own, since the Saskatoon Police Service was not putting forth any effort to help, constantly making excuses and claiming that there was no evidence.

One horrible recent example of this is of a missing Cauca- casian woman, for which law enforcement reacted immediately spending $150,000 to find her with the help of the National Center for Missing Children. These resources would more than likely never be given to a victim of First Nation descent.

In the documentary, people of the general public were stopped and asked if they have ever heard of Paul Bernardo, a Canadian serial killer and rapist. The majority had said yes and correctly identified him as a serial killer and rapist. However, when the same individu- als were asked about another Canadian serial killer named John Martin Crawford, they had no idea who he was.

The only significant difference was that Crawford’s victims were mainly Native American women, so the entire process was not reported and was sort of swept under the rug. Whereas Bernardo’s victims were mostly Caucasian women, his case was eventually all over the media in Canada and the US.

One major problem is that Native American women are over- represented when it comes to victim- ization and underrepresented in response to crime. Police and investigators are acting and making decisions based on racial and ethnic stereotypes, which affect the effort they put into the case and ultimately the outcome, which is whether they find the victim or not.

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Bathroom bill discrimination

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A proposed Tennessee legislation being referred to as the “bathroom bill” was withdrawn after state Rep. Susan Lynn made an announcement stating the need for certain issues to be addressed within the bill. Simply stated, the bill seeks to enforce a new law requiring students attending public schools and universities to use restrooms and locker rooms that coincide with their sex at birth. While the bill has been withdrawn in Tennessee, states like North Carolina have already passed similar legislation and have been dominating the news lately. According to Rolling Stone, high profile acts such as Pearl Jam, Bruce Springsteen, Ringo Starr and Boston have canceled concerts scheduled to take place in North Carolina in light of the recent legislation. A visit to the Massachusetts Family Institute website will tell you the bill was passed to protect women and children from being forced to share restrooms with men, while opposition will point out the bill is discriminatory against the LGBT community. While our nation’s political parties battle this hot-button topic out as publically as they can, I would like to take a different approach. Instead of referring to any political label I might subscribe to in deciding the side of this topic I agree with, I will approach the issue in an unbiased manner.

I can understand the fear certain individuals feel in regards to this bill. The prospect of a man dressed as a woman entering a women’s restroom with malicious intent sounds suspiciously like a horror movie. Public safety and well-being must always be considered in these matters. That being said, when you remove the politics, religious ideals and intense opposition, you are left with a very simple fact. We are discussing the rights of human beings. Precaution may certainly be taken when transitioning into this new era to ensure a small majority of those who would exploit the rights do not cause harm to anyone, regardless of gender or sexual preference. Forcing an individual to identify himself or herself before entering a restroom is ridiculous. Admittedly, the image of a bathroom attendant standing outside of a restroom requesting people state their sex is by far the absurdity.

Any enforcement procedure I can imagine is incredibly indiscriminatory, so much so the idea of it taking place is preposterous. It’s interesting to imagine who would enforce these regulations. Who would be in charge of ensuring only biological men and women enter their respective restrooms? The police? Or would the state develop a new organization to ensure the new law is carried out? Moreover, how would they prove the sex of an individual if they suspected a man was attempting to enter a woman’s restroom? Would a pecker checker be allowed to conduct thorough searches of the individual in question, further violating their rights?

While there are individuals in this world who would attempt to harm others, the overwhelming majority of the world does not fall into this category. Most people simply want to be treated fairly as equals. Just because an individual doesn’t understand the lifestyle of another doesn’t mean they must become combative and lash out in fear.

If you disagree with the lifestyle of a LGBT community member, you need only remind yourself that their lifestyle does not impact you in any way, shape or form. The only aspect that you should concern yourself with is whether or not they mean to do physical harm to you or those you love. I will reiterate that I said physical harm, not what you might perceive as emotional harm.

Being offended by the lifestyle of another is irrelevant in the grand scheme of things. You don’t have to agree with anyone’s lifestyle, but respecting his or her right to live as they choose, so long as it causes you no physical harm, is not a lot to ask.

While there are evil people in the world, I would argue that evil knows no gender or sexual preference. To assume that individuals state their sex before entering a restroom based on the fact that someone would attempt to enter said restroom with the intention of harming others is preposterous. There’s a fine line that separates discrimination and public safety. If a ruling is to be made on the matter, it must be approached in an intelligent manner that seeks to ensure the safety of others while not discriminating.

