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Time Out week ends with wacipi
UND Indian Association hosted its 46th annual powwow

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**THE DAKOTA STUDENT**

The 46th annual Time Out Wacipi was hosted by the UND Indian Association this past weekend.

The yearly event brings Native Americans from all over the U.S. and Canada to compete in traditional dances. There are several categories for different age groups and types of dances.

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Gavin Nadeau
UNDIA president

In the more traditional categories, dancers wear regalia with natural colors, feathers and beadwork. In the fancy dance, neon colors and flowing streamers can be seen. Women also compete in a jingle dress dance, in which the dress is covered with hundreds of metal cones that jingle as the wearer dances to a drumbeat.

Forming a circle around the dancing area are drum groups that take turns performing music for each dance. Drummers surround large drums, beating them in time and singing.

A wacipi — also known as a powwow — is a celebration of life, according to Gavin Nadeau.

RJ Morin, wacipi participant, receives recognition for his efforts to Time Out week proceedings.

**Schafer talks budget with Senate**

**HALEY OLSON**
**THE DAKOTA STUDENT**

Interim UND President Ed Schafer appeared at a Student Senate meeting on April 20 to make some statements regarding the university and all the changes that have been happening.

Schafer addressed issues from the recent open forum held earlier that day to the new nickname.

"It went quite well," Schafer said. "Going through this before, we will be able to shape the university. We need to invest in the future."

As well as addressing the open forum, Schafer also made comments about the new nickname.

"It shows tradition, pride and character that you as students will carry forward," Schafer said. "We need something to help capture the pride and sense of the university."

SME Inc, the firm contracted to create the Fighting Hawks logo, is scheduled to release examples of potential logos May 15.

After Schafer addressed the Senate, it discussed four different bills during remainder of the meeting.

The first major bill that was raised for approval was ‘Feed Our Hungry Students.’ This bill allows $5,000 from Student Senate’s general account. The $5,000 will then be divided into 500 gift cards from Hugo’s, each totaling $25.00.

After discussing concerns on how the gift cards would be spent, such as using the gift cards at Hugo’s.

**Kopp reflects on year**

**SEAN CLEARY**
**THE DAKOTA STUDENT**

The end of the school year is approaching, and for Matt Kopp, that means graduation and the end of his time as UND student body president.

Kopp, who will be attending law school next year, expressed optimism about the future of school despite some of the budget difficulties the university is encountering.

"Once we get through the budget cuts and the difficulties that we were going through right now, I think we are going to see a lot of growth, and we are going to see expansion of propaganda and services for students," Kopp said.

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Student body president

It’s been a busy year at UND, as the university has dealt with selecting a new nickname and logo, selecting a new president and dealing with the recent budget cuts, among other things.

"It’s been an incredible experience to be in the middle of all this because when we look back at the university a long time from now, the things that are happening right now are going to be the things that are making a huge impact on the way UND looks as an institution for years to come," Kopp said.

From the perspective of Student Government, Kopp pointed out several programs that they had helped initiate.

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Gavin Nadeau
UNDIA president

Photo by Nick Nelson/The Dakota Student

Student senators gathered April 20 in the Memorial Union hours after Schafer’s budget forum.

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Kopp addressing UND Student Senate earlier this year.

Kopp

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credits needed to graduate, assisted with the start of the planning process for the Memorial Union and began a program to inform students about the amount of student loans they are taking on during school and how to effectively deal with them.

“We can’t always accomplish everything,” Kopp said. “There are things that get in the way sometimes of what student governments want to do or what students want have to done, but I do think we have moved the needle on a lot of issues.”

Taylor Nelson, student body vice president, will also be graduating from UND this year, with the next leadership team of Brandon Beyer and Blake Andert taking over as student body president and vice president. Kopp gave a bit of advice for them: engage more with students.

“I think this year that’s one thing Taylor and I missed a little bit,” Kopp said. “Really just getting out there and putting yourself in front of students and listening to what they have to say, and taking those ideas and using them to make a difference.”

For Kopp, he said participating in the presidential search process was one of the highlights of his year.

