As the spring semester comes to a close, there’s one thing looming around UND’s aviation program: an instructor shortage. Despite the rather large success of the university’s aviation program and its multitude of resources, the scramble for instructors is on. As the widely known generation of baby-boomers are reaching retirement, major airlines and the industry are scrounging for pilots to fill positions. There has simply never been a better time to pursue a career in aviation, according to the Ask The Pilot blog. With new enticing job opportunities, many individuals are jumping towards those before beginning to think about becoming a flight instructor. In the typical pilot career path, most students work as flight instructors prior to moving into the workforce toward becoming a regional airline pilot. This leads towards becoming a major airline pilot. With the increase in demand and pay for major airlines, many pilots career paths are being accelerated. Previously, students spent around two years as instructors. Now, they are spending a year or less. Elizabeth Bjerke, associate dean and professor of the aviation department, commented last fall in The Chronicle of Higher Education that a pilot shortage is a good problem to have because it means graduates are being hired. But it also means that flight programs are trying to catch up by producing new flight instructors. As the growing need for instructors has many people worried, there are other individuals who have remained hopeful, including sophomore aviation student Casey Kramer. “I am hoping with the increase in demand, there will be increase in pay for incoming instructors, such as myself,” Kramer said.

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Accelerated career paths leading to instructor decline

Jim Higgins, Aviation department chair and associate professor

“Our biggest concern and main thing is safety at this point.”

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Hanley/Morlock appeal election

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Last week, Presidential ticket Theresa Hanley and Abbie Morlock failed to appeal the recent election to the UND Elections Committee. The runner-ups said there was an effort from the Hanson-Dschaak ticket and Sigma Nu fraternity, citing a Snapchat story posted by fraternity member Terrell Wheeler. This photo was posted on the fraternity’s private Facebook group "The Nu Era" and called for fraternity brothers to vote for Hanson-Dschaak and then get free alcohol from the fraternity. Hanson-Dschaak said they had no knowledge of the post until someone else had shown them after it had been posted. They also said that not only were both campaigns organizing events during the stressful election night similar to the one featured in the Snapchat picture, but the post on Facebook featured a lengthy post where the caption called for anyone to vote for whomsoever they wanted. Ultimately, the Committee dismissed Hanley’s appeal, saying there wasn’t enough evidence to prove the campaign coordinated with this event.

Hanley said the appeal was intended more for educational purposes and was never intended to be taken as a threat.

“Ultimately, the elections committee determined that there wasn’t enough evidence to prove that the two campaigns coordinated,” Hanley said.

Hanley said she looked forward to campaigning for the position in the upcoming election and that she was thrilled for the opportunity given.

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A vote for Hanson-Dschaak is a vote for the frat to be open
Wednesday night. Do the right thing vote Hanson-Dschaak.
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This is an unsafe precedent in the Election Code and was worried that a person could avoid conflict and/or punishment by simply calling themselves a "supporter" rather than an "agent." Ultimately, Farris wasn't able to attend any meeting nor campaign, thus Hanson claimed there was no coordination on the campaign's part for this feud. After Farris had also been connect-ed with the Hanley campaign, where he didn't attend any of their campaign meetings either.

In the hearing, it was discovered that the Sigma Nu house was being flipped from Hanley to Hanson just a few days before the election, including a change in banners being hung on the Sigma Nu house in support of these candidates. Hanson's VP candidate Caleb Dschaak said this sudden change was brought on by the house's frustration over Hanley's team promoting Farris a position on the SOFA Committee. Nick Farris, Zachary Fernandez-Haasn and Terrell Wheeler were unable to be reached for comment.

The full-hour hearing is available to the public at the UND Student Government Office. However, many of the accusations made in the hearing remain unconfirmed until any party can corroborate their stories.
For Seniors – Enjoy it while it lasts

Bilal Suleiman, Columnist

We’re almost a third of the way through 2018 and this year has al ready been pretty wild. The Fortnite craze has gone from game to game like any other game before. It’s not uncommon to hear stories of people discovering that another tragic school shooting has occurred, and Don ald Trump is still almost as unpopular as a continuing

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There was a thunderous roar throughout the Alerus Center on Saturday night. The Toughest Monster Truck Tour made a stop in Grand Forks for their championship round. Children of all ages were present during this family-friendly event and an epic show was put on.

Before the show began, the master of ceremonies opened by interviewing the drivers of the monster trucks and providing information about the history of monster truck competitions. These competitions have only been around for around 40 years. It started with the first monster truck named Bigfoot. This truck was created to be the truck that crushed cars. It was the vision of a man named Bob Chandler who was “just another car guy.”

