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New Student Leadership

Theresa Hanley
Dakota Student

On Wednesday, April 17, students voted on their next student government leaders. There was a total of 37 students who ran for positions within student government. The newly elected Student Body President and Vice President are Gracie Lian and Matthew Ternus. The two won the position by a 62% majority. To put their win in perspective last years election was a 50.4% win majority and the year before that a 48.8% majority.

Lian and Ternus will officially start their term at the last student government meeting on May 1. The two have a lot ahead of them. A potential search for a new University President if President Kennedy receives the position at CU, the construction of the new Memorial Union and all the changes that are included with that. With potential for a new business school, and an academic year that will come with changes.

The two campaigned on three words that hold meaning to them, these were the creation of O.N.E Campus. The letters in ONE stood for Opportunity, Notification, and Essential. Within these they have ideas for a potential hockey tailgate, a campus wide newsletter, and expanding open educational resources for students.

Looking ahead at opportunity, Lian stated that she wants to start working right ahead with the city.

"The first thing I plan on doing is working with the city of Grand Forks to continue growing our sponsorship and partnership for the Greenway Takeover Festival, which will happen at the beginning of the next school year on September 5th through the 8th," Lian said. "We want to see student vouchers return and possibly even sponsor some free tickets for students as there will be an entrance fee after 6:00 p.m. this year."

The Greenway Takeover Festival is an event that Student Government has been partnering with the city with for a few years now.

Unlike Lian, Ternus is focused on students and their need for affordable academic resources.

"Right away, I think one of our biggest priorities will be getting another investment into Open Education Resources. Students have saved millions because of



Photo Courtesy of Lian and Ternus Facebook

Gracie Lian and Matthew Ternus are officially the 2019-2020 Student Senate Executive Team

the investments the University made a few years ago, it's time we do that again," Ternus said. "On top of OERs, providing students with new opportunity to engage in the community. I recently say in on the Community/Campus Enrichment meeting, and I'm happy knowing there are going to be some great cooperation between the University and the Grand Forks community next year and even further down the line."

These two immediate goals are different, but will still impact students. Together, they both are hoping to grow communication between student government, the university and students. The changes that will be happening on campus are updated on a blog, but not a lot of students are aware of this. Lian and Ternus want to expand that knowledge.

Ternus said, "Ensuring students are notified of these upcoming changes is going to be huge. Continuing to have open forums for things like the Me-

morial Union and parking will provide students easy access to information as well as a way to provide their input and concerns. On top of that, we'll be working on a Student Government newsletter which can serve as another source for students to hear about everything happening on campus."

Lian also agrees with Ternus regarding the notification of changes happening in the upcoming year.

"In order to keep students connected to the campus and involved in campus life we really want to expand events and opportunities they have to get involved. So creating more programs and events, like introducing and implementing intramural E-Sports and by giving students the opportunity to tailgate at more sports than just football and by expanding and really advertising current events like dances in the residence halls that are sometimes open to everyone and Greek philanthropies that are open to

all students," Lian said.

Together, they see themselves as the "champion of student voices" for their time in office. They both commented that their experience of campaigning has allowed them to really hear what student's needs in and out of the classroom are and how they both, and their team can benefit them.

Along with Lian and Ternus, the new elected Student Government leaders are Kajsa Anderson who will be serving as the Arts and Sciences senator, Cassidy Lizakowski who will be serving as the college of Business and Public Administration senator, Trevor Weiland, who will be serving as the senator of Education and Human Development, Jessica DeVillers who will be representing the college of Engineering an Mines, Jacob Haugen, who is the Graduate School senator, Zach Dabrowski who will be the Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences senator, Meaghan Wolfram who will be representing the school of

Medicine and Health Sciences, Julie Reichert Scheef who will be representing the College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines, Dawson Dutchak and Amanda Thompson will both be representing the Residence Halls, Molly Hane is the new on-campus Apartments Senator and Off-Campus Housing will be represented by Tiana Staudinger, Noah Self, Kia Isherwood, James Stratton, Zachary Feece, Aiden Halleen, Parker Wakefield, Erika Thorson, and Sheridan Allen-Opp.

Student Government meets every Wednesday at 6pm in the River Valley Room of the Memorial Union. The location of meetings for next year is unknown.