With a little more time and consideration for others, surely these state governments can come to an agreement that both protects their people while ensuring all individuals, regardless of their gender or sexual preference, feel accepted and equal.

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In December, a local restaurant was set ablaze. Juba Coffee House was not only broken into, but it was intentionally set on fire. It was a place that not only was owned by people within the Grand Forks Somali community but by people in this community. I was recently having a conversation with a few students who suggested that because the vandalism of Juba happened months ago, it doesn’t matter. When the man who committed the crime was arrested, the case was basically solved. However, the damage to Juba is symbolic of the change that’s going on in Grand Forks.

This incident was a reminder of the work we still have to do here in Grand Forks. Juba was a place that not only inspired and promoted diversity, it flowed diversity. Grand Forks is becoming a place where all different kinds of people are choosing to settle. What that means is that more people of color and other ethnic communities are coming here. This place as a whole is becoming a new version of a town.

When we forget that this as event that has hurt community in the past, it makes really hard to find a way to move forward. If anything, we should remember it as an occasion of what we don’t want to go back to.

The truth is, the more that Grand Forks becomes open to diversity and inclusion, the more UND can follow in its footsteps. That is not to say that both communities as a whole don’t responsibility their parts to make that happen.

I’m saying we need to continue to make room for acceptance and be open to these changes that are occurring. Sometimes the greatest form of support comes in supportive people such as the owners of Juba.

It may be hard and uncomfortable, but the second we forget what occurred we forget a viable part of our community.

If we suffered $90,000 in damages, I think more people would be prone to standing up. That number represents the damages to Juba. In the wake of events that have happened in this community, we should always consider how we can help.

Differences should never be a thing that drive us away from one another. Let’s embrace UND and Grand Forks for what they are becoming.
How North Dakota went against Trump without voting

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If you are astounded and disappointed by Donald Trump's ideas and his front-runner status, you can say you're on the NeverTrump movement, which has sparked unity on Twitter to elect literally anyone other than "the Donald." In a turn of events this month, Trump lost almost all delegates in primaries in Wyoming and North Dakota. These states all held conventions where candidates aimed to win support of unpledged delegates, who are unbound to a candidate until the Republican National Convention in mid July. Colorado, Wyoming and North Dakota are the only U.S. states to not hold a primary or caucus for the Republican party. The other conventions presided in the territories of Guam, American Samoa and the District of Columbia. Like in his 34 delegate sweep of Colorado, Ted Cruz won the support of the majority of delegates for North Dakota, proving that inexperience with the political process can be costly for Trump.

Although Trump won a straw poll in March conducted by Republican congressman Kevin Cramer, the process came down to the Republican convention in Fargo, which typically favors candidates and voted on 25 new delegates to join the other three state delegates. The roughly 2,000 attendees voted to confirm those delegates or nominate one of 80 candidates that the committee had recommended. These delegates then were free to select either Cruz, Trump or John Kasich. Although Cruz grabbed the support of 18 out of 25 delegates here in North Dakota and 34 in Colorado, the delegates were bound to stay with their candidate until the

Republican National Convention, which takes place in Cleveland, Ohio in July. Originally, Ben Carson and Trump were the two early favorites among Republicans in North Dakota, suggesting some voters and students might feel disenfranchised by a process that does not even allow them to vote for a candidate.

Others feel that voting arrangements in many states are too restricting and don't truly allow democracy to fulfill the people's wishes, except in open primaries where Democrats and Republicans alike can vote in either election. "The delegates can put whatever they want; they're not obligated to vote with their constituents. I think that's asinine," said UND biology major Tyler Goossen, referring to the state conventions that concede the popular vote to party insiders and elites.

Others feel that democracy is being undermined through both major parties' unpledged super delegates that have awarded Hill ary Clinton numerous delegate victories without winning the popular vote in the state. "It's disheartening to see Bernie lose the delegate count when he has won the popular vote. It's like if you work hard to build something and someone comes along and knocks it down," said Shawn Larson, a communications major who's feeling disenfranchised from the voting process.

North Dakota's support for Cruz, despite a favoring of Trump, shows a distance from the democracy that normally thrives during the primary season.

More budget cuts means more pain on campus

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I know it is a hard time for everyone and I can't help but feel for the campus. In light of the budget cuts on campus, students, faculty and staff are on edge. Student-athletes from baseball and golf must decide whether to transfer in order to continue playing, or stay on campus without playing their sport anymore. There's also the issue of their student-athlete scholarship. They came here to play their sport and be a student. I don't think anyone thought a couple months ago that their sport would be cut at UND.