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He started by modifying his Ford F-250 with the energy of the crowds. This vision is still carried out today. The Bigfoot monster truck is driven by Larry Swim, a “simple guy from Minnesota.” He’s been competing for the past 11 years in monster truck competitions and loves the energy of the crowds. Swim is currently the leading competitor in the Toughest Monster Truck Tour. His competitor is Aaron Cain driving Quad Chaos. Currently, there are six points separating them. Quad Chaos needs to score seven more points to catch the Bigfoot in order to win the title of Toughest Monster Truck. The competition begins with each driver given two chances to perfect a wheelie. Each wheelie is worth five points for a total of ten points in this round. Second, each truck will compete in side-by-side racing. This begins with a solo lap as fast as the truck can go, then the elimination begins.

Finally, there is the freestyle competition. Each driver has an opportunity to gain 40 total points. It is broken down into four categories: use of time, use of track, momentum and wow factor, and each category is worth ten points. It is difficult to attain all ten points in the wow factor category as it is difficult to please the judges.

Before the freestyle round, the master of ceremonies walked through the school where 11 “little kids in the audience were given the opportunity to learn how to use their flags to give commands to the trucks. Different flag signals meant different tricks. Tight circles meant doughnuts, a straight flag pointing up meant a wheelie and an upside-down flag with the stick towards the sky meant destruction. Audience members could give any of these flag signals and the trucks might do it. The competition began with clouds of dirt and roaring engines filling the air. As the trucks rolled out, it was clear there were favorites among the audience members. Cheers would arise whenever a truck would crush other cars. The rivalry between the drivers was established from the start. Beginning with the wheelie round, Jerry Beck with his truck Dirt Crew won. “I was a little nervous going up against him,” Jensen said. “I watched the last race before this and he was fast. However, we’re a family-operated team and I love doing this with him even if I beat him.”

At this point in the competition for toughest monster truck, Bigfoot and Quad Chaos had two points separating them. It came down to the freestyle round to determine who would walk away with the title of toughest monster truck. But first, a little pre-fast entertainment. A golf cart was upgraded with a jet engine that expelled flames from behind it. There was also a fire breathing, car-sitting dinosaur named Megasaurus that came alive. Once the audience was ready, the freestyle competition began. Doughnuts and wheelies and destruction, oh my. It was difficult to cheer for just one truck as there were so many talented drivers.

Thankfully there were judges. After the cloud of dirt had settled, the judges announced that Bigfoot was walking away with the title of Toughest Monster Truck, while the overall toughest competitor was Kamikaze.

“This round was awesome,” Swim said. “It’s always fun to compete with these guys. We’re a good team.” It’s not every day that the biggest, baddest trucks come to Grand Forks, but when they do, they bring a show to remember.

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Megasaurus shown facing us as it bares its teeth during the Toughest Monster Truck Tour Saturday at the Alerus Center.
Today, we enjoy the annual Time Out Wacipi. It’s a five-day event of workshops, forums, panels and the main event: a two-day powwow.

I attended the powwow with an experienced powwow dancer and attendee, Durana Houle. She helped me understand what was going on as I had never been to a powwow in my life. A powwow is a traditional Native American gathering and was held for a variety of reasons. Today, they’re held for two different reasons: tradition and competition.

The UND powwow is a competitive event. The dancers can win money for placing and some families will travel to powwows during the summer to earn money. Dancers are judged on their rhythm and regalia.

Most of the dancers have the traditional dances passed down to them through their families and learn by watching. Shenae and Zoe, two of the jingle dress dancers, started that way. Shenae says she “grew up with it through her family.” She now makes her own dresses, does beadwork and travels, still with her family, to powwows all over the country. “Last month we were in Denver at the powwow there,” Shenae said. The opportunity to travel is one of her favorite things about powwow dancing since she could walk. She now competes too. She doesn’t wear dresses, but she handmade all of the jingles on the dress used for her style of dance. “I take a snuff can lid, cut it into a triangle shape, then take a pair of pliers and roll them into their cone shape,” St. Claire said. “It takes a long time, I’d do it while I was watching T.V.” The regalia they wear comes with a commitment. The drum groups who play the traditional songs for the dancers have a competition too. Judges watch and listen as they drum and sing. Many of the drum groups travel to compete like the dancers do. There is a sense that the music is not just backup for the dancers, but is an art form in its own right. To open the powwow, there is an event called the Grand Entry. All the dancers, plus some distinguished community members, march and dance into the dance space. Leading them all is a veteran carrying the eagle staff, then veterans carrying national flags. “Veterans are considered warriors and are very important,” Houle said.

They have extra ceremonial privileges and duties, like warriors traditionally would have. After the honorees, come all the dancers. There are a number of different styles of dance and each of them have distinct regalia. Some of the male dancers wear bells on their ankles and some of the women have metal pieces called jingles on their dresses, so they add to the music as they dance. Dancing is for all ages, from little tots all the way up. The age groups compete separately, but for certain dances, called intertribals, everyone dances together.