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A Controversial Year

A recap of the 2018-2019 news stories

Madison Feltman
Dakota Student

This school year started with controversy and has come to a close with yet again more controversy. In the beginning of the school year we took a look at the faltering relationship between UND's President Mark Kennedy and Kris Engelstad McGarry, trustee of the Engelstad Foundation. Recently, we took a dive into President Mark Kennedy's finalist position to become the new acting president of the University of Colorado.

end, we can't forget about all of the things in-between, so let's take a look back at all the major headlines of the year.

Kennedy Angers Key Donor
As previously mentioned, we started on the school year right amid a controversy that heated up over the summer. Kris Engelstad McGarry had requested an interview with the Grand Forks Herald, where she discussed her poor relationship with the university and her relationship with President Mark Kennedy. Kris went on to explain in the interview that her relationship with Kennedy had

been 'quite hostile at times.' Since the initial interview the foundation has commented that they hope to rebuild the relationship with UND.

Parking Pandemonium
Parking has always been a hot topic at UND and at the beginning of the 2018-2019 academic year, discussions surrounding parking could be heard everywhere. Students were outraged with parking services as new lots have been made and ticket prices went up. Throughout the year there have been a rather large amount of discussion surrounding the

controversy of parking this year and how things can change. After many public forums, it was recently announced that there will be no major changes to the parking system here at UND.

Controversial Votes
In early fall 2018, UND's leadership found itself amid controversy once again. As the university's Aviation Department voted 32-0 with two absentees, in favor of a no confidence resolution for Provost Tom DiLorenzo. The department had felt that the actions of DiLorenzo have resulted in jeopardizing flight safety.

President Kennedy quickly addressed the situation in a statement where he said that he was going to address the situation and resolve any concerns.

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Plans for Building Renovations

In late November, UND students were given the opportunity to vote yes or no to a fee of \$14 per credit to build a new Memorial Union. With a close number of votes, the plan to demolish the current union and build a new one was a go. Since the vote many offices have already been relocating as construction has begun in certain areas. Next year students will remain without a union as the new one is expected to open in spring of 2021.

Housing Changes

At the beginning of the spring semester the housing team had concluded that changing the current housing situation would be beneficial, at the beginning of fall 2019 University Place student apartments will be open to first-year students as Squires, Walsh and Bek will no longer be available for first-year students.

Pranksters Put on a

Show

What is a good school year without a little fun? Earlier this semester Barstool UND gained a lot of attention as they tweeted images of what had appeared to be a 'hack' on the UND website. The post stated that 'UND.edu has been compromised and now the secrets out about all of our majors.' One of the majors falling victim to the prank was Commercial Aviation as a part of their description had been changed to "we can't say you will learn social skills but you will be able to buy a Cessna." The university responded with a humorous 'hack' of their own on social media as they explained this was an act of good photoshop skills.

Kennedy Addresses Rumors

As mentioned earlier, we ended this year on yet again another controversial note, as President Mark Kennedy addressed rumors that he would be leaving the university, with a statement that was sent out via email. In the statement Kennedy thanked UND for the time he had been here and explained that he was the sole finalist for University of Colorado Presidency.



File Photo/Dakota Student

UND President Mark Kennedy found himself amid many controversies this year.

Tensions have remained high around the state since this discussion as the North Dakota State University System accepted Kennedy's de facto resignation, but Kennedy has made it clear he has not yet resigned. Univer-

sity of Colorado still has yet to make any decision on Kennedy's future with CU and it still remains unclear if he will return.

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UND celebrates volunteering with the "Big Event"

Cortnie Cottrell
Dakota Student

UND's big event is where around 1,000 students gather together to help their community without being paid a cent. The big event really is a big event, not only for the students, but for the community.

The Big Event is a student organization where students of all ages, majors and backgrounds join together to better their community. The event originally started at Texas A&M University in 1982, as a way to show thanks to the local community. In 2004, UND student government leaders attended a conference at the Texas university where they were first introduced to The Big Event. They then decided to bring it to our very own UND campus. Since then, there have been more than 70 different universities to bring the big event to their community as well.

This event is a one day, four hour long community service day. Students sign up either individually or in groups and show up at the wellness center to be accounted for. This is where they are assigned job requests for the day and supplies are provided.