“From a personal standpoint of being on the committee and working with that to find President (Mark) Kennedy, who I think is going to be a great leader for the next generation of UND students,” he said.

Kopp said incoming UND president Kennedy should be sure to listen to the community before moving forward with his future plans for the university. Kennedy was selected by the SBHE on March 15 and is scheduled to begin his presidency of UND this July.

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Participants in the UND Time Out Wacipi prepare their outfits.

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a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians.
Nadeau admitted he wasn’t as involved with Native American traditions until he met his girlfriend when they were high school seniors.

Now, Nadeau is the president of UNDIA and the vice president for the Indian Studies Association. He said events such as the wacipi can be a great source of inspiration.

“They are extremely important,” Nadeau said. “They teach you the right values, they teach you the right morals and they give you a really good, positive outlook on life.”

Nadeau, who studies history and Indian studies, said the three-day event was “hectic, exciting and, above all, rewarding.”

Much of his time was spent working with the other board members and volunteers to make sure everyone was in the right place at the right time.

Though the event only takes place for a few days every year, there is a lot of planning involved.

“We start planning the second or third week of the school year,” Nadeau said. “It’s that big.”

The wacipi isn’t just for Native Americans, Nadeau said. It also is a great opportunity for anyone to experience a different culture through music, dance and food.

“Everyone is welcome,” Nadeau said. “I think people feel they aren’t welcome. Anyone can come from campus or the Grand Forks community.”

For Preston Maher, a sophomore from South Bend, Ind., this was his first wacipi. He got involved as a volunteer through the Poolman Leadership Academy, a UND program that helps students gain leadership skills.

Maher worked security for the event Friday and at the admissions table Saturday morning.

On Saturday night, he returned as a spectator.

“When I was volunteering, there wasn’t a lot going on right away, so I wasn’t able to see a lot of dancing or hear a lot of the music,” Maher said. “But then tonight, when I was just sitting there, I got a lot more in-depth experience — like how meaningful the event is and everything.”

Maher said he enjoyed speaking with vendors at the wacipi and was impressed by the amount of effort they put into their crafts, including intricate beadwork. Thirteen vendors were set up around the perimeter of the wacipi, selling everything from detailed moccasins to dreamcatchers and jewelry.

While volunteering, Maher also got to see just how much practice the dancers and musicians put into their performances.

“Going to events such as the wacipi are an important part of the college experience,” Maher said.

This event, like many others on campus, was free for UND students.

Maher said his time in the leadership program has encouraged him to get out and experience new things. He hopes other students will do the same.

“If you don’t go out and try different things, go out and get involved in something, then you don’t have the whole, 100 percent college experience,” Maher said.

The wacipi capped off Time Out Week at UND, a celebration of American Indian culture and heritage. Free workshops and activities were held throughout the week, and there also were speakers and entertainment related to Native American culture.

The UNDIA was created in 1966 as a response to racism on campus. UNDIA defines its wacipi as “a time when people of all ages can gather together, to sing, dance, renew old friendships, make new friends, and share the beauty of life.”

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Explore the realm of journalism and Duke lacrosse with Matt Eidson, a The Dakota Student columnist. This article delves into the importance of understanding information and the dangers of jumping to conclusions in journalism. It also highlights the significance of maintaining a passionate and intelligent approach to reporting, ensuring the community's well-being and the truth's preservation. As students and future leaders, we should ask ourselves how best to support the university's mission and contribute to its future success. Let's strive for a transparent and principled approach in our interactions, whether it's in the classroom or beyond. As the academic year comes to a close, reflect on your experiences and continue to develop your skills. We can make a difference in Duke lacrosse's story and ensure a legacy that is not just remembered but celebrated for generations to come.
Wacipi reminds us that we have a lot to learn

AMINA CHINNELL
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

I had the chance to visit and experience Native American culture and language up front and personal this weekend.

Never before have I seen and learned about a culture that seems to be missing from our textbooks. Listening to the performers' personal stories and how their culture was expressed through dance and song really touched me.

