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Joey Iverson

UND student

Out of these 40 students, 95 percent of students could not name the president slated to replace Interim President Ed Schafer. When asked what they attributed this lack of information to, 10 of the 38 cited a lack of value this information has for them, while 30 students said that there is value in knowing who the UND president is.

‘“As an outgoing senior, I may not be as involved as I should be,” Arthur Ostman III, a UND senior in the business department said. “These changes don’t have as much of an effect on someone like me as they would an incoming freshman, so I just don’t have very much motivation to look into it.”’

Schafer embraces UND presidency

Schafer

UND Interim President

‘“We have what I call a launching pad for the next president to shape this university going forward instead of always playing catchup.”’

Ed Schafer

UND Interim President

“We are embarking on that process, but I’m not going to be anywhere near when it gets finished,” Schafer said. “Looking back to the beginning of his tenure in January, Schafer said that a few things surprised him at UND, including the perception of UND from students.

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Most other seniors inter-viewed shared this senti-ment. Disillusionment with the UND administration was also a common theme among those who were surveyed.

“I should care more than I do,” Joey Iverson, a second-year student in the communi-cation program said, “but at the same time, I don’t think anybody knows what’s going on. I bet we got emails about it, and I also bet 95 percent of students deleted them.”

Iverson went on to critique the methods of communica-tion used by the school, citing a lack of strong social media presence and transparent in-formation made easily avail-able to students.

All other students spoken to felt the same way about the university’s methods of disseminating information, specifically pertaining to the UND presidential selection.

“The school should have publicized it more,” Benja-min Harris, a third-year stu-dent in the UND education department, said in regards to the presidential selection pro-cress. “I walked right past the doors of the union every day and never knew. There weren’t any posters on the windows or anything. I never knew.”

None of the students sur-veyed had attended or been made aware of the listening session held in the Memo-rial Union for each candidate. Another trend in all students surveyed was the feeling that their voices were not heard in the election process.

“I think they need to have more student involvement in the election process,” Iverson said. “If people don’t know who the candidates are, how can they determine who they support?”

Many felt as if their par-ticipation in the presidential search process would have no impact on the final outcome, and that the process was very closed off.

“Look at the music ther-a-py department,” Harris said. “Nobody got any say in that, it seems like nobody wanted that to go but it still is. That’s why people don’t read their emails.”

These statements did not represent a negative public opinion regarding the incom-ing UND president, only the lack of knowledge a sampling of students had about him.

Kennedy is slated to re-place Schafer by July 1.

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University closing in on final budget

Staff Report

The Dakota Student

UND has come one step closer to resolving its current budget shortfall. This past Wednesday, Interim President Ed Schafer announced in an email that he has accepted $21.5 million in recommendations of cuts and adjustments to address the shortfall.

The email gave a brief overview of some of the policies that will be implemented with the budget restructuring.

There will be a 2 percent tuition increase for UND students, along with a 2.5 percent tuition increase for UND’s School of Law and School of Medicine and Health Sciences next school year.

In the email, Schafer noted that faculty and staff would be eligible for a maximum of 3 percent raise, dependent on documented performance and other factors.

Some of the budget is still in flux, as the university is still deliberating the amount of faculty and staff who will be accepted in the voluntary buyout programs. In the email, Schafer noted the budget process will continue to unfold as the changes are implemented.

The music therapy program will be not accept any new majors as part of the budget restructuring process, and the Television Center’s academic mission — the Studio One program — also has been suspended.

Men’s golf and baseball have been cut at UND, but there have been discussions among supporters of the baseball team to fundraise to support the team financially next season. This process is still in its infancy, and the baseball team’s future has yet to be determined after this season.

Additionally, several other programs have been slated for suspension, including a minor in American sign language and graduate programs in the communication program.