Quinn Robinson-Duff/Dakota Student

There were many different groups of student volunteers working around Grand Forks during the "Big Event."

Over the past 15 years, UND has helped the community with manual labor through various job requests such as lawn work, spring cleaning for

the elderly, washing windows and many more. This year's big event was held on Saturday, April 27 where they are anticipating 180 job requests.

Each year, UND's Big Event produces promising numbers for the job requests. Typically, there are around 800 to 1,000 volunteers showing up on the day; however, weather plays a factor.

"If the students roll over in the morning to see it raining, they may just decide not to show up, but every year there has been a great number of students that are eagerly willing to help out," Kristi Okerlund, advisor for UND's big event, said.

Many different organizations attribute to such great numbers of volunteers. Organizations such as residents' halls, fraternities and sororities, physical and occupational therapy clubs and athletics are common groups that play an important role in this big day. This event is a great way for the organizations to make connections with their community and for the community members to put names to faces and groups. Some members of the community even request previous years' organizations to fulfill certain job requests for them. For example, every year, the football team is responsible for cleaning up the entire East Grand Forks.

In order for this event to be beneficial, student committees are working all year round to make it happen. The committee itself is divided into sever-

al subcommittees such as the promotions committee, the sponsorship committee and the volunteer projects committee. All three of these subcommittees are crucial to make this big event big. Each committee is needed for all areas of the event to be covered properly. The student organization works hard year-round to make each year bigger and better than the last.

Each year, members of the committee work to get sponsors, find volunteer projects to complete, recruit student & faculty volunteers and organize the event itself. The committee strives to ensure that volunteers have a fun experience while building positive relationships between the university community and the greater Grand Forks community.

"The Big Event is a student organization where students of all ages, majors and backgrounds join together to better their community."

Cortnie Cottrell, Dakota Student News Writer

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A Letter From Our Editor

Allyson Bento
Dakota Student

To the readers of Dakota Student, first I would like to thank you for picking up the paper that I poured my heart into for the last four years. Whether you picked up a copy, clicked a link or shared a story with us to share with the world, you have been the reason we publish each and every week.

The Dakota Student has been my home away from home since I stepped foot on this campus. The day I walked into this office and took a job as a sports writer I felt completely in over my head, I thought to myself "why would they hire me? I have ZERO experience, my writing is subpar and I had no samples," but I'm glad they took a chance on me.

To Alex Stadnik, my Sports Editor, thank you for teaching me the newspaper writing style, tolerating me enough to edit my stories week after week and shaping me into a better writer. While I learned most of what I know now from sitting in Chuck Haga's classes, I also contribute much of my skills to reading, reviewing and revising my stories here at Dakota Student.

Every time a new opportunity arose, I blindly accepted and quickly doubted my ability to do the job. From Sports Editor to Managing Editor to sitting here today writing this letter as the outgoing Editor in Chief, I am thankful for my blind faith in myself to try to do better.

To my predecessors Matt Eidson, Nick Sallen and Sean Cleary, you all taught me how to deal with some of the tough, interesting and spontaneous things that came my way as Editor in Chief. From big personalities to dueling opinions and even putting together an entire paper by yourself on a Sunday night at 11:30 p.m., you guys showed me that it was possible and that I'd make it out the other side eventually.

To the editors and writers who stood beside me, thank you for reading my sports stories, even if you didn't know anything about sports. Thank you for entertaining my ideas, even the bad ones. Thank you for laughing with me and at my expense, sometimes I needed it, and thank you for being on my team, the best team I could ever imagine.

I'm sorry for all the oxford commas, the comma splices,

run on sentences and paragraphs that were borderline unreadable. So thank you for editing beside me and understanding the importance of the AP Stylebook.

In the hundred stories I've written, this letter is by far the hardest one. This letter says goodbye to my home of four years, my comfort zone I grew into the writer I am today and the student I've learned to be here at the University of North Dakota. This is the end of a chapter that showed me it's never too late to go back to college and chase your dreams. The Dakota Student and everyone involved in my journey will always be the biggest part of it.

For the final time, thank you to the readers, the writers, the editors and all the people I met along the way.

Cheers,
Your (Former)
Editor-in-Chief,
Allyson Bento



Caitlin Collins/Dakota Student

Allyson Bento is the current Editor-in-Chief who will be graduating in May.