They shared their research, their hearts and their culture. I have been lucky in my education to learn more about different Native peoples but never to this extent.

There are two styles of powwow celebrations, the traditional and contest powwow. The contest powwow is a recent phenomenon that incorporates traditions into the competition of dancing and singing. Champion dancers and singers from the U.S. and Canada travel to various powwows throughout the nation to compete for top prizes.

This weekend was a time to listen, embrace and learn. One of the biggest things I’ve learned while attending the wacipi powwow is that it is worth it.

It is more than just an event featuring people and food. While people would like to assume that UND is diverse, this is only half true in Grand Forks.

The powwow serves as a reminder that for people who really have hearts and traditions, they can no longer separate this community from our own.

Wacipi stands as a reminder of how much more we have to learn to learn. It is a time when people of all ages can gather together to sing, dance, renew old friendships, make new friends and share the beauty of life.

UND is going through budget cuts, and there seems to be a lot of negative energy on campus, but that should not separate us from the positivity of community engagement that the powwow brought.

I have never before seen people embrace diversity the way they did last weekend. The connection for all of this is to embrace Indian Studies and the University of North Dakota Indian Association while learning more about the culture we might know very little about.

It is awesome to see the UND-DIA ally with UND and the community to share and foster this kind of hope and insight. It helps forge stronger bonds between Native people and non-Native people while serving as a celebration of life, culture and history.

During the powwow, this dance group showed off their wardrobe and style of dance as a tribute to their Native American heritage.

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Wine and Spirits, Senate approved the bill.

The next bill addressed ‘Press Pause’, an event that UND holds during finals week. In the discussion, senators asked to allocate $30,000 from the general account in order to hold the event, which includes de-stressing during finals week, offering free bowling and free movie tickets. The event last year “went without a hitch. Students could utilize their resources, and they seemed to enjoy it,” senate member stated. This year’s Press Pause event will take place May 6 through May 8, 2016.

The third bill approved provided funding to ArtSee and Alley Alive events.

Corey Mock and Blue Weber the Grand Forks community in regard to the project. Mock and Weber asked $14,000 from Student Government.

The last resolution discussed McCannel Hall Bond Fee.

The resolution was brought into action in the 1960s and has been renewed annually. This bond fee will help renovate and fix spaces within McCannel Hall and the Memorial Union. This will stand at $1.25 for every credit under 12. The resolution is approved until June 30, 2017.

The next upcoming Senate meeting will be next week, and the last one for the year is May 4. Next year’s Student Senate will be addressed in this meeting as well.

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"If saving money is wrong, I don't want to be right," William Shatner once said, and for most college students, saving money isn't just a choice about being right, it's a necessity.

For many students, one of the most important components of college is saving and budgeting.

While trying to save, students not only sacrifice purchases, but also commonly sacrifice going out to eat or spending an evening downtown due to monetary constraints.

As a result of some students skipping a night out, one UND student may have found the solution to combat these troublesome money constraints.

Student Brandon Miller came up with the innovative idea for a website called Grand Specials.

Grand Specials offers a one-stop shop to find all of the great food and drink deals the Grand Forks area has to offer.

The website lists all the daily specials for restaurants in the area so students can go online and check out which spot in town has the cheapest prices and best deals of the day, every day of the week.

Miller came up with the idea for Grand Specials when web and mobile publishing instructor Eric Morrow asked his class to generate website ideas to pitch to the class.

"I'm pretty sure I was hungry at the time because food was the first thing that came to mind, and that got me thinking, I should go out to eat tonight, but I don't have that much money to spend," Miller said.

While pondering the idea for the class, Miller attempted to think of something he enjoys that could be incorporated into a website design.

"That's when it hit me," Miller said. "I'm going to create a website where people can find restaurant deals and menus so everyone can see exactly what they can get and how much it will cost."

After hearing the idea behind Grand Specials, everyone in the class wanted to be a part of Miller's group, so Morrow decided to make it a full class project.

"I think this was a good opportunity for students to figure out how websites and real life problem solving works," Morrow said. "The best thing for students to do is stuff that's practical. Especially in the field of communication."