The ongoing and often contentious budget process has resulted from the 4.05 percent allotment from state appropriations and an earlier budget gap of $5.3 million caused by a cap in tuition increase. In the email, Schafer noted that several of the changes have been made to give the university flexibility to fund future priorities as well.
Sincerely, anonymous

MATT EIDSON
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

I recently watched a video where random men were selected to read mean tweets posted by other men to female sports writers. The video was extremely powerful but also extremely uncomfortable as they read vicious verbal attacks aimed at the women who were simply doing their job.

One of the women began crying, another held still, as if the words were too painful to accept. The men would sit in silence for long periods of time, interrupting their own silence to apologize before they read the comments, even though they hadn't actually written them.

This sort of behavior perplexes me. When I found this video online, it had been shared by a friend of mine who mentioned something his mother had told him as a child. “If you can’t say anything nice, don’t say anything at all.”

I’m sure vast majorities of people have heard this same piece of advice. Watching this video, however, makes me wonder how many people are actually heeding the message.

I’m not entirely sure what propelled these men to say such terrible things to women they had never met. Presured to make assumptions, I would assume their anger stems from their inability to mentally advance to a mindset worthy of this day and age.

Typically, when someone feels threatened, they have a tendency to lash out. Do these men feel threatened? Perhaps the thought of a woman knowing more than them in regard to a specific sport is too much for them to bear. If this is the case, I look for another person deemed worthy of the abuse.

I’ve been noticing this trend on the Internet the past few years. Up until recently, it wasn’t something I had strong feelings about because it had never affected me personally. While I’ve now personally experienced this trend firsthand, it wasn’t nearly as bad as the video I just mentioned.

The ability to speak but not be seen has provided individuals with a bulletproof approach to how they voice their thoughts.

While the thought of being shared about these women are horrific, this issue is much larger than just the video I watched. It seems like everyone is a victim of this sort of behavior nowadays. Anonymity on the Internet is being used to verbally attack anyone another person deems worthy of the abuse.

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My experience was an individual at UND who disagreed with an article I wrote for The Dakota Student and posted his thoughts via The Dakota Student’s Facebook page, a far cry from the public clamor witnessed in the above-mentioned video. My experience was simply an individual expressing his thoughts and disagree- ment with my views. He handled himself maturely for the most part. I would like to reiterate at this moment that I do not consider this individual’s comments to be derogatory in any way, shape or form. His approach was hardly comparable to what the woman’s views were in the video experienced.

I should point out that the idea of someone posting “anonymously” shouldn’t necessarily suggest they are completely unknown to you. In my case, the individual’s name was stamped right next to his comment. However, even seeing his name didn’t mean I actually knew him. He was simply a profile picture accompanying a name with his own opinionated thoughts right next to him, not ex- actly anonymous, but still unknown in a sense.

I’ve considered the opposition, meaning some would argue that perhaps I’m just as bad. My job is to share my opinion with the readers of The Dakota Student, and I have the luxury of not truly being known by the vast majority of individuals who read the paper. However, I go to great lengths to ensure I approach each article I write with intelligent argu- ments. I research both sides of an issue and share my findings, along with my views concerning the matter.

I even go so far as to submit the majority of my articles to an individ- ual I respect immensely who is well versed in argumentative writing.

The Internet has provided a platform for people to voice their opinions and typically suffer no conse- quences for their words. The ability to speak but not be seen has provided individuals with a bulletproof approach to how they voice their thoughts. They no longer worry about the effec- t of their words; they merely feel the need to share them.

No one sees the person behind the words. People who would nor- mally not say a word are now sharing their thoughts. The same inability for individuals to consider the person be- hind the phrase rings true for count- less other people on the internet.

I wonder if the men sharing their rude comments about the fe- male sports writers mentioned earlier would still make their comments to the faces of the writers. I’m inclined to think they would, but I suppose there are people out there who are just as compunctional verbally as they are in typing.