Is the driving age too young?

Megan Vogt
Dakota Student

In most states when you turn 16, you get your driver's license. Very exciting, right? In North and South Dakota, I recently found out that you get your permit at 14 and license at 15. According to Allstate's blog, the state with the oldest driving age is New Jersey, and that is 17.

This range of age is also a range of maturity and responsibility. A car is a machine that can ultimately get you from Point A to Point B safely, if handled correctly. Allstate says that more than 4,000 teens die each year in car accidents.

That statistic could be changed if we were to focus on how dangerous a car is and use that fact to potentially the driving age in the states.

50.8% of people surveyed stated that they believe the driving age should be 18. I, on

I know that there are positives and negatives to both ages, but in the end I think it would save young lives and give teenagers a chance at having an incredible future, despite their behavior at a young age.

Now I am not saying that these accidents are always their fault, because we know that not to be true. There are people on the road who should never get their license or be behind the wheel. It could be a drunk driver, distracted driver or just weather conditions. According to World Health Organization, in the year 2013, 1.25 million people died in vehicle related accidents and in the United States there was approximately 34,064 deaths.

My sister turned 17 a week ago, which means that she has had her license for a year and has been driving for about two years. For this past year, I have worried that my sister will get into a



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A student driver practices for their license test.

after getting a license only allows you to learn so much.

that you start driving by yourself. I have driven with her and there have been times where I ask out loud "what are you doing?" I get scared. Not because I don't trust her, but because she waits until the last minute to break or when it is icy out she doesn't drive with caution. Which makes me think that most teenagers believe they are invincible to the reality of what car accidents can do.

I say that because I know that it is true. The "oh it won't happen to me. I am a safe driver", "who follows the speed limits any ways" and "seat belts don't REALLY matter." Those are all thoughts that a typical high schooler asks. They push limits and test the law, but in the end one bad event is what

causes them to pause and think twice.

I am not saying that getting your license at 16 is completely a bad thing. I think that having the ability to get yourself to and from a job is important. I think that a little fender bender makes you realize that you aren't the best driver and still have a lot of work to do. I think that getting pulled over for the first time is an important understanding of authority and seeing that there are people out there trying to keep you safe.

While I don't think the legal driving age will change any time soon, it is always an option to make the personal choice and choose to drive later at a later age. While it is not normal to society, why

does that matter? Feeling safe and secure in a vehicle, I believe, is more important than getting from Point A to Point B by yourself in a vehicle.

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Megan Vogt, Opinion Editor

the other hand, believe that 17 would be a better age for teenagers to start driving on their own.

car accident because she is still so young. Although it is a year later, I will still worry because 365 days

Even though you get a permit at 15 in Minnesota, I still think that you learn the most the moment

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A Final Farewell to a Beloved Professor

UND Wind Ensemble pays special tribute to Professor Blake



Dr. Popejoy presenting Professor Blake with a parting gift

Trevor Alveshere/ Dakota Student

Se Kwon
Dakota Student

The University of North Dakota Wind Ensemble, directed by Dr. James Popejoy, hosted a spring concert in tribute to Professor Michael Blake who taught in the Department of Music. The performance was held at the Chester Fritz Auditorium and was open to the public for everyone to attend. To honor the retirement of Professor Blake, there was a half hour long reception held in the lobby of the Chester Fritz Auditorium prior to the actual

concert performed by UND Wind Ensemble.

Dr. James Popejoy, a Professor of Music and Director of Bands here at UND, claims that his favorite part about his job is 'the opportunity to teach people through music.' Dr. Popejoy recognizes that the

students work hard to prepare for the ensembles that take place throughout the year.

"The UND Wind Ensemble rehearses as a full ensemble three days a week. They typically present two main concerts each

semester, in addition to performing at Spring Commencement, as well as selected music conferences and special events," Dr. Popejoy said.

Professor Blake is one of the most respected professors in the UND Department of Music. He has been

commitment to hard work and excellent continues to serve as a model for both the faculty and students."

Madie McPherson is a junior here at UND and is studying English. She is also a UND Band student that plays the french horn. Although she is not

professor," Fischer said. "He genuinely cares about all of his students so much and even if you don't have a class with him, you will still get to know him. I honestly think it's okay that he's retiring because like I said, he's done so much for the University and now it's time for him to make some time for himself."