With budget cuts come a lot of evaluation to make the best decision during hard times. I know it is a long process and I know that it is not an easy task. From what I've seen on campus, students and faculty seem to get the bad end of it all, all without much say.

I have yet to hear any possibility for students to fight the decision. Budget cuts suck. But at what point do we stop to really get the community involved? At what point can the community come together to voice their concerns and discuss the cuts before they're final. It seems the more cuts that are done, the more frustrated faculty and students become on campus.

I have heard of the theater arts program, the music program, the choir and more programs at risk of disappearing. At what point do we consider the harms in cutting everything? I have been keeping a close eye on the budget cuts across campus.

Students, faculty and even department programs are on edge because they don't know if they are on the chopping block next. I got the email like so many other people on campus that said something about the cuts to the sports programs. At the drop of the hat men's golf and men's baseball were gone. From the sports teams and those who were affected, I could hear more anger and hurt.

I feel like overall, the way that cuts have been happening is not good for campus.

Tough decisions have been made in Twamley Hall (left) where UND administrators' offices are located.

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Many in the audience voiced opposition in the way the process has been handled and decisions that have been made, including the suspension of the music therapy program.

“It seemed that the administration had said the cuts will be coming from the departmental level,” said Jace Eriksen, a senior studying music education. “However, many cuts across campus seem to have been coming from the administration from the top down.”

Eriksen, along with other supporters of the music therapy program, argued that the music therapy does not cost the university money because the program breaks even after considering the tuition and fees paid by the students in the program.

Michael Galli, a professor at UND, tearfully told Schafer of the need for upper level administration to play a role in the suspension of the music therapy program.

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Loren Liepold, technical director in the department of Theatre Arts, speaks to Interim President Ed Schafer during the budget forum. Photo by Nick Nelson/The Dakota Student

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More than 20 years ago, Rob Kuznia delivered newspapers for the Grand Forks Herald. Now, he’s delivering lectures as a Pulitzer Prize winner.

Kuznia was selected to speak at this year’s UND Hagerty Lecture, named after long-time Herald editor Jack Hagerty.

The title of the lecture was “What the Heck Is Happening to Journalism?” and was introduced by Mike Jacobs, another former Herald editor, as what he thought “may be the most relevant of the Hagerty Lectures ever.”

It’s no secret that many newspapers around the country are struggling or going under.

Kuznia cited statistics from the American Society of News Editors, stating that “the number of newsroom professionals has plunged 40 percent in less than a decade.”

Kuznia said he didn’t imagine such a drop when he graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in journalism. Degree in hand, he drove west with his mother to start his career. “As the waning hours of the 1980s ticked away, we traveled to Oregon for my new gig, in a sedan packed with my possessions,” Kuznia told the crowd at the Empire Arts Center.

Kuznia worked for several newspapers, making his way down the Pacific coast before ending up in Torrance, Calif., at the Daily Breeze, a newspaper where he would end his professional journalism career.

Kuznia said the signs of the newspaper industry’s troubles were evident early on. “Cracks were already beginning to spiderweb their way across the vast face of American journalism,” he said before likening the Daily Breeze’s gutted staff to “the string quartet of the Titanic performing a solemn minuet as the ship angled into the ocean.”

While at the Daily Breeze, Kuznia worked with another reporter and their editor on the story that won them a Pulitzer Prize in 2015. Over six months, they published around 50 stories that exposed corruption that took place after “a confederacy of true profiteers” took advantage of the Centinela Valley School District, a low-income area.

At the center of the scandal were the superintendent, the school board, local politicians and a construction company. Kuznia said they treated the school district like a cash machine while students suffered.

The superintendent, who made up to $700,000 a year, took a $35,000 vacation payout while student programs were being cut.

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Pulitzer Prize winner and Grand Forks native Rob Kuznia speaks at the Empire Arts Center for the 2016 UND Hagerty Lecture Series. Kuznia discussed the state of the journalism industry.

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Shakespeare in the Forks

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To be, or not to be? That is the question.

Whether ‘tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous time commitment, and take arms against a sea of script memorization and by opposing, put on a great show. These are partial words that can be recognized from the well-known play “Hamlet,” a play written by one of the most important writers in English, William Shakespeare.

This week, the UND Department of Theatre Arts is re-imagining the play and putting its own twist on the classic as students are preparing “Hamlet” at the Burt Ness Theatre.