I see this trend almost every day in some shape or form, and it’s unfortunate. It seems as though society grows far-ther and further apart the more techn- ologically advanced we become. It’s strange to think that a specific person and click “send” afterward. Perhaps the trend will lessen with time, consider- ing the publicity it has been receiving recently. Then again, I’m of the opin- ion that it will only get worse.

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The days of paying less than $30 per barrel for oil could be long gone, and although North Dakota suffered through one of the worst budget shortfalls ever, we have learned a lot from the process.

As a state, one thing we can learn from is our mistake of overspending 60 to 70 percent more than the previous education budget. When our state government indulges in the boom times of rising prices, it puts higher educa- tion funding at risk and prioritizes infrastructure im- provements that could wait a year or two.

The Great Recession of 2008 should have taught us a couple of things. First is that we need to ensure that if we are thriving in high prices, the high must end. This is also a basic rule of gravity even four-year-olds know. What goes up must come down.

Before the recession, the housing market grew into a bubble and many Wall Street investors bet on it never coming down. Since we understand the implications of this recession, we should be able to draw a parallel with our speculation on oil prices.

The other lesson we could have learned about risk is the need to diversify, even in the face of rising prices and booming, record-high state revenues. The billions and billions tied to bad mortgage loans showed an ugly, greedy desire to bask in short-term profits, rather than being careful and well invested in the long term with many different assets. North Dakota could gener- ate revenue in other energy sectors in case oil prices drop below the previously mentioned $30 per barrel.

If we don’t diversify enough from oil, then we must forecast our budget as conservatively as possible, assuming the worst for our oil price range.

With athletics, extracurricular programs, and entire academic programs dependent on expansion, the need to be cau- toious and conscientious moving forward is extremely necessary. One must wonder if our state government could consider passing measures to prohibit future cuts to higher and primary education spending. The North Dakota Office of Management and Budget should be smarter moving forward. The temporary boom in spend- ing that was so necessary a year or two ago is now having long-term consequences on current and future students.

Education spending is the most valuable piece of spending in the budget, causing a multiplier effect ec- onomically by placing citizens in position to enter the middle class and spend hard-earned income and taxes on the state. Our citizens reward education expenditures by productively utilizing knowledge and human capital to continue building one of the most thriving economies in the Midwest and the United States.

Education is the foundation that we build on for the future, and it doesn’t matter what you study. We all gain from the effectiveness of higher education. Nelson Mandela once said “education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world.” May- be we should start listening to the greats.

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COMMMENTARY

Two female sports journalists created the hashtag #MoreThanMean to start a discussion about the online harassment women face. Just Not Sports helped film the powerful video.

Matt Eidson columnlist

The absurdity of considering a name with his own opinionated ideas to be worthy of this day and age.

The Dakota Student encourages readers to express their opinions on the editorials. Letters must be edited for length and clarity, and some letters may be published online, in the print edition, or over social media. Letters must be limited to 250 words.

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The Dakota Student
I'm writing this article to discuss the opinion piece "Bathroom Bill Discrimination." Full disclosure: I was asked by the editor of the Dakota Student to discuss the article, and I did not submit a letter to you so that my thoughts would be more visible to the public. Admittedly, I have very little background on writing something of this nature, but I'll give it a shot.

The majority of my contention with the article comes from the author stating that it would be an unbiased piece discussing both sides. Tyrone Berentson

The Dakota Student

Asking students and some faculty, the consensus from the UND community has for these programs. If there are decisions which don't work on behalf of that community, then what is left? I foresee these cuts as bringing a lack of uniqueness, interest, students and liberal arts to campus in the future. I would assume that the discontinuation of anger and confusion won't subside right away.

It may be easy to think that we should just let things dwindle out, and hope people forget how it impacts or will impact them. But I wonder if these cuts being considered are thinking about the long term.

I am unsure of the vision and purpose that's being proposed to UND. In what sense do these cuts limit the students, faculty and greater good while benefiting UND in the long term? If all departments are to go through this grueling process, it might be best to make sure that all departments are dealing with it in the same way, with similar expectations.

