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Budget cut blues felt campus wide

Liz Kacher
The Dakota Student

Back in January, Governor Burgum recommended $31 million be cut in regards to higher education during the impending 2017-19 cycle. Subsequently, universities across the state of North Dakota have been given the task to propose budget cuts to comply with what he has suggested — UND included.

All areas of campus — including academics, athletics and support areas will be affected by the proposed cuts. President Kennedy and the Executive Council intend on creating an efficient plan that prioritizes certain programs and promotes future growth for the university as a whole.

College Deans were faced with the task of creating a budget plan that would detail how they could comply with potential funding cuts of 4, 8 and 12 percent earlier this year. The proposed numbers indicate the cuts were to be distributed in various amounts to colleges at those specific levels.

Last Thursday, a UND news release detailed that the Executive Council did not "find conclusive evidence to vary the budget reductions at this time." Consequently, each academic college has the same reduction targets of 12 percent.

Some students see the upcoming budget cuts as damaging not only their own future but the future of the University as a whole. Senior Erika Gal- laway spoke with The Dakota Student and says, "I feel that the cuts will be felt campus wide.

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Career Conversations grants students the opportunity to spend personal one-on-one time with presidents, CEOs and executive directors from the community and learn how they got from point “A” to point “B” career-wise.

“What better way than to learn how successful professionals from our community developed their own career paths?" Director of Career Services, Ilene Odegard said. "They may have suggestions for you, or you can take advantage of your time with them.”

UND senior, Megan Noack, currently works alongside Odegard as the department’s Communications Intern located in McCannel Hall. Noack feels the conversations are an opportunity students of the university should not hesitate to seize.

“We’re hoping the experience will allow students to establish a professional relationship,” Noack said. “To get their foot in the door so they can one day network with these executives.”

Though her time in the department hasn’t been long, Noack feels comfortable in the work environment.

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The department is anticipating at least 200 students to register for the conversations. Those who choose register, have more than 23 companies to pick from.

“The conversation will involve a lot of business professionals,” Noack said. “People who are open to discuss how they paved their way within their respective companies.”

Career Conversations begin Feb. 27 and end March 3. Career services, Ilene Odegard, will allow students to establish a professional relationship to host event connecting students and professionals.
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The event itself is sponsored by UND Career Services, Job Service North Dakota, The Chamber-Grand Forks/Twin Grand Forks and Grand Forks Region EDC.

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Resident hall budget

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The University of North Dakota’s Association of Residence Halls passed an upgraded budget last week for next year, as stated by member Amanda Cook. The budget, ARH-R1617-03, will come into effect next semester and raises the housing fees 20 percent from their current rate for students in residence halls.

Students in on-campus apartments are not affected by the rate increase. The new budget also raises dining meal plans by about 1.5 percent, all while tuition has increased an average of $100 since last academic year.

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After the "Thunder Road" it goes straight into "Tenth Avenue Freeze-Out" a swinging rock song with incredible saxophone by Clarence "Big Man" Clemons.

The second side of the album doesn't stop. It starts off with "Rosalita," a song that showcased Clemons God-like playing ability. The album ends with a nine and the half minute arena rock song "Jungleland." Needless to say you can't go wrong with "Born to Run.""}

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When it comes to Bruce Springsteen, most people love the wide variety he has laid out over the years. However, the question that divides most fans is "Born to Run" or "Born in the USA.

The two albums were monumental in both Springsteen's career and Rock n' Roll history. Each one of these classic albums have had great songs that are always up to eleven.

Starting with the earlier album "Born to Run." The third Springsteen album dropped in 1975. The album launched him into commercial success.

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On select Fridays during this semester, faculty and students of the UND law program will host in a series of discussions regarding race and racial injustice through both legal and social viewpoints.

As described in the university event calendar, “the goals of the series are to create space for conversations about meaningful differences, to examine and better appreciate how individuals experience the law and its effects, and to critically engage as legal professionals with structures and hierarchies perpetuated by law.”

The group is organized and conducted by Sabrina Balgamwalla and Grant Christensen, undeclared members of the UND school of law. The professors mediate and guide the discussion in a way that stimulates idea and thoughtful contribution.