Directed by Kathleen McLennan, this performance of “Hamlet” is particularly special, as it is part of an international celebration of the works of William Shakespeare. This commemoration of Shakespeare is occurring as 2016 observes the 400th anniversary of the great writer’s death. The run ends on his birthday, April 23.

Students from the theater have been hard at work and have vigorously dedicated themselves in preparing for their production of “Hamlet.”

Daniel Johnson, who plays the role of Hamlet, said the preparation for this performance has been both passionate and consuming.

“Don’t you want to be seen seeing Shakespeare?” Johnson said. “There’s nothing sadder than attending Shakespeare. Come get drunk on the language.”

If students are interested in seeing the play, performances run all through this week and come to a close Saturday. Tickets for students are $5 and $15 for adults.

Students can acquire their tickets through the Burt Ness Theatre or by calling (701)777-2587. “Just think of Hamlet as a student.” Johnson said. “At this trying time in the semester, you can go to the play and be reminded that although you have a seemingly insurmountable amount of work to complete, and miles to go before you sleep, at least at the end of the day you don’t have to kill your uncle.”

Daniel Johnson and Emily Cherry act in a scene from “Hamlet.” The final showing is on April 23, Shakespeare’s birthday. This year is the 400th anniversary of the writer’s death.

CLOTHES DRIVE UNDERWAY

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I’ve written several articles recently on the proposed budget cuts putting many of the smaller liberal arts programs in jeopardy.

The final say on the budget cuts were announced April 18 and here are a few updates: the Women and Gender Studies program is currently safe, although it may be in danger of being cut again next year depending on how many students enroll and if the UND budget cuts are still an issue.

Still, the fact that the department is OK for now is reason to celebrate. The department will also be holding a clothing drive for transgender people in the WGS office in O’Kelly Hall Room 133.

The clothing drive was proposed by UND student Beck Devine, who was informed by one of his transgender friends that they were having trouble transitioning due to not being able to afford buying a wardrobe of men’s clothing.

If you have any extra clothes that are in pretty good shape, you should drop them off at the WGS office. There will be boxes for women’s men’s and unisex clothing.

The clothing drive will open April 20 and will last several weeks. The office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 to 10 a.m. and noon to 4 p.m. If these times don’t work for your schedule, you can message Beck Devine on Facebook or email the head of the WGS department Rebecca Rozelle-Stone at adrian.rozelle@und.edu to set up another time to drop off your donations.

The clothing drive comes in the wake of many news stories concerning the controversial transgender bathroom bills. Transgender people are lobbying for the right to use bathrooms pertaining to their gender, rather than to the biological sex they were labeled at birth.

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The construction company in question financed the campaigns of school board members, who in turn awarded the company with large contracts, Kuznia said. Meanwhile, test scores in the district ranked last out of the 80 districts in Los Angeles County. Because of the work of Kuznia and others at The Daily Breeze, the superintendent was fired and replaced, multiple board members were removed and most of the cut programs were restored. The FBI also launched an investigation.

While the story was successful in both outcome and accolade, Kuznia said he felt it signaled the end of an era.

“Prior to the Pulitzer announcement, the Centinela Valley story felt like a fitting swan song — a good note on which to leave the profession that, for me at least as a local reporter, was barely paying the bills,” Kuznia said. “But I left with a heavy heart.”

Wile Kuznia still works in journalism on a freelance basis, his new career is in public relations. He works for the USC Shoowa Foundation, which archives video testimonies from Holocaust survivors. The foundation, which was started by director Steven Spielberg, is home to more than 53,000 videos.

Things have changed in journalism, Kuznia said, but he doesn’t believe all is lost. Kuznia talked about a digital revolution and how news is now everywhere. Unfortunately, he said, much of it is rebathed by news aggregators. The original content is created by journalists Kuznia refers to as “workhorses,” those who still are getting on the phone and knocking on doors to get a story.

On the other hand, Kuznia said, having a story picked up by a national outlet can give the writer and the story’s subjects better visibility.

“Looking at the news, there still are some simple truths to what makes good journalism, according to Kuznia. “The value of journalism is not about whether the platform is a newspaper or a website or a social app or a TV format.” Kuznia said. “The value of journalism is about finding new stuff. Period.”

How journalism will look in the future is to be determined, Kuznia said, adding that things don’t always change overnight when it comes to how we communicate.

“The printing press took a long time to catch on,” Kuznia said. “Before and after of the printing press is well-documented, but the revolution is not.”

After the lecture, Kuznia answered audience questions, one of which came from UND senior Billy Beaton.