It seems that there is a lot to consider, but I think the feedback that was given is critical for this process. It's not a fun thing to do, but it is necessary to not cause unwanted fire to the bigger issue.

Tyrone Berentson

UND student

We know that the budget cuts are many and so are ongoing. Comments on how the budget process has been handled were voiced in the open forum to Interim President Ed Schafer, most of them being critical of the process. Making these tough decisions can't be easy, and it takes a lot of thought and evaluation.

My issue is when the UND budget cut feedback from the community got into the hands of those who make these decisions, very few alterations were made.

Students on campus, faculty and Grand Forks Herald letters were largely critical of the budget cut process because of the unique programs that are on the chopping block, such as music therapy and Studio One.

It can't be easy to come up with a way to cut $12.6 million from UND's budget. But it would be irresponsible to not ask for feedback from the community without considering the overall consensus of the community. In my research of articles, of speaking to students and some faculty, the consensus from the UND community is clear.

Interim President Ed Schafer listened to the UND community at the budget open forum. Many think the budget process was flawed.

Happy discussing,

Tyrone Berentson
Family and Future

Schafer said his wife Nancy played an instrumental role in his decision to accept the position as interim president, and she has enjoyed her time as First Lady of UND.

“She’s been speaking to various groups and been out and about on campus, she’s loving it,” Schafer said.

Schafer said that after he is finished at UND’s interim president, he and Nancy will return to serving on a variety of boards, working with several startup companies and spending time with their 13 grandchildren.

There is still more work to be done at the university as Schafer’s time as interim president nears its end, but he said that he will miss his role when his contract ends in June.

“I didn’t expect it, but I suppose because it’s my school, because I went here, we both got attached faster and harder than I thought.”

Schafer said that it was a combination of the state of government at the time and the ability to apply the skills he possessed that first prompted him to pursue a position in public service when he ran for governor.

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Schafer said that when you are making the decisions, when you remove or suspend a program, the students in the program get affected. But if you can get through this very difficult time, you can generate the dollars to focus on making the learning experience better.”

“We are going through this pain and difficulty today here at UND, but I know five years from now, this university is going to be at the top of the heap.”

Ed Schafer
UND interim president

Past and present

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This perspective on the Legislature is something that Schafer brings from his experience as governor of North Dakota from 1992 to 2000. It was a time that the state also faced budget difficulties, and Schafer has often compared the work he did as governor to the task in front of him as university president. This included times when he had to make budget decisions that were unpopular with some, but he said that this is part of the job.

“That’s hard, and a lot of people don’t like that,” Schafer said. “So when you make those decisions, they don’t like the very decisions that they themselves couldn’t make.”

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When most people hear “Cinderella,” they likely think of the beloved, heartwarming Disney film filled with catchy songs, pumpkins and adorable mice.

While this may be the case, the UND Department of Music has taken on a different approach by working on a rendition of the historic fable many students are not entirely familiar with. This story is “Cendrillon,” an opera based on the French folktale of Cinderella created by French composer Jules Massenet.

Magic and enchantment still encompass this vibrant cultural production of “Cinderella,” but the opera intertwines a new element of French culture and language.

Students have been hard at work preparing for their performances of “Cendrillon” taking place this weekend at the Empire Arts Center in downtown Grand Forks.

“Cendrillon” is the first full-length foreign opera to be performed in Grand Forks since the Metropolitan Opera House downtown closed more than a hundred years ago.

Haley Lund, who plays the role of La Fée, or The Fairy Godmother, expressed how the experience working with “Cendrillon” has been both challenging and rewarding.

“Before ‘Cendrillon,’ I had minimal knowledge of French language and the French culture,” Lund said. “When I received the role of La Fée, I was very nervous to take on so much French, but after a lot of practicing, I have developed so many new skills and feel I have a great foundation for preparing a role in French in the future.”