In the meetings are called “(De)Constructing Race, Difference and the Practice of Law.” They have a set of general rules to ensure that conversation is constructive. Those who speak should speak from their own experience, not from the experiences of others. They will not demean or put down people for their experiences, or lack thereof.

They will practice non-judgement and keep contributions reasonably brief so that everyone who wishes to speak may do so. Finally, the objective is not to come to an agreement but to a deeper understanding.

For each session, one or two short readings are selected which will be the topic of conversation. On February 17, the group went over an excerpt from a work entitled “Whiteness As Property” by Cheryl Harris.

In her writing, Harris elaborated on the inherit privileges associated with being white versus non-white not only legally, but also socially and professionally. She raised the idea that one’s race, specifically caucasion, is an intangible “property” that gives one group of people advantages over others.

The group pondered whether there was value, even in today’s society, in being white as opposed to another by the people present were interesting and impressive. Though it wasn’t a large group of people, there was a great deal of insight and deep connections made that honestly made me think about my life and the lives of others in a way I hadn’t before.

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One individual explained that it’s challenging for someone to recognize and acknowledge their own privilege when the life they live is in all they’ve known. Few people have the empathy required to understand the different ways people are treated, the individual maintained.

One thing that struck me from the reading was a concept called “passing.” Harris tells a story about her grandmother in the 1930s working for a retail outlet in Chicago’s business district. As a black woman in 1930s America, this was unheard of. However, since the woman has straight hair, fair skin and other physical features, she was able to “pass” as a white woman.

What’s interesting is that even though the country is no longer so blatant in its discrimination, the practice of “passing” still exists at some level. Has there ever been a time when you had to change your actions or appearance in order to be accepted?

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**History just got a little cooler**

By Jordan Hermes

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**Expect to be disappointed if “Fifty Shades Darker” is in your plans for date night. This movie was nothing more than a mediocre film. The acting was amateur, the story felt slow and long and if you are comparing the movie to the book they are in different leagues.**

The term “darker” was questionable. Most of the movie was about Christian and Anastasia’s relationship. For being a R-rated film, having to say a lot of inappropriate and kinky things, the whole movie was actually lacking in sexual scenes. The only sex scenes were definitely not as many sex scenes as you would think, especially compared to the first movie, “Fifty Shades of Grey.”

In the book, Christian is very in control and dominates. Anastasia is very quiet, shy and passive. The film did not portray their personalities to be this way. I felt that Anastasia had control in their relationship and Christian was very submissive. I thought this was odd. Yes, he is supposed to be trying to not be the dominant and have an equal relationship, but the way he is in the movie, it seems like he is now being submissive. Anastasia is very demanding and vocal in what she wants throughout the movie. She’s demanding of Christian—including in the bedroom—and also to other people in public. If we are comparing the book to the movie, that seems unlike Anastasia’s personality. The book makes her seem more passive than the movie does.

Jamie Dornan, Christian, and Dakota Johnson, Anastasia, did not do their best work in “Fifty Shades Darker.” They seemed stiff, cheesy and lacking in chemistry. Christian needed to be more masculine and passionate. Considering the pain he faced as a boy which created a never ending trauma, he should have shown more empathy. Christian’s troubled past was supposed to be extremely dark and cruel. None of the scenes were really that thrilling or fun to watch. I thought the chemistry was not as good and the movie was not as thrilling as it could have been.

The scenes were bland, not as many sex scenes as you would think, and definitely not as glamorous, I thought the movie was not as thrilling as I expected it to be. The scenes were less glamorous. The scenes were more dramatic and I left the movie not feeling like I had seen anything that could be rated R.
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The Happy Harry’s Beer and Bacon festival exhibited breweries from across the nation as well as local entertainment.
Adam Demoulas
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Earning their feathers:

Football Recruits

The UND Football season moves picking up new recruits for the upcoming football program.

Head Coach Bubba Schweigert said the rest of the coaching staff believes they have found some future stars that can develop to their full potential.

They really have to believe this place is special and they want to do great things for the University of North Dakota,“ Schweigert said regarding the new recruits.