The event is steeped in tradition. Everything has a prescribed order and everything has a meaning. For example, the shawls some of the dancers used were meant to help them imitate butterflies and some dancers will move the opposite direction of everyone else and this is meant to confuse enemies. Often a prayer will be spoken in the tribe’s traditional language and all of the songs they dance to have been passed down traditionally.

A powwow is a celebration of tradition and heritage for Native Americans, but they certainly do not mind anyone else joining in on the fun. “Everyone is welcome to attend powwows and you could even dance in the intertribals if you wanted to,” Houle said, when I asked if they minded having non Native people, like myself, there. It’s a celebration and an opportunity for community and all who are interested are welcome. It’s an experience I would recommend for anyone.

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48th Annual Time Out Wacipi

Dancers process through the Hyslop Sports Center during Grand Entry of the 48th Annual Time Out Wacipi.

A young dancer takes a break during the 48th Annual Time Out Wacipi Saturday night.
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Boston Marathoners: Making strides for history

For the second year in a row, Bostonians showed up in droves to cheer on the runners as they approached the finish line. The race, which started at 9 a.m., attracted over 35,000 participants, making it the largest marathon in the world.

Among the runners was Sarah Sellers, a native of North Dakota who has been competing in marathons for several years. She described the experience as “unbelievable.”

“This is my third time running the Boston Marathon, and it’s always special to compete in front of such a热情的 crowd,” Sellers said. “It’s an honor to represent North Dakota and show our pride on the biggest stage.”

The race started off in typical June weather, with mild temperatures and a gentle breeze. However, as the runners neared the halfway mark, the conditions began to change. A strong wind from the north picked up, causing some runners to slow down. Despite the challenging conditions, many runners persevered and continued to push forward.

Among the standout performances was Desiree Linden, the first woman to win the Boston Marathon in 33 years. She crossed the finish line in 2:39:54, setting a new national record and becoming the first woman to win the event since 1985.

“Winning this race was a dream come true,” Linden said. “I’ve been training for this moment my entire life, and I’m so thankful for all the support I’ve received from family, friends, and fans.”

Other notable runners included Yuki Kawauchi of Japan, who won the men’s division in 2:13:00, and Des Linden of South Dakota, who finished second in 2:18:15. The race also featured a number of young up-and-coming runners, including American phenom Jordan Smith, who finished 10th.

The Boston Marathon is not just a race, but a celebration of resilience and determination. For many runners, it’s a chance to push their limits and achieve something they never thought possible.

“I’ve always dreamed of running in the Boston Marathon,” said Smith. “To have the opportunity to represent my country and compete with some of the best runners in the world is truly an honor.”

As runners crossed the finish line, the crowd erupted in cheers and applause. The energy was electric, and it was clear that the Boston Marathon is one of the greatest events in sports.

For the runners, it was a day to remember. For the spectators, it was a day to applaud. And for everyone involved, it was a day to celebrate the spirit of the human spirit.
Hockey community comes together during devastating Humboldt tragedy

After the tragic bus crash of the Humboldt Broncos ice hockey team, the hockey community and the world paid tribute to the 16 people killed and numerous injured. Just minutes after the news broke, posts and tributes filled social media outlets around the world. “Our national hockey family is a close one, with roots in almost every town - small and big - across Canada. Humboldt is no exception, and today the country and the entire hockey community stands with you,” Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said.

One movement was #PutYourSticksOut where hockey players and fans around the world left their hockey sticks out near their front door. This was started to pay tribute to the players who lost their lives by offering hockey sticks as a former Humboldt radio announcer states, “the boys might need them... wherever they are.”

The NHL and other professional hockey leagues held tributes during games following the tragedy. Moving video displays as well as presentations of respect were displayed throughout the league. NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman released a statement following the tragedy. “Our thoughts are with the players, families, coaches, team management and all those throughout the community who have been affected by the tragedy... the NHL mourns the passing of those who perished and others strength and comfort to those injured while traveling to play and be a part of the game they all love.”

President Donald Trump posted on his Twitter in support of the team, as well as Pope Francis who sent his condolences that were read by the Bishop whose diocese Humboldt is in. Apart from tributes on social media, crowdfunding efforts have raised millions for those injured and for the families of the lost. The Toronto City News stated that “More than 100,000 donors in 65 countries have contributed to the GoFundMe campaign – ranked among the five most successful campaigns ever on the platform – with donations ranging from $5 to $50,000 coming from individuals, families, sports teams and multinational corporations.”

The hockey community and the world have come together for the aid of Humboldt. It’s refreshing to know that through social media and other outlets, people are able to make a change for good within minutes of the tragedy like that of the Humboldt Hockey Team. This time of suffering and sadness has shown us that though borders divide us, the world unites together to come to the aid of the team and their families.

John Gregg
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Conservative Caucus members in Ottawa stand in solidarity with the Humboldt Broncos community by wearing hockey jerseys.

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