While overcoming the language barrier, many cast members also were challenged by the vocal intricacy of the music. Students prepared for months to get all notes and rhythms comfortable within their voices.

With theatrical music and costume, Assistant Production Manager Jace Erickson hopes that students are not intimidated by the opera aspect of the play and will instead be able to walk away with a new appreciation of opera.

“We hope that bringing in an audience familiar with Cinderella will help them adjust to the opera art form more comfortably, and realize that opera isn’t as inaccessible as some people might initially assume,” Erickson said.

Even though the production is entirely in French, “Cendrillon” still allows the audience to see all their favorite characters that they know and love.

“It will be exciting for the audience to see these characters from a different cultural perspective. It’s the same story, but with a different storyteller.”

Jace Erickson assistant production manager

Massenet’s music even more than the Disney version, as the plot has more depth and the music is more complex.

“I hope that people see ‘Cendrillon’ and take away a deeper appreciation for the medium and the many ways that it can enhance a story,” Erickson said.

The show will be in French with projected English text. Showtimes are at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Doors open 30 minutes before curtain, and tickets will only be available at the door.

If students are interested in purchasing tickets, they can do so at the Empire Arts Center box office the day of the show.

The cost is $20 for general admission and $15 for students and seniors.

Lund and other cast members encourage all students to stop by and check out the enchanting production.

“Cendrillon’ will have a beautiful set, wonderful music, great acting and fun costumes,” Lund said. “Plus, the music is absolutely gorgeous, and the story will captivate the listener.”

Even if students are unsure about stepping into the world of foreign opera, Lund was optimistic that the evening will be full of fun and new experiences.

“The opera scene is exciting, and everyone can enjoy the fairytale of Cinderella,” Lund said. “I hope that students can take away a greater appreciation for this art form, after joining us at the Empire this weekend.”

Image courtesy of UND Department of Music

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North Dakotans will choose a new governor this November. The incumbent, Gov. Jack Dalrymple, has chosen not to run for re-election, leaving the highest position in the state up for grabs.

The ND Democratic-NPL Party endorsed Rep. Marvin Nelson of Rolla as its candidate at their state convention in early April.

Nelson has served in the North Dakota House of Representatives since 2010, serving on the Industry, Business and Labor Committee, among others. He is also the chairman for Tribal and State Relations.


Nelson grew up on a farm northeast of Rugby. He lives in Rolla with his wife, Susan. They have two children and two grandchildren.

After writing a letter-to-the-editor to the Forum of Fargo-Moorhead about how volunteer services are treated unfairly by North Dakota Workforce Safety and Insurance, Nelson said a Washburn family who had dealt with Workforce Safety and Insurance contacted him. A father of four had been severely injured and was treated unfairly by North Dakota.

The volunteer had thanked him about how volunteers are treated unfairly by North Dakota Workforce Safety and Insurance, and Nelson said he would work to find ways to make the state more attractive to young people.

Nelson said this was what prompted his run for governor after others in the Legislature had tried to convince him to run.

As a Democrat in a predominantly Republican state, Nelson admits he’s facing an “uphill battle,” but he said he can’t “continue to let our state destroy families.” The biggest hurdle to getting elected, Nelson said, is to convince people that it’s possible, adding that he believes the state has been controlled by out-of-state interests for a long time.

If elected, Nelson said he would work to find ways to make the state more attractive to young people.

He said there are 15,000 open jobs throughout the state, yet people are leaving.

“We need to be a welcoming state, open to young people and a place that they’d want to live, and we haven’t really done that as a state,” Nelson said.

North Dakota certainly has budget problems, Nelson said, but he doesn’t agree with the Republican leadership in the state targeting higher education.

He said there will likely be significant cuts to the university system in the next legislative session, but he said it’s important to not try to balance the budget on the backs of our students.

Issues related to resources and infrastructure also can’t be put off any longer, according to Nelson.