Multiple players have received opportunities to play elsewhere, but really believe that UND is the right choice to develop their skills which says a lot about the program.

A number of recruits come from the neighboring state of Minnesota. “I think we have a really good reputation in Minnesota,” Schweigert said.

It is important to recruit those in the five-hour radius and building relationships that help make it easier to sign players that could easily play somewhere else. Although there is a decrease of North Dakota players, several of the players that have been recruited to this year’s class.

The highly talked about quarterback, Brock Boltmann, from Edina, Minn., will play quarterback for the Fighting Hawks next fall.

Boltmann played an explosive style of play really fits the type of offense we run here at UND,“ said Schweigert.

Boltmann played successfully managed to attract many teams while at Edina. This showcased all-star game competitiveness was displayed on all the teams he played for throughout high school.

He threw for more than 3,000 passing yards with 32 total touchdowns. Receiving a number of honors and being selected to play in the Minnesota football showcase all-star game at U.S. Bank where he was named the defensive MVP.

His leadership and competitiveness was displayed on all the teams he played for while at Edina. This attracted many teams including UND that successfully managed to get him signed.

Over 75 percent of the committed players made an appearance in the summer football camp at UND. This helped the players develop a chance to get a good look at all the players.

One of the players that stood out to me is Jeremy Jenkins from South Elgin, Ill. The offensive line player stands at 6’6” and weights in at 280 pounds. With Jenkins’ size and strength, he creates opportunities for big holes by making key blocks down the field.

The defensive front also got an improvement with the explosive lineman, Nick Honerlaw, and the preferred walk-on linebacker, Hyden Reynolds, from West Fargo.

The 2017 UND football class as a whole shows great potential for development eagerly looking to continue the growth of the UND football program.

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Cole Reyes (center) runs the ball during a green and white scrimmage last spring at the High Performance Center.

Photo courtesy of Brock Boltmann’s Facebook page

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W/M Track & Field
@ Big Sky Indoor Championship
2/24-2/25 @ TBA
M Hockey
vs. Omaha
2/24 @ 7:37 p.m.

W Hockey
vs State of Ohio (WCHA Playoffs)
2/24 @ 2:07 p.m.
W Basketball
vs Northern Colorado
2/25 2:00 p.m.

M Tennis
@ Eastern Washington
2/24 @ 5:00 p.m.
M Basketball
@ Northern Colorado
2/25 @ 8:00 p.m.

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Mickey Griebel, a stand-out two-way player from Columbine, Colorado, will be playing for UND next fall as a wide receiver.

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Repeating History?

Jack Harvey
Dakota Student

As the shortest month of the year comes to an end it can only mean one thing, March Madness.

To many, March Madness is all about filling out brackets and always picking Duke to lose in the first round. But to hockey fans, March Madness is also about the college hockey playoffs.

This weekend kick starts the madness as WCHA first round playoffs begin to see who will be a part of the final face-off in March. The first round consists of a bracket with eight teams in a best of three series. The following series are:

1. Wisconsin vs. Mankato
2. Minnesota vs. Bemidji
3. Minnesota-Duluth vs. St. Cloud State
4. North Dakota Fighting Hawks vs. Ohio State

It’s well documented in all sports the seeding doesn’t matter if you were the best team all season. It’s up to who you’re playing. It doesn’t matter that you did the door come playoff time.

With that being said, I am going to try my best to make my predictions on what will happen in these WCHA playoffs.

Let’s start with the short-handed matchup for Wisconsin versus Mankato. There’s no way to look past Wisconsin in this matchup. The Badgers finished with a conference record of 22-2-4 to take the regular season title. In addition they scored 110 goals while only allowing 24. Compare that to the 4-21-3 Mavericks who scored 33 while allowing 98. Makes it tough to go against the best team in the country and point differential of 36. The second ranked team in the country took care of business sweeping the Huskies off their feet and they will do it again as the Bulldogs will keep this prediction trend going with a two game sweep.

Finally, we have the toughest one of all four matchups. Fighting Hawks versus Buckeyes. This one is the most interesting one as well. The Fighting Hawks had Ohio State as their guest last weekend which resulted in a split. They won in a shootout and lost the second game earlier this season at OSU.