Junior Jamie Holmgren is one of the web and mobile publishing students involved with the Grand Specials project.

"I believe not only students but everyone will enjoy using the website and mentioned the class was eager to hop on board once it heard the idea."

"We all liked Brandon's idea of having a website with all the deals in Grand Forks since there are a lot that aren't advertised and people don't know about them," Holmgren said.

With the launch of this new website, both students and citizens of the Grand Forks community will now be able to search for the specials and deals in town.

"I believe not only students but everyone will enjoy using the website and mentioned the class was eager to hop on board once it heard the idea."
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The UND nickname saga has been a focal point of people's attention for past several years, and a North Dakota filmmaker was working to tell that story to a wider audience.

After nearly three years of work, Matt Fern is nearing the end of his documentary "Unauthorized: The Story of the Fighting Sioux." "I've been looking for a docu-
drama subject to tackle that would warrant a feature film," Fern said. "I always saw the Fighting Sioux name and logo in the news, and the more I looked into it, the more it just made sense that this would be the perfect documentary story I've been looking for."

Although he is based out of Bis-
morack, Fern has traveled throughout the state to film the documentary, including the Indian Reservations in North Dakota. "I've done a lot of filming on reservations across the state," Fern said. "I felt like that was something I could bring to this story if I could go to Standing Rock and Spirit Lake and really gauge what happened and how the community feels towards the nickname.

Fern searched through a var-
ty of past news coverage in order to find relevant people to interview. He has interviewed more than 50 people throughout the state, including fans, members of the public, officials and Native Americans. "We have just been very consci-
ous to include both sides and talk to everyone who reached out to us," Fern said. "I feel like我真的 understood those who don't want to lose the name and logo and it means so much to them, but I also understood those who oppose it and how it can be offensive and how it can be frustrating." Most of the interviews for the film took place two years ago, but Fern has added additional con-
tent to reflect the new nickname se-
lection process and the hockey team's recent national championship. The Fighting Sioux nickname was officially retired in June of 2012, and the nickname "Fighting Hawks" was chosen to replace it last fall. The logo to accompany the Fighting Hawks nickname is expected to be finished this summer.

"The amount of passion this event is bringing to the image and the name Fighting Sioux has that brought out a lot emotion both for and against it." Last fall, Fern started a Kickstarter campaign to help pay for some of the costs of the movie. He raised $51,816, which will go toward pre-
licensing, production costs and re-
wards for those who donated. Kickstarter is a crowdfunding website where people can get certain rewards based on the amount of their donation. The rewards in-
clude posters, hockey puck, place-
ments in the credits, and a hand sketched from Ben Brien, the artist who designed the Fighting Sioux logo and is featured in the film. Additionally, Fern donated five percent of the money raised through Kickstarter to the Lakota Language Nest, a nonprofit that is pro-
serving Lakota language and tradi-
tions based out of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. Fern, who has been producing short films for the past 10 years, owns his own video production company as well.

He plans to release the film this sum-
mer. For more information, visit fightingsiouxmovie.com.

**Log story coming to film**

**The Big Event**
When: Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Meet at the Wellness Center
If you want to give back to the community by picking up trash outside, painting windows of gyms for old people and kids, then you should do this. Your mom would be proud of you, and you can brag about it.

**International TableTop Day**
When: Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
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This event is all about board games, from popular games such as Chess to games that you don't even win such as Settlers of Catan. You can bring your own board or card games as well.
Weekend series ends in defeat for UND softball

After UND defeated Weber State in game one, Wildcats managed to take the series

Kaylin VanDomelon (above) delivers a pitch and Megan Keegan (right) rounds the bases during last week’s matchup against Weber State.

Hunter Plante

The Dakota Student

The UND Fighting Hawks hosted the Weber State Wildcats Friday and Saturday afternoon in a Big Sky softball matchup.

The Hawks played two out of the three games during Friday afternoon’s doubleheader and would finish out the last game of the series on Saturday.