“We really have to move forward in technology for our coal industry or it’s going to be gone, so that has to be a commitment,” Nelson said.

“We need to partner with those businesses to keep their doors open and keep electricity at an affordable level.

Also needing attention are flood projects in Fargo and Minot, and there are about 600 bridges in the state that need work, Nelson said.

At UND, the decades-old boiler system needs at least $20 million in repairs, and Nelson said it can’t wait any longer because a failure in the system “could mean literally closing the doors at UND for a time, and that’s just not acceptable.”

“I’ve been disappointed in the maintenance of our buildings,” he added. “It’s been continuously deferred, and we’re literally at the point where we need to either tear some of the buildings down or we really need to do the maintenance.”

Voting also is important, and it has become a lot more difficult due to voter ID laws, according to Nelson.

“People aren’t coming to the state and paying taxes in order to commit voter fraud,” Nelson said. “It’s just a put-up job designed to make it more difficult for minorities and students can’t vote.”

While it’s important for students to get out and vote, it’s also important that they become educated voters.

Nelson recommends young people go to town hall meetings when candidates are in town. Watching the news and reading newspapers also are important, he said.

Nelson will be running against the winner of the Republican primary election on June 14.

Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, who got the Republican party’s endorsement earlier this month, is running with Nicolle Poolman as lieutenant governor.

Doug Burgum, former senior vice president of Microsoft, and running mate Brent Sanford, Watford City mayor, also are looking to win the Republican primary.

Either Stenehjem or Burgum will take on Nelson to be North Dakota’s next governor.

Whoever he runs against, Nelson said he’ll be running on a platform focused on quality.

“I want a North Dakota that’s really for all North Dakotans. We need to really turn our attention to quality: quality life, quality environment and quality jobs for everyone.”

Marvin Nelson
candidate for ND governor

North Dakota’s next governor.

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UND junior awarded national scholarship
Jed Hanson from Argusville, N.D., was recently awarded with the Truman Scholarship.
Hanson will receive a $30,000 scholarship toward graduate school and opportunities for professional development.
Hanson studies political science and public administration. He is the executive director and former communications director for the College Democrats of North Dakota and a former field organizer for the North Dakota Democratic-NPL Party.
“The Truman Scholarship will provide me with additional pathways for my career in public service,” Hanson said. “I am thankful to the Truman Foundation for selecting me and providing support and opportunities in my education and future.”
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Softball team narrowly loses series

Despite a strong win in the first game, UND went on to lose the next two to the SDSU Jackrabbits.

**Hunter Plante**

**The Dakota Student**

Back in the old North Central Conference days, UND had its rivals that every fan made sure they paid attention to no matter the sport. Rivals such as NDSU or South Dakota State added more meaning to these intense conference games.

A lot has changed since those days, including the NCC being dissolved. On Tuesday afternoon, fans of UND and South Dakota State got to relive the “good old days.” This time, it was in the form of a softball doubleheader.

UND is coming off a weekend series against Weber State in which it started off with a 5-3 win Friday night, which was a record setting fourth Big Sky conference win.

Weber State would later show its muscle and take the next two games and the series.

After yet another series loss, UND went into Brookings, S.D., on Tuesday afternoon looking for a little momentum.

Just like the series before, UND would play well in game one but struggle in the second, this time against the Jackrabbits.

Emily Bell, Shelby Hard and Autumn Cervantes each had two hits for the Fighting Hawks, while catcher Mary Martin continued to do well in the batter’s box as she finished with three hits in the first game. Taylor Hansen also stayed hot at the plate as well by racking up three hits of her own.

Kaylin VanDomeelen continued to show why she is UND’s ace. VanDomeelen may have got the win for the Fighting Hawks in the circle, but she also helped in the batter’s box as well. VanDomeelen hit a home run and had two RBIs, and that was enough for VanDomeelen to help UND get the 13-8 win, which was No. 17 for the season.