“You used the word revolution, twice,” Beaton said. “Do you think that’s what it’s going to take — normal people realizing they can contribute to communicating things in different ways away from the traditional models?”

Kuznia said he believes the newspapers that are successful are those that are willing to experiment, adding that this is especially true for newspapers that are in danger of shutting down.

Beaton told the Dakota Student after the lecture that he agreed with Kuznia on experimentation, adding that he experiments with form in Sandbagger News, a video news source he is a part of. Beaton also is a former editor-in-chief of the Dakota Student.

Sandbagger News is built on the idea of everyone contributing as much as they can, not unlike during a flood.

“The concept really is revolutionary because, like Rob said, newspapers have very narrow ways of doing things, and now they’re kind of going away whether we like it or not,” Beaton said. Like Kuznia, Beaton is a Grand Forks native. Beaton said he never imagined staying in Grand Forks after graduation, but the more he gets involved with the community through events such as the Hagerty Lecture Series, the more likely he is to stay.

“There’s work to be done here,” Beaton said. “And there’s a community here that wants to support us.”

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SPORTS 10

Struggles continue for softball

UND falls to 15-26 after getting swept by non-conference opponent Omaha on Tuesday

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Taking a break from conference play, the UND softball team headed on the road to face the Omaha Mavericks in a doubleheader Tuesday.

The afternoon series unfortunately ended early, as the Hawks fell to the Mavericks in both games to lose the series.

Looking at the history between these teams, Omaha leads the series against UND 50-4. In last season’s doubleheader, the Mavericks swept the Fighting Hawks 8-0 in five innings in game one and 7-6 in game two.

Since, UND transitioned into Division I play, UNO has silenced them by adding two wins on Tuesday.

This series proved to be like any other against UNO, as UND held tight but ultimately broke down.

Redshirt sophomore pitcher Kaylin VanDomelen, who leads the Big Sky with 118 strikeouts and ranks fourth in the conference with a 2.82 ERA, started in game one for the Hawks and struggled to find her zone. She walked 10 batters and allowed six hits in her 5.2 innings pitched.

UND jumped on the board early, as Mavericks shortstop Nicole Warren slammed a solo home run to right field for the 1-0 lead.

UND was able to respond at the top of the second with an RBI single from Autumn Cervantez but the Mavericks were not done yet.

With two on base and Warren’s bat still hot from the first inning, she hit another home run to bring in three runs and increase their lead to 4-1.

The top of the third would see the last run for UND, as VanDomelen would score on a throwing error.

Both sides remained quiet until the bottom of the sixth inning when UNO solidified the win. VanDomelen walked her sixth batter of the night before intentionally walking the Mavericks powerhouse, Warren, to place two on base when UND switched pitching to Kyra Lenzi.

Lenzi’s first and only batter faced, Sydney Hames, tripled down the right field line and batted in two runs.

VanDomelen would come back into the game to pitch and allow four more runs to end the game at a 10-2 final score because of the eight-run ruling.

“Although we played solid defense today, it wasn’t a very good day for us overall,” UND coach Jordan Stevens said. “We’ve got to bounce back quick and fix what happened today.”

Hannah Bergh took the mound for game two, hopeful for different results. Unfortunately, UNO knocked her off the mound after 3.2 innings. She allowed five runs on four hits and walked three batters.

UND managed to get on the board first, leading 4-0 after three innings, but in the same route as game one took, the Mavericks bats heated up in the fourth for 10 runs on three of UND’s pitchers.

The Fighting Hawks were unable to climb out of their deficit. They allowed three more runs in the bottom of the fifth to reach the eight-run mercy rule and end the game after five innings.

After the doubleheader, the Hawks record now sits 15-26 overall. UND is back on home turf this weekend to host a conference series against Weber State. Game one’s first pitch is set to start at 2 p.m.

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Autumn Cervantez fields the ball against Omaha.
UND defensemen answer the call to the NHL
Juniors Troy Stecher and Keaton Thompson will forgo their senior years at UND to play in the pros

Adam Gunderman
The Dakota Student

While there will be an addition to the banners hanging in Ralph Engelstad Arena next year, there will be a subtraction of key defensemen as well. Juniors Troy Stecher and Keaton Thompson will both be suiting up for NHL teams next season instead of playing for the Fighting Hawks. Stecher signed a free-agent contract with the Vancouver Canucks and Keaton Thompson has signed with the team who drafted him, the Anaheim Ducks.