UND came into the series with a record of 15-28 overall, and a record of 3-7 in the Big Sky. The team wanted to show not only the Wildcats that it was better than their record indicated, but also the entire Big Sky conference that it was a group to be reckoned with.

UND would send its ace red-shirt sophomore Kaylin VanDomelon to the mound in game one. VanDomelen, who came into Friday’s game as the Big Sky leader in strikeouts, started out the game strong with a quick first inning. That momentum would carry into UND’s hitting in the bottom half of the first inning.

UND coach Jordan Stevens saw his players load the bases with one out and first baseman Emily Bell coming to bat. The senior from Elgin, Ill., would jump on a pitch from Weber State’s Kirtlyn Bohling and send it over the left-centerfield fence for a huge grand slam.

As expected, that got the UND fans rowdy and UND jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead over one of the best teams in the Big Sky. However, there were six more innings to go. This would not be a problem for Vandemelen. She went the complete game, striking out seven batters, and allowed only three runs over the next six innings. UND would get two runs back in the sixth inning as the Wildcats scored seven runs back in the sixth inning. However, it wasn’t enough as Weber State won the nightcap 9-2, to split the doubleheader.

Stevens thought his team played well, overall. “Big takeaway today was we got the win,” Stevens said. “We played well most of the day, and the score in game two wasn’t indicative of how we played today.”

In the rubber match of the three-game series, UND tried to bounce back from a tough loss and win the series. Unfortunately for the Hawks, Weber State quickly jumped ahead of the Fighting Hawks 2-0 at the end of the first inning.

UND would take the lead in the third after a two RBI double by Mary Martin. Autumn Cervantes followed Martin by driving a three run homerun to re-take the lead 5-4.

That momentum would carry over into the fourth inning.

Game two was all Weber State. The first three innings were scoreless, but Weber scored one run in both the fourth and fifth innings to take a 2-0 lead. Weber State bats then exploded as the Wildcats scored seven runs over the sixth and seventh innings. UND would get two runs back in the sixth inning as cleanup hitter Megan Keegan hit a two-run homerun in the bottom half of the sixth inning. However, it wasn’t enough as Weber State won the nightcap 9-2, to split the doubleheader.

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UND is back in action on the road in nonconference play as they head to Brookings, South Dakota, to take on South Dakota State. UND gets back to Big Sky play when they host Big Sky foe Montana in a weekend series.

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The UND men and women’s track and field squads headed out on the road last weekend to Fargo for the Lyle Hokanson Classic.

Each team was able to claim at least one first place title, beginning with UND’s women’s 4x400 meter relay team that included Tianna McKinney, Paige Slemmons, Ashley Rone and Stephanie Clark. They clocked in at 3 minutes and 52.08 seconds.

Senior Slemmons, who returned to her hometown of Fargo for the meet, participated in the 100-meter, and she finished third with a time of 12.48 seconds.

The men’s team was able to come together and collect three titles. Senior Nathan Peterson claimed first in the 1,500-meter run and posted a new personal record time of 3 minutes and 55.45 seconds.

Other first place titles included senior Jimmy Evers in the 110-meter hurdles with his 14.52-second time, and junior Jared Michel, who took the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 54.73 seconds.

Evers’ finish earned him a spot in the Big Sky Conference standings. He now holds the fourth place slot.

Both teams had some near wins but could not close the deal. In the 200, Natasha Brown earned second place. Brown ran for a time of 24.33 seconds, solidifying her place in the fourth spot of the Big Sky Conference.

Other second place finishes included pole vaulter Zac Ray; a freshman, clearing his highest at 4.55 meters. In the long jump, freshman Monica Kiehl had a jump of 5.53 meters. In the discus, Alyssa Lueth earned second place with a throw of 46.60 meters, while Janessa Meulemans finished her 1,500 at 4:59.53.

While finishing on top in the classic was the goal, some athletes were still able to maintain their rankings in the Big Sky Conference as well as set some personal best records.

Molly Gregg took a fifth place finish in the hammer throw event, with a throw of 179-03.18 feet (54.64 meters). It may not a first place finish, but she did improve her season-best and still holds the eighth spot in the Big Sky Conference standings.