The win for the Hawks last weekend strapped a six-game wireless streak and capping off a 4-7-3 record in 2017. As for the Buckeyes they went slightly better at 5-5-3. It’s worth noting Ohio State played better on the road then at home going 8-8-2 as the guest. It’s with all this considered that my only upset (if you can even call it that) is the Buckeyes knocking out the Hawks in three games this weekend. The Buckeyes were riding a five game unbeaten streak before the loss and UND was on a six game winning streak.

So you can etch these picks for the semifinals in the sand. The Badgers, Gophers, Bulldogs, and Buckeyes all advance. If the bracket advances to have the Badgers play the Buckeyes and Gophers play the Bulldogs there’s a lot to dissect there. The Badgers have nothing against them against the Buckeyes. They swept them this year in their four game series. They’ve been the number one team in the country all year. Not for the past few weeks, or month, but the whole year.

As for the Gophers versus Bulldogs, it’s safe to say the second ranked team should handle the fourth best team in the country. Well sometimes the right answer isn’t the best answer. The two split this year winning both games at home and losing both on the road. Minnesota and Duluth have been juggling spots all year so the whole two versus four is out the window. These two teams will produce a great hockey game at Ridder arena, which is home to the Gophers, who also went 13-0-3 all season at home with that home cooking the Gophers will move to the finals.

Finally, we get to the WCHA finals. Gophers versus Badgers. Midwest College Hockey fans favorite matchup unless you’re a UND, UMD, SCSCU, Bemidji, or Mankato fan. The two traded punches all season. The teams split the series going 1-1-2. The two ties came last weekend in Ridder arena; one with the scores of 1-1 and 0-0. The Buckeyes were able to take one from the Badgers 2-0 but then get beaten up by a score of 8-2 the following day in Madison.

The Badgers are obviously a good team but so are the Gophers. Before these two put up straightjackets against each other, both were on big undefeated streaks with the Gophers at eight and the Badgers at 14. Wisconsin’s last loss? To the Gophers. So there you have it, the Gophers are statistically the best team in all facets of the game. But to quote the great Lou Corso, ‘not so fast.’ I have the Gophers winning the WCHA Final Face-off in their own backyard.

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It’s no mystery the UND Fighting Hawks men’s hockey team is in the midst of a season of adversity. After having lost to Western Michigan last weekend, the Hawks find themselves out of their last 10 games and at fifth in the NCHC standings with a 15-13-3 record, including 8-11-1 in the conference.

With four games left before the NCHC playoff, the Hawks look to many who had high expectations following UND’s current national championship title. Yet, should it be?

Recent history would suggest not. Out of the past 11 national championships, only one was won in their first season and none of those teams made it to the NCAA tournament the next season and none of these teams were ranked in the top two for the NCAA tournament. Forthuner, according to UND athletic department, four of the last five teams that were national championship-contending teams have won a game in the NCAA tournament. The Hawks are looking to be the first of these teams.

This Sueks hockey player is a representation of the 2000-2001 championship team.

Better Situation: 2000-01 UND Team

While both teams lost key players, including two of their top three scorers from the previous championship season. UND’s current team lost more numbers defensively than offensive. While UND’s current team was unranked in defensive numbers. Of their top three scorers, two of them are second (63) and third (56) in points, respectively, and 47 points less, along with graduation, as long as that happens, a problem to be fixed down the stretch.

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Defensively, UND returned seven defensemen, plus two returners (C. Matlock & D. Ellis) as well as captain Peter Johnson leads the charge in numbers for both teams. Luckily, UND has a history of reloading with freshmen, especially on the defensive unit, which was made up of younger defensemen (19-30-31) during their 2000-01 season. With this in mind, let’s look at the last time UND had a national championship season, the 2000-01 season.

For the current UND team, the difference has been consistent defensemen, as he currently has added $2.5 million against a 69% save percentage.

A combination of inexperienced defensemen and a heavy workload may be part of the reason for the dip. While they may not boast a top-five scoring line, the Hawks have areas to improve on, particularly in defense. Therefore, current UND head coach, as long as that happens, is a problem to be fixed down the stretch.

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