“We got off to a rough start in game one,” UND coach Jordan Stevens said. “It was nice to see that we could fight back, which started from getting a lot of good swings.”

The Hawks were not done in Brookings, however, as they would try to take the doubleheader sweep against the Jackrabbits.

UND would start pitcher Hannah Berg this time around, but South Dakota State wasn’t going to lose two games in one day.

The Jackrabbits had a whopping 11 hits and scored 10 runs to beat UND 10-3.

Bergh allowed just two earned runs in 2.2 innings of work. Freshman Kyra Lenzi came in to relieve Bergh and worked 3.1 innings to finish off the day.

UND would jump out to quick 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but South Dakota State would lead going into the sixth inning 4-1. UND would get a run in the top half of the sixth, as Hard drove in two runs with an RBI double to cut the lead to 4-3. SDSU would answer in a big way.

“They would score six runs on five hits in the bottom of the sixth. The Jackrabbits’ big inning at the plate was one that UND couldn’t bounce back from,” Hunter Plante said.

After splitting the non-conference series, UND comes back home this weekend for the last time as they host Big Sky Conference rival Montana in Grand Forks this Saturday and Sunday.

Montana comes into Grand Forks at No. 4 in Big Sky with a 9-6 record. UND currently sits at No. 6 with a 4-9 record in conference play.

Though the Hawks have struggled overall this season with a record of 17-31, there is a silver lining. UND can move its 4-5 home record into positive territory this weekend if it is able to take two out of three games from Montana.

The first pitch of the last home series is at 1 p.m at Kraft Field.
Men and women’s track give strong showing

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Both the men’s and women’s track teams were on the road Tuesday at the Cobber Twilight meet in Moorhead, Minn.

For the women, it was more of the same. The team continued on their success from last Saturday at the Lyle Hokanson Classic and had another great showing.

The team was led by Brainard, Minn., native Anna Gessell. The senior won the 1,500-meter run with a personal best time of 4:44.79 seconds.

Gessell was not the only runner who had a personal best time. Freshman Alyssa Anderson also had a great showing in the 1,500 with a time of 4:52.95 seconds. Anderson placed fourth in the event.

To go along with the Fighting Hawks first and fourth place finishes in the 1,500, Lydia Lutz placed fifth with a time of 4:57.95 seconds. Erin Wysocki placed seventh finishing with a time of five minutes, 11.82 seconds.

Junior Paige Melin set a personal record for the 5,000 with a time of 19:16.19 seconds.

In the 800-meter run, the Fighting Hawks yet again found success. Megan Janssen placed second and set a personal record with a time of 2:20.16 seconds. Lutz also had a top 10 finish with a time of 2:26.16 seconds which was good for sixth place.

For the throwers, senior Samantha Guenther finished sixth in the shot put. Her throw went 156 feet, eight inches.

But the Fighting Hawks women’s team wasn’t the only squad having success in the meet at Moorhead.

On the men’s side, sophomore Scott Kvidera had a big day. The Minnetonka, Minn., native earned second place in the 800-meter run. He set a new personal best with a time of 1:54.88 seconds.

Joseph Fenstermacher also had a good day on the track as he placed fourth in the meet in the 800 with a time of 1:56.99 seconds.

The Fighting Hawks built off their success on the track with a solid outing throwing as well.

In the discus, Ian Collins placed fourth with a throw of 158 feet, five inches. Freshman Tyler Kolander threw for 127-5, which was good for ninth place.

Both the men’s and the women’s teams will be back in action on Saturday in Jamestown, N.D. at the Al Cassell Invitational. This will be the last meet for both the teams until May 6 when they attend the NDSU Tune-Up in preparation for both the conference championship in Greeley, Colo., and NCAA tournament in Lawrence, Kan. and Eugene, Ore., respectively.

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Win on Tuesday marks first victory since the program’s cut was announced