Also holding her spot in the Big Sky Conference standings was Kyleigh Weber, who placed ninth in the shot put with a throw of 45-07.75 feet (13.91 meters), which tied her for the fifth spot in the Big Sky Conference standings. Her throw also improved her season-best record.

Setting new records on the men’s side, junior Ian Collins placed fifth in the shot put with a throw of 55-01.50 feet (16.80 meters), setting a new personal record.

As the meet wrapped up on Saturday, the Fighting Hawks left with 23 top ten finishes for the women and 14 for the men.

The Fighting Hawks will head back on the road to compete again today at the Cobber Twilight in Moorhead.
UND baseball fell to Grand Canyon University three times this weekend at a cold and windy Kraft Field.

This weekend marked the beginning of an important eight-game home stand for the Fighting Hawks.

“It’s big, we’ve been on the road almost all year,” coach Jeff Dodson said. “I think it’s great for our kids to get back and get caught up on school work — and rest in general — to get everything — mind and body — ready for competition.”

The GCU Antelopes came out hot, and stayed hot for the entirety of the series. They scored a combined 31 runs in three games.

In game one Friday evening, Zach Muckenhirn had a decent outing giving up six runs in his eight innings of work. GCU has scored eight or more runs 12 times this season.

After Muckenhirn had surrendered two hits to start the ninth inning, he was relieved by the bullpen as he was at a season-high 131 pitches. He left with the score at 4-4. The bullpen proceeded to give up five runs to make it 9-4 after a key throwing error started a rally for the Antelopes.

Freshman Miles Lewis continued his excellent season adding three hits in the game. Tyler Midas and Hayden May each had a hit as well.

Saturday afternoon felt more like March 23 than April 23 as it was a cold, windy and rainy day. Dodson would not blame the loss on poor weather though.

“Any time you have to deal with weather, both teams have to play in it,” Dodson said “That’s something you can’t hang your hat on for a good or bad performance.”

Big right-hander Brett DeGagne’ got the start for the Fighting Hawks on Saturday and had a good outing, giving up three runs, two from long balls, in his six innings of work.

GCU’s pitcher, Tyler Wyatt, had a very solid day, pitching a shut out into the ninth inning. He was chased after Lewis led off the inning with a single. Connor Trygstad promptly laced a single back up the middle to knock Wyatt out of the ball game.

The Fighting Hawks rally in the ninth inning proved to be too little, too late as they could only plate two runs to make the final score 8-2.

Even though the Hawks were down, they did not roll over at the end of the game. They went down fighting.

“We’ve never had a problem with effort since day one,” Dodson said. “I thought the effort was good today, we just got beat.”

Sunday was more of the same with poor weather and a barrage of runs and hits from the Antelopes.

The Antelopes started the game off hot as they had four straight hits to start the game in the first inning and scored two runs.

The Fighting Hawks were able to keep the game close in the first half of the ballgame. Lewis plated a run for the Hawks in the bottom of the third inning to make the score 3-1.

The next inning, GCU would score another run to make it 4-1 and looked poised to put more runs up on the board. A timely double play ended the inning for the Fighting Hawks.

Junior McKay McNair was the starter for UND and looked like he had finally settled in as he retired the Antelopes in order in the fifth and sixth innings preserving the 4-1 score.

The seventh inning was where it all unravelled for UND.

Luke Hansen came in to the game to relieve McNair and gave up two hits and a walk, loading the bases. That was just the start of a long inning for the Fighting Hawks.

After Hansen came in, the Hawks brought in four pitchers in the inning who combined to give up ten runs. They walked in six of the 10 runs and surrendered eight walks and five hits total in the inning.

“We walked eight guys in the inning,” Dodson said. “It’s hard to recover from that.”

The Hawks were able to muster a run in the bottom of the 7th inning on a Ben Reznicek fielder’s choice, but it was not enough, and the game ended after seven innings.

The Fighting Hawks return to action 4 p.m. Tuesday at Kraft Field as they take on the University of Minnesota Crookston.

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