Students who have connections with Professor Blake are experiencing mixed emotions, however, a majority of students seem very understanding and realize that Blake has been consistently a part of the UND Department of Music. He demonstrated passion, dedication, and leadership. Many UND students, more specifically those who have had Blake as a professor, look up to him and respect him. Professor Blake had a long run in the department of music through UND and he will always be the professor these students will continue to look up to.

"His work has had such a strong, positive impact on the UND Department of Music over the years. His commitment to hard work and excellent continues to serve as a model for both the faculty and students."

- Dr. James Popejoy, Professor of Music and Director of Bands



UND Wind Ensemble students standing to present Professor Blake with a gift.

Trevor Alveshere/ Dakota Student

with the UND Department of Music for 42 years, which demonstrates how he has helped lead the department of music to success. It seems that many have mixed emotions about Blake's retirement, however, many of them believe that this is what is best for him.

"Mike Blake has been a true friend and colleague for the nineteen years we have taught together at UND. We have had the chance to collaborate on multiple projects and committees throughout the years, and have performed together on multiple occasions," Dr. Popejoy said. "His work has had such a strong, positive impact on the UND Department of Music over the years. His

close with Professor Blake, she has heard nothing but great things about him.

"He is definitely devoted to what he does and the students he teaches. It is sad that he is retiring, as he is a beloved professor to many, but I'm glad he is able to see other opportunities and take the chance to pursue them." McPherson said.

Julia Fischer is a sophomore at UND that believes that Professor Michael Blake is choosing to retire for the right reasons.

"I feel like he has given so much to this University that it makes it okay- it's a good thing that he's moving past it but we're very much going to miss him because he is a really great

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Pride Week makes it debut to the UND Campus

A Talk about the Importance of the Stonewall Riot

Noah Sell
Dakota Student

Last week UND had its first Pride Week, consisting of a drag show, LGBTQ+ and ally visibility day, inclusive sex education, queeraoke (queer karaoke) and an educational lunch about the Stonewall Riots.

LGBTQ+ programs and services in general are fairly new to the UND campus, with the Pride Center being opened two years ago in the spring of 2017. More programs have been built off of the Pride Center since its inception, the most common one be-

ing OUTreach, a group that meets weekly to discuss identities and experiences.

Jeff Gibson is the senior program coordinator for LGBTQ+ and Cross Cultural Programming Initiatives and was instrumental in organizing the university's first Pride Week.

"A lot of institutions across the nation put on different pride weeks or LGBTQ+ history month, different events like that, and that was one area that we had been lacking in, so how do we bring the education and the programs and the advocacy to our campus?" Gibson said.

"This is just something that I came up with and we tried it out this year and it has been pretty successful, so we want to continue to grow the programs and make this more of an annual thing."

This June marks the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots in Manhattan, a major turning point in fighting for LGBTQ+ rights in America, and Gibson wanted to make sure he incorporated a session into the week that educated people of the riots' importance.

"It was a very pivotal moment into where we're

at today. They were violent riots and they eventually led to the point where we had our own gay and lesbian march in Washington in the '70s," Gibson said. "It led to more advocacy, visibility and representation of the LGBTQ+ community as a nation where that wasn't part of the conversation in the past. So, Stonewall was like the catalyst of bringing to the forefront, 'What does human rights look like beyond race and ethnicity?'"

Event though the Stonewall Riots were 50 years ago, there are still impacts that can be seen to day. However, there is still

a long way to go.

"If we didn't have Stonewall I would imagine LGBTQ+ rights would look very different from what they are today. The event itself is really crucial just about educating people about the LGBTQ+ community and just engaging the campus in the conversation through an educational lens and a historical lens and also bringing representation and visibility to LGBTQ+ students, faculty and staff on this campus," Gibson said.

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After a successful first Pride Week, Gibson is hopeful for the future of Pride Week on UND and is already formulating ideas for how it will change in the coming years.

"It will still be a week of programs and we're going to plan on April again as well, just because it is kind of right before June and we want to be representative," Gibson said. "I think just even incorporating new events for the upcoming years, changing it up so it's not just the same rotation of events. One that we do want to continue is the drag show and making that an annual kick start to Pride Week, but I think the educational programs that we do throughout will change over time."