Both players were key cogs in Brad Berry's defensive rotation last season. Each played 43 games for the Fighting Hawks and made offensive contributions as well as playing solid defense. Stecher tallied eight goals and 29 points on the season while Thompson contributed two goals and 15 assists.

The decision to leave a place they've called home for the past three years and worked so hard for is not an easy one. It comes down to them doing what is best for them personally. "It's tough to leave this place," Stecher said. "I got to add three banners, one national championship and two Penroses. That's something special."

For Stecher, he gets to live out a dream he's had since he was young. The British Columbia native will return to play for his hometown team, the Vancouver Canucks. Thompson, a third-round draft pick by the Anaheim Ducks in 2013, will start a new life on the other side of the country. The Devils Lake native has played a majority of his games in his home state split between Devils Lake, Fargo and Grand Forks.

For Stecher, it is a very emotional and tough time in his life. "I'm very thankful for this place and everything they've done for me," Stecher said. "I get emotional talking about it." As an assistant captain for the team, Stecher leaves behind big shoes to fill. Although Thompson was not a captain, the junior played in all 43 games this season and was an extremely reliable defenseman for the team.

Players leaving early is a gift and a curse for the Fighting Hawks and it's something that they have come to know all too well. The upside is that it means pro-level players are coming to the school and NHL scouts are taking notice. The downside is obvious in that UND loses key players to the NHL.

Just last year, the Hawks lost Mike Richter Award winner Zane McIntyre. Many were worried about replacing him. Last season, current UND goalie Cam Johnson helped get his school an eighth national title and was also a finalist for the Mike Richter Award.

The UND program is the epitome of the next-man-up mentality. When someone leaves, they always have someone to step up and fill their role.

In the next few weeks, UND will know who is staying and who is leaving. The one thing that is certain is that the Fighting Hawks will remain one of the most talented squads in college hockey as the next crop of recruits looks to fill in the gaps.

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Hawks look for hope in 9-game homestand

UND baseball has lost 7 of the last 8 games but hope to right the season’s wrongs at home

Hunter Plante
The Dakota Student

In light of the recent budget cuts, UND baseball is determined to make the most of its last season for the foreseeable future. A week and a half after UND announced that there would be no more baseball at UND next season and beyond, it turned into a do or die season. UND can gain momentum to make a run in the WAC playoffs this weekend as they play host to Grand Canyon at Kraft Field. Grand Canyon, who comes in with a WAC record of 5-7, is coming off a win over conference leading Seattle University this past weekend.

Grand Canyon comes into Grand Forks with a high-powered offense, much like Seattle did two weeks ago. They are led by infielder Paul Panaccione, who comes into this weekend batting .355, with three home runs and 22 RBIs. The team is stacked with hitters as freshman Austin Bull and sophomore Thomas Lerouge both bat over the .300 mark for the Antelopes, who are 16-18 overall on the year.

It will most likely be a pitcher’s duel in today’s game. Grand Canyon has a stud pitcher of their own, much like UND does with Zach Muckenhirn. Left-handed pitcher Jake Rapavich has appeared in nine games, starting in all nine. Rapavich has an ERA of 2.53, with a win-loss record of 3-2. He has only given up 17 runs, with 15 of them earned runs. He has struck out 31 in 53.1 innings. He will most likely be the Friday starter who will be given the task of trying to slow down the Fighting Hawks offense.

The Fighting Hawks come into today’s game without much momentum. UND has lost its past four games, including a loss to rival NDSU this past Wednesday in Fargo. The Fighting Hawks hope that being back home will start some late season momentum for a team that started 2-0 but has struggled since that point. Playing baseball in North Dakota is hard for any athlete because they are on the road for the majority of the season. But now, UND will be at home for nine straight games. UND hopes that being back in Grand Forks brings magic to a team that needs it.

UND fans will get to see junior lefty Zach Muckenhirn this afternoon and he hopes to pitch lights out and get his team back in the win column. Muckenhirn has a win-loss record of 2-5, but his ERA is excellent at 2.70.

Last weekend, UND was down in Texas, taking on WAC foe UT Rio Grande Valley. The Vaqueros took that one as well 12-2. In the series finale, the Vaqueros would take the Sunday matinee as well 8-4.

UND will follow the game against Grand Canyon on Friday with two more on Saturday and Sunday. Those games are at 1 p.m. and noon, respectively. The Hawks then follow this series with a game against Division II foe Minnesota-Crookston, who will take the short trip drive up Highway 2 to Kraft Field. That game is 4 p.m. Tuesday.

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