As much as Pride Week is about celebrating the LGBTQ+ community, it is also an opportunity for the local community as a whole to learn more about

their LGBTQ+ neighbors, classmates, coworkers, teammates, friends or family in a warm and enthusiastic setting.

"Not everyone has the understanding of the LGBTQ+ community and I think just being open and understanding, whether you agree with people or disagree with people, just coming in with an open mindset and trying to learn about someone else's life, their own perspectives and experiences. Recognize that LGBTQ+ people exist on this campus and just engage in those conversations and try to get to know one another," Gibson said.

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Picture of the Stonewall Inn.

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UND Theatre Students performing in *Noises Off*

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UND Theatre presents

Noises Off

Molly Andrews
Dakota Student

The Burtress Theatre was filled with laughter during the performance of *Noises Off*.

Doors were slamming and sardines were flying as the cast put on a fantastic show.

The University of North Dakota's Theatre Department worked hard to close out their final show of the school year and they ended the season on a strong note.

Noises Off is a play within a play that has been around since 1982. It was inspired by a playwright that was watching a different performance from a back wing and realized that it was funnier from the back than from the audience. This play has been performed all around the world and made its way to UND this past week. It is said to be one of the 'funniest farce ever written' and it lived up to its expectation. This performance left some of the audience members in tears from laughing too hard.

This performance gave the audience three different perspectives that changed with each act. The first act consisted of their last rehearsal before opening night. The cast was essentially exhausted from

working nonstop so there were many hiccups along the way but the scene finally got done. Act two is when the audience was exposed to the backstage aspect and could see the characters running around and grabbing different props as they went on and off. The characters had developed many issues so things were not running as smoothly as planned. The third act brought the audience back to the main stage where the play was on the last leg of its tour. As tensions within the cast arose, the tension was displayed onstage and nothing went as planned. There were laughs, falls and of course an abundance of sardines.

The students of UND worked hard to put this show together and featured of students from THEA 110, THEA 201 and THEA 326. The cast consisted of eight UND students that included Tanner Sabol, Gina Uhlir, Cole Bakke, Meghan McNeil, Robert Cooper, Bethany Springs, Chris Berg, Chloe Bellione and Karter Dolan.

All of the students involved worked hard during the semester to make this play live up to its full potential.

Not only was the play entertaining but the stage was completely trans-

formed. The set was two floors that had a staircase and many different doors. It rotated for each act meaning the audience was able to see backstage for the second act.

The lighting changed for the main stage and backstage scenes to make it more realistic. The backstage scene lighting was more dark but it made sense seeing the backstage of a play wouldn't be bright. Although it was darker, the audience was still able to clearly see what was going on.

Each costume was individual for the different characters personalities. The costumes were realistic and added dimension to the characters.

Overall *Noises Off* was a light-hearted way to end the spring semester here at UND. The audience, as well as cast, got a kick out of the three hour performance.

If you are interested in what is coming up in the 2019-2020 season, you can visit theatre.und.edu for more information about what will be upcoming for the next school year.

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Junior Lexi Mayhood heads for home after hitting a home run in the bottom of the third on Sunday against the Jackrabbits.

UND Softball takes down Jackrabbits

With two wins this weekend UND clinches Summit League Tournament appearance

Madison Overby

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The University of North Dakota women's softball team was back at home this past weekend for the first time since 2018. With the conditions in Grand Forks and flooding of the Apollo Sports Complex, the softball team was forced to move all home games to the Alerus Center. This marked the longest streak of away games in the NCAA, just ending on Saturday with 49 consecutive competitions.

The South Dakota State Jackrabbits came to town for a trio of games; two on Saturday and one

on Sunday. The series started out with tension, as the Jackrabbits took down UND by just one run, finishing out 2-1. The double header proved to be in the Fighting Hawk's favor and UND came out with the win in game two, ending 3-1. UND was able to close with a bang as they defeated SDSU 7-1 on Sunday.

The wins came at just the right time, ending a seven-game losing streak. Western Illinois was in Grand Forks to take on the Fighting Hawks two weekends ago at the Alerus, which ended in a sweep. Following the weekend, head coach Jordan Stevens looked

to improve upon little things that could lead to more wins in the Summit League.

"This clearly is not where we want to be," Stevens said. "We played hard, that's not the issue. We just have to figure out how to get wins."

The Fighting Hawks used this to fuel the fire as they came out against the Jackrabbits hard and aggressive.

The win in game two on Saturday could be contributed in large part to junior pitcher, Nikki Pica. Pica had a near-season-high five strikeouts, just missing the six strikeouts she pitched earlier in the season against Michi-

gan State. Pica allowed her first of four hits in the sixth inning.

Another key play in game two was a steal from first to second by Victoria Minor which led to a run-scoring double steal as Lexi Mayhood headed to home. It was this kind of heads-up baserunning and focus throughout the game that allowed the Hawks to come out on top.

The conclusion of the season will come with the Summit League Softball Championship in Fargo, N.D. from May 8 to May 11. The Hawks will have some familiarity with the Fargo field as the last series in the season is

against the North Dakota State Bison at their home diamond. That series will take place next weekend, May 4-5.

The Bison will be tough competitors, currently on top of the Summit League Rankings with a conference record of 14-1; compared with the Fighting Hawks conference record of 5-9. In a season of 48 games so far, the Bison have taken 36 of them.

The Fighting Hawks coming off a good weekend of softball against the third-ranked Jackrabbits will be up for the challenge. Over the weekend, the team managed their 20th win of the season,

the third straight season that they have won at least 20 games.

Stevens consistently says that this Fighting Hawks team plays until the end and will not go down without a fight. UND looks to continue to play with fire going into the last games of the 2019 season.

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Women's golf takes sixth at conference tournament

After a successful season, the golf team will look to continue to build the program for the future

Hanna Hill

Dakota Student

The women's golf team started off the year strong back in August at the University of Nebraska Omaha Invitational. They played three rounds and placed sixth with a score of 947. They made quite the statement back in September during the Hobbles Creek Classic, where they played three rounds, placed sixth and finished 59 above par with a total score of 923.

This season has been a big turn-around from a bit of a disappointing season last year. To keep improving, the golf team is looking to stay consistent and potentially advance into the playoffs next year.

This change in pace for the UND golf team was upheld by consistency in the top ranks. Senior Jenna Janu proved her worth with 2263 total strokes, she competed in ten tournaments and shot an average of 78.03. Guggisberg also displayed consistency with

2306 total strokes and scoring an average of 79.52. Finally, junior Ally Rogers had an impressive season with 2295 total strokes, with a plusten on par and having an average of 81.96.

Senior Power:

Janu is currently studying management and graduates in May. She was born and raised in Glenwood, Minn. Janu has a lot to be proud of during her time at the University of North Dakota, being honored as a historical player all four years. On April 21-23, Janu finished up her career as a UND golfer tied for 14th place in the Summit League Conference tournament.

Janu isn't the only senior creating records, her teammate Hanna Peterson is doing the same. Peterson is studying Civil Engineering and grew up in Marshall, Minn. During the conference tournament, Peterson tied for 26th place individually after she shot an 81. Last but not least,

Benedikte Pettersen is a current senior from Stavanger, Norway and is currently studying Kinesiology and Psychology. Pettersen transferred to UND from The American College of Norway in Moss, Norway. Pettersen did not compete during her senior season, but she earned her first letter as a freshman.

Sophomores getting it done:

Ashlyn Guggisberg, who originally committed the University of Montana, is taking on her role as part of the Fighting Hawks golf team. Guggisberg is currently studying biology and is from Glenwood, Minn. Being a Fighting Hawk runs in the family as her older sister Alexis was a captain during the 2016-17 season. At the conference tournament, Guggisberg was the number two golfer for UND with an impressive last day of 75 which launched her into 27th place overall. The golf team seems to be doing everything they

can to get the job done. While they are losing some star players to graduation, with the current juniors, sophomores, freshmen and the incoming recruits, the team should still be stable for next season.

The UND golf team will look to keep climbing the ranks of the Summit League next season. Rogers and Guggisberg are expected to emerge as leaders of the team as the seniors of this year move on.

Although the women's season has just come to an end, the UND men's golf team will compete in the Summit League Championships this week at Sand Creek Station Golf Club in Newton, Kan. There will be nine schools competing and live results will be available at results.golfstat.com. Go Hawks!

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Senior Jenna Janu looks to the ball earlier in